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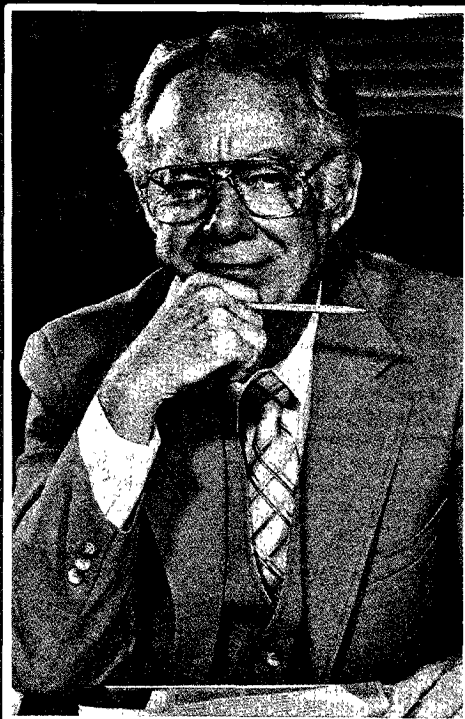
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To Kenneth H. Wood—

For the past
44 years you
have faithfully
ministered to the

hearts of men and women through both
the spoken and written word. Over the
past decade and a half you have
served as a voice to our membership
through the pages of the *Adventist
Review*. The influence of your editor's
pen has fed, strengthened, and
inspired our church family. For this gift
we say, "Thank you, friend."

—Citation on a scroll, marking his
retirement, presented to Kenneth H. Wood during
the 1982 Annual Council in Manila

THIS WEEK

Readers will notice a change on the masthead of the REVIEW this week. William G. Johnsson has begun to function officially as editor, following the retirement of Kenneth H. Wood, who served as editor for 16 years and on the staff for more than 26 years. During that time Elder Wood had opportunity to touch the lives of Adventist believers throughout the world. The years of his editorship were years of

progress and years of challenge. REVIEW staff member Eugene Durand takes a look at Elder Wood's editorship in "The K. H. W. Years: Context and Content" (p. 4). Knowing of Elder Wood's discomfort with public acclaim, the staff did not tell him they were planning this issue, wishing to avoid the objections that he undoubtedly would have raised. Nevertheless, without venerating a man,

appreciation does need to be expressed for the contribution Elder Wood has made to the Adventist Church.

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LETTERS

"A professional editor"

The Review and Herald Publishing Association salutes its senior editor. Within our institution editors are perceived differently from what they are throughout the world field. Within the house, they are a part of the publishing family. Once the editors release their copy, a combined team effort by a host of people comes into action to assure that readers receive their ADVENTIST REVIEW on time. Elder Kenneth H. Wood has been an editor who understood what meeting deadlines meant to the team of professionals awaiting his copy. Rarely was the ADVENTIST REVIEW late while he served as editor. He also understood what promptness would mean to the financial statement. He has been a professional editor in every sense of the word.

Above and beyond that, he was a personal friend and a trusted counselor. He will be missed by the Review and Herald family. We will endeavor to carry forward the great tradition he has left behind.

HAROLD F. OTIS, JR.

General Manager

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K.H.W. retirement

As avid readers of the REVIEW we never puzzled as to where Kenneth H. Wood stood. In our view, he stood tall in defense of fundamental Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and doctrines. Where others might have been inclined to waver or remain mute, he firmly declared the church's Biblical position by pen and voice.

Incomprehensible and complicated language was not his hallmark. Church members from every walk of life heard, read, and understood him gladly. His crisp, yet timely, editorials always uplifted and reassured God's command-keeping people. Much like a clear guidepost, the stirring and lucid messages from

his pen pointed back to our spiritual heritage as a people, and also forward to our anticipated destination in glory with Christ.

For many of us who have grown old in the message, Brother Wood's retirement ends an era. We shall miss him. But as the editorial torch is placed in younger and stronger hands, we are confident that its glow shall even increase the spirit, devotion, and loyalty that marked yesteryear. Let us press on together! THEODORE CARCICH Colton, Washington

It has seemed that if Elder Wood thought a church member was doing his best to stand for our message, he never stopped even to inquire as to that per-

son's rating on the perfection, power, and popularity scale. He was right there, upholding them with his editorials and personal letters of encouragement. I felt he would have stood by the side of even the church dormouse if it were trying to speak out for Jesus.

VADA KUM YUEN
Sanderson, Australia

I want to thank Elder Wood for the strength and support the REVIEW, and in a special way the editorials, have been to me personally. At times the conflicting barrage of theological viewpoints has been bewildering, but I thank God that through this period of crisis the REVIEW has sounded a certain note. The message has come through loud and clear: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables."

G. J. CHRISTO
Poona, India

Kenneth Wood has done an outstanding job in the past 16 years as REVIEW editor. During his leadership the REVIEW certainly has developed to be the international voice of the church.

D. R. WATTS
Clackamas, Oregon

While I am sure we will continue to read things authored by Elder Wood, I will say that he will be missed. He and his talented wife have made a tremendous contribution to Adventism.

OLIVER L. JACQUES
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In appreciation

Without any attempt to eulogize a man or to offer hollow words of appreciation—which is distasteful to me—I do wish to express appreciation to one who, in my judgment, has served this church long and well in a sensitive responsibility. We have been cautioned about the dangers of offering applause, approbation, commendation, compliments, flattery, or praise to human beings, lest this become intoxicating to the carnal heart, and result in extolling man instead of God.

On the other hand, I find that even in Scripture there are instances in which words of modest and honest appreciation have been expressed to individuals who did their best. Apparently, as a general rule our Lord reserves to Himself the responsibility of offering ultimate commendation and praise to human beings. For that reason, Jesus gave the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. He made it clear that faithful labor would be rewarded by the words “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (verse 21).

While we are cautioned against flattery, it does seem as though appreciation offered in the right spirit is endorsed by Scripture. Ellen White indicates that expressions of appreciation can be like a cup of cold water to bring fresh courage. She has also told us, “If you are approved because of your sound principles and moral worth,

this is your gain.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 226. “Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate.”—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 492.

Within this narrow endorsement of Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy counsel, I would like to express sincere appreciation to Kenneth H. Wood as he retires from the demanding responsibility as the ninth editor in chief of the ADVENTIST REVIEW. Being interested to discover the opinion of those who have observed him over a number of years, I asked several people what they thought about him. “What kind of man is he?” I asked a factory worker in the Review and Herald Publishing Association. “Well, let me think” was his reply. Then he continued: “Elder Wood is the kind of man you learn to trust and to go to when you are in need of a wise, practical, and spiritual counselor.”

Co-worker's viewpoint

Spontaneous answers such as this help to tell the story! Naturally, I was curious to discover the viewpoint of one who worked in a day-by-day relationship with Elder Wood. An assistant editor affirmed that she had never heard him say anything unkind to, or about, anyone. Even when the going was rough and Elder Wood was being criticized, he showed patience and Christian charity. This comment confirmed my own positive opinion of the man who has been either assistant editor, associate editor, or editor of the REVIEW for the past 27 years.

The initials K. H. W. at the end of editorials and F. Y. I. features will truly be missed. He has used his pen and voice with conviction. You may not always have agreed

with what he said; you may even have become annoyed with some things he wrote—but after all, isn't an editor expected to awaken sleeping consciences and to urge renewal and reform?

During the period Elder Wood has been editor, much attention has been given to the internationalization of the ADVENTIST REVIEW. Even though we are not yet satisfied, it is very gratifying to know that there are nine editions of the REVIEW appearing either monthly or weekly in four languages. In addition to the editorial demands, there is a heavy flow of mail to the editor of the ADVENTIST REVIEW. His office is a place where the pulse of the church on almost any subject can be felt.

The ADVENTIST REVIEW, as the general church paper, is in itself an “institution.” It fills a most important role in the affairs of the church. It is the source of spiritual blessing and inspiration to many thousands all over the world. It serves as an effective factor in nurturing unity of faith, unity of organization, unity of mission, and unity of action. It is an anchor and stabilizing element that serves to keep us together as a worldwide spiritual family.

It urges personal Christian living as a result of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a personal devotional life of Bible study and prayer. It encourages soul winning and the privilege of serving a community through humanitarian activities. It defends the Biblically based theological and doctrinal positions set forth in the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Because of these and other rea-
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The K. H. W. years: context and content

By EUGENE F. DURAND

It is a long road from Detroit to Manila, from 1966 to 1982. At the REVIEW this road is marked "K. H. W."

It was not the easiest way to begin an editorship: replacing a living legend who died suddenly on the eve of a General Conference session. But somehow the two associate editors, Kenneth H. Wood and Raymond F. Cottrell, with their secretaries, Promise Sherman and Idamae Melendy, managed, with the help of others, to produce the daily *General Conference Bulletins* for 1966. The frantically paced work proved to be a blessing, for it left little time to contemplate the magnitude of their loss, to sorrow overmuch for their departed leader, Francis D. Nichol.

June 26, the day following the Detroit session, the Review and Herald Board and General Conference Committee met to try to fill that "lonesome place against the sky," as Elder Wood had expressed it in his funeral tribute to the "fallen giant." Considering his background as the son of missionaries, a college editor and press worker, a pastor and departmental leader, and more recently, ten years as assistant and associate editor of the REVIEW, the church chose Kenneth Wood as the new editor.

In his inaugural editorial "K. H. W." noted that "the appearance of the REVIEW has changed gradually with the times, but the foundation stones and pillars of the Advent message have remained untouched—save that they have been polished to a higher luster." His promise to continue that course was faithfully kept. Readers soon noted with satisfaction that familiar features such as "Fellowship of Prayer," "When You're Young," "For Homemakers," the children's story, and religious world news had been retained. They were even more pleased at the prompt introduction of two new features, "Letters From Readers," which promoted reader input and proved to be extremely popular, and "Dateline Washington," which gave news from headquarters. These were followed at intervals by innovations that opened the pages of the church paper for the membership to express its views through "Homemakers' Exchange" (later "Reader to Reader"), "Response From Readers," "Speaking Out," "Another Viewpoint," and "Taking Exception." Better understanding of church organization and operation was promoted in "The King's Business" column.

The REVIEW sought to do its probably impossible task of reaching all interests and ages in the church by adding other new columns: "Especially for Men," "Especially for Women," "Young Adult," a health feature, and an amateur radio log. The editor made the paper more useful and informative by introducing "In This Issue" (later "This Week"), "Update," and a semiannual index of authors,

titles, and subjects, a feature much appreciated by students, researchers, and writers.

From 1909 till 1961 the REVIEW was the "General Church Paper of the Seventh-day Adventists." Then it became the "Official Organ of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," F. D. Nichol feeling that the change would give more authority and status to its pronouncements. His successor, however, returned to the former designation in 1967, convinced that the lesser claim more truly represented the position of journalistic independence the paper occupied in relation to the General Conference. While the REVIEW represents accurately the doctrine and policies of the church, its contents are not governed by administrative action, and it is published by the Review and Herald rather than by the General Conference. The 1979 change to "General Organ of the Seventh-day Adventist Church" was an attempt to reassure non-Adventists that we are indeed a church and not a cult.

Another change that caused considerable comment was that of the name of the paper itself. For 127 years this Adventist journal had been known as the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, with only slight variations. By 1978 Editor Wood had come to feel for several reasons that this name could be improved upon. When the name was chosen in the midnineteenth century, the paper's aim was to "review" the Second Advent movement of 1844 and "herald" the rediscovery of the Sabbath. By the late twentieth century it seemed more appropriate to review the Sabbath doctrine and herald the Second Advent! At church press conventions



Neal C. Wilson reads from a scroll of appreciation for K. H. Wood that was signed by the church leaders attending Annual Council.

Review and Herald editors were asked, "Is that one paper or two? What church do you represent?" Names of other churches' journals clearly identified their affiliation, and it was felt that ours should do likewise. Furthermore, the Adventist church paper in other languages was now called *Revista Adventista* (Spanish and Portuguese) or *Revue Adventiste* (French). To standardize the name, identify the church, avoid confusion, and yet retain the familiar, historic designation as the REVIEW, it was decided to adopt the title ADVENTIST REVIEW.

The editor's philosophy and objectives were set forth in a leaflet of guidelines for those wishing to write for the REVIEW. Central to the paper's purpose is the unity of the church, aided by doctrinal articles, news stories, and reporting of General Conference actions. Strengthening of spiritual and family life is promoted by inspirational and practical articles. The conservative tone of the magazine should be reflected in its articles, illustrations, and advertisements. Promotion must be kept to a minimum; it is best accomplished by news reports, rather than appeals. Neutrality in political matters is to be maintained at all times in deference to a politically diverse membership in many countries. Nothing ought to be published that would cause problems for believers in any area of the world.

The REVIEW seeks to keep to the positive in its articles and reporting. Negative aspects of the church and the world must be pointed out at times, but the dominant note must be hopeful and encouraging. Pilgrims on the road to heaven are seldom helped by messages of criticism, gloom, and doom. Neither is the church paper a forum for debating error. It has

no room for material that would attack the church and its leaders, undermine the church's authority, or unsettle minds regarding the truth. Unnecessary controversy is to be avoided. The goal is ever to strengthen faith and increase confidence in God's leading and in the triumph of the Advent Movement.

Of early REVIEW Editor Uriah Smith it was said, "Much of the progress of the cause has been due to the reputation of stability and integrity of doctrine gained by our people. And I believe the judgment alone will reveal how largely we owe this stability to the calm man who has so long been at the editorial helm of the denomination. Zealots have burst upon us in every decade with the cry of 'Lo here,' but U. S. has pursued a course which compels one to believe he was actuated by divine guidance."—W. B. Woodruff to W. C. White, Aug. 24, 1902, in E. F. Durand, *Yours in the Blessed Hope, Uriah Smith*, p. 12. The same may be said of K. H. W.

During the doctrinal discussions and debates of the past decade, thousands of readers have looked to the REVIEW editor to uphold historic Adventist beliefs. He did not fail them, as countless letters of confidence and appreciation confirmed. His incisive editorials sought to keep the church from straying from its Heaven-ordained message, while at the same time calling for honesty and accountability in both doctrine and finance. How many members might have lost their way without the articles, editorials, and reports in the REVIEW cannot be known, but if letters received by the editor are any indication, it could have been a considerable number.

From 1956 to 1982, 1,269 REVIEW editorials were signed "K. H. W." To review the subjects dealt with is to gain a picture of the issues faced by the church during three decades. Every editor since James White has sought to guide the membership in matters of doctrine and standards. Elder Wood continued that tradition, writing upon themes such as tithing, Sabbathkeeping, Bible inerrancy, divine healing, dress, theater, music, insurance, jewelry, diet, and drugs. Particular Seventh-day Adventist problems that called for editorial comment during these years included black unions, race relations, government aid to education, marriage and divorce, the tape-recording craze. Customs requiring guidance were Christmas observance (13 editorials), Easter, kneeling in prayer, cremation, voting, gambling, sports, and linguistic sexism. An editorial titled "Financial Speculation—One of Satan's Snares," written in 1972, makes one wonder, in light of later developments, whether the editor had a flash of prophetic insight!

The passing religious scene was often the subject of comment by K. H. W. Church members read his interpretations of the American religious revival, prayer in public schools, ecumenism, "seer" Jeane Dixon, the new morality, the World Council of Churches, modern Bible translations, the school textbook controversy, the Pope's visit to America, evangelicals in politics, abortion, and euthanasia. An Adventist perspective on other phenomena formed the basis for editorials on hypnotism, pornography, chain letters, homosexuality, faith healing, tongues, demons, and exorcism.

The quashing of false rumors has ever been an editor's task. It fell to Elder Wood to set the record straight concerning UFOs, Noah's ark, the "missing day" story, Loma Linda University and the Veterans Administration



Top: Harold F. Otis, Jr., *Review and Herald* general manager, expresses appreciation for the contribution made by the Kenneth Woods. **Bottom:** The Wilsons present tokens of appreciation to the Woods at the Annual Council held in Manila.

Hospital, the IRS Social Security checks rumor, and the discovery of the ark of the covenant.

From time to time the editor planned special issues of the REVIEW to commemorate notable events or meet an obvious need. The 125th anniversary of the church paper called for such an edition in 1975, as did the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle Creek fire in 1977. Friendship issues for faith sharing were produced in the years 1971, 1978, and 1982, the latter to be used especially at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. A number devoted entirely to righteousness by faith came out in 1974, and another presenting all 27 of the church's doctrines appeared the past year. The 1979 Christmas Gift issue was well received and widely circulated. Multiplied thousands of these special numbers were sold above the normal subscription total. The Temperance issue earlier this year also met a real need.

In his first editorial as editor in chief, Kenneth Wood promised that "as editor, we shall ever be conscious that the

Dear Elder Wood,

We who work with words every day find them very limited as we try to express our public gratitude to you on the occasion of your retirement. The other articles in this special issue mention, for the most part, your many excellent contributions to the church during your 44 years of service. Those of us who have known you on a daily, working-together basis would like to thank you for the personal contributions that you have made to our lives.

Thank you so much for your consistent, life-deep Christianity. Your love for God has been manifest daily in the often stressful work of magazine publishing. It has been obvious that you know Christ and love Him as a Friend. Your example has made us love Him more ourselves.

Thank you for showing true courtesy to each person on the staff. Amazing though it may seem, you have never said a harsh or mean word. On the contrary, you have always been ready to encourage, praise, and show appreciation.

Thank you for living up to the high standards for accuracy and keeping to schedules that you insisted on for the staff. By working together to achieve those standards, we gained a sense of accomplishment and never fell hopelessly behind.

Thank you for being a person of great enthusiasm and large ideas. Our work has never become dull routine, because you always had a new project to challenge us.

Thank you for your interest in each of us; for sharing our heartaches and triumphs; for making this staff seem more like a family than a mere working team.

We could say more, much more, but additional words would express only inadequately what we already have tried to say—working with you has been a joy and a privilege, one that we will never forget.

The ADVENTIST REVIEW Staff

Seventh-day Adventist Church is not a North American church, not a European church, not an Asian church or an African church; it is a world church. The REVIEW will do all it can to strengthen this concept." This promise he has kept. Under his editorship the REVIEW has become truly the church paper for the world.

The first monthly edition was printed at our Stanborough Press in England in 1971, and has continued as a Review and Herald publication since 1975. Spanish editions for South, Inter-, and North America began rolling off the presses at Buenos Aires and Pacific Press in 1973. The *Revista Adventista*, published in Portuguese at our Brazil Publishing House in São Paulo, became affiliated with the ADVENTIST REVIEW in 1977. That same year the *Revue Adventiste*, a French edition for the Franco-Haitian Union, was begun at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In 1978 the Africa Herald Publishing House at Kendu Bay, Kenya, initiated an English edition for the Afro-Mideast (now Eastern Africa) Division. In addition there are English editions for the West Indies Union and Caribbean Union printed in Washington, D.C., and Jamaica. Each of these publishing houses receives articles and news from the English monthly REVIEW, which are then translated if necessary and supplemented with local articles and news, enabling the REVIEW to serve as the local division paper. The result has been a greater unity and world perspective among these members of the church family, and is doubtless one of the editor's greatest contributions to the REVIEW.

In this way he has sought to be obedient to the heavenly vision given for the remnant church in 1905: "This paper should be in every family of our people, not only in America, but in every country. It is our church paper for the world."—*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 135.

In 1881 the same prophetic pen had written, "The Review is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers."—*Ibid.*, p. 131. Responding to this challenge, the Columbia Union Conference in 1972 arranged for every member to receive the weekly REVIEW without charge. The union paper was inserted biweekly. This plan was continued until July of this year. Meanwhile the Southwestern Union adopted the plan in 1977 and has stayed with it to this date. This every-family coverage in the two unions added some 30,000 homes to those receiving the paper.

When Elder Wood became editor, the REVIEW was published in just one edition in English for a church of 1.6 million; at his retirement it has grown to nine editions in four languages for a membership of 3.8 million. During the period of his editorship—1966 to 1982—ten associate editors have served under K. H. W.: F. Donald Yost, Don F. Neufeld, Herbert E. Douglass, Thomas A. Davis, Joseph J. Battistone, Raymond F. Cottrell, Jack J. Blanco, Leo R. Van Dolson, William G. Johnsson, and George W. Reid. Indicative of his innovative approach has been the appointment of the first women to serve as editors, assistant editors Jocelyn R. Fay, in 1977, and Aileen Andres Sox, in 1980.

These co-workers and their chief sought to carry on the tradition of Uriah Smith, F. M. Wilcox, and F. D. Nichol. Of the nine editors the REVIEW has had, only these three served longer than did Kenneth H. Wood. It is a long way from Detroit to Manila, from 1966 to 1982. At the REVIEW this period will be known as the years of K. H. W. □

The new *Reader's Digest Bible* —Is it for Adventists?

By RALPH BLODGETT

What would happen if 40 percent of the Bible were removed? Impression of the newly published *Reader's Digest* version.

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and when they had finished speaking (and writing and recording), they had compiled a formidable library of 66 books and epistles—a collection we today call the Holy Bible.

But many people (including perhaps more Seventh-day Adventists than some would care to admit) find the 800,000 words that they wrote cumbersome, repetitious, and difficult to read completely from beginning to end. Modern readers frequently stumble over the pages of "begats" in Chronicles, trip on the endless detail of ritual law in the Pentateuch, and more often than not give up on their attempts to read the whole Bible through.

This problem finally led to the inevitable question: Could the authors of the Bible have benefited, like other writers today, from a word-by-word, sharp-penciled editing?

Verily, saith the editors at Reader's Digest. And on September 23, 1982, they brought forth a book made in their own image—the *Reader's Digest Bible*, the world's first true condensation of the Scriptures.

Doing what the *Digest* editors have become famous for doing the past 32 years, the editors blue-penciled out half the Old Testament and one fourth of the New Testament in preparing their 40-percent-smaller, 767-page edition (down from the 1,290 pages of the Revised Standard Version on which it is based).

All this, of course, was done to provide an easy-to-read introductory Bible, not one to take the place of the full-text volumes we now utilize. Perhaps as this monumental work gains widespread acceptance many users will turn to it rather than the older, more wordy versions.

Therefore it is proper that we examine the product to see how faithfully it reproduces the original. Is it something we can use with confidence? Is it a book we would want to purchase for others—for a birthday or Christmas present? And exactly how did the editors of *Reader's Digest* scissor out one third of a million words from the original 800,000-word volume?

A controversial project

From the outset, the undertaking plunged the *Digest* into unaccustomed criticism and controversy. An early test-market mailing to *Digest* readers revealed that few wanted to purchase a condensed Bible. And hundreds of others wrote

complaining about editors' slicing up the Word of God and attributed their efforts to the work of the devil.

"To condense something that God has written gives unusual powers to human beings," said Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority. "I would suggest that they stick to condensing books by men." But other leaders disagreed, praising the project:

"The *Reader's Digest* is to be congratulated for bringing the Book on which our country was founded to the attention of the population in this reverently innovative manner," declared Norman Vincent Peale, minister, Marble Collegiate Church, New York City.

"The *Reader's Digest Bible* is a very successful shortening of the text while presenting intact the full content of the Biblical material," added James I. McCord, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. "The result is to be highly commended."

"I'm confident that, once introduced through this *Reader's Digest Bible*, millions of people will fall in love with the Book of books!" wrote Pat Boone.

How the project began

Of course, these favorable reactions were what John Beaudoin, head of the Digest Condensed Book division, sought when he gave the go-ahead for the project back in 1975. Veteran *Digest* editor John Walsh was chosen to head the committee of eight editors who would be working nonstop for three years on the condensation (20 times the effort required to shrink a similarly sized book of fiction).

The committee immediately recruited Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, professor of New Testament language and literature, Princeton Theological Seminary, and chairman of the revision committee for the Revised Standard Version, as general editor of the new Bible.

After rejecting the *Jerusalem Bible* as the basic text (because it is "too Catholic"), the committee finally settled on the Revised Standard Version—because of its wide usage, familiar "sound," contemporary language, its incorporation of the latest scholarship, and because it responds well to condensation.

Admittedly, the new Book has many favorable features to its credit. After spending much of a week and two weekends immersed in its pages, I find it, above all, a highly readable product.

This is due not only to the removal of excess verbosity, but also to the elimination of the familiar double-column format and the chapter-and-verse numbers that interrupt one's flow of thought. (More about that later.)

The text resembles that of a novel, with page-wide paragraphs and an easy-to-read type style and size. Each book begins with its own crisp introduction and the volume itself concludes with a useful 31-page index.

Gone are the awkward "begats" of Genesis, 1 Chroni-

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cles, and Matthew (in fact, I couldn't find a single begat anywhere in the whole volume). Gone also are the center-column lists of parallel texts and bottom-of-the-page footnotes.

At first glance a typical first-time reader of the Bible might assume that the editors did achieve their stated goal: "a text significantly shortened and clarified, yet which retains all sixty-six books, carefully preserv[ing] every incident, personality, and teaching of substance, and keep[ing] as well the true essence and flavor of the language."—Book preface, p. ix.

"Nothing has been changed," Dr. Metzger points out in the preface, "nothing added to or removed from the text that in any way diminishes its spirit, its teachings, or the familiar ring of its language. . . . The work has been thoroughly objective, without bias toward or against any particular set of beliefs."

Nothing missing?

But as I studied the book, doubts arose concerning Metzger's claim. In slashing the Old Testament by 50 percent and the New by 25 percent, has indeed nothing been "removed from the text that in any way diminishes . . . its teachings"?

True, the critics' jokes in the press and pulpit regarding the Six Commandments, the five last plagues, and the 4.2 days of Creation did not materialize after all (the more popular passages such as the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the twenty-third psalm the editors left untouched).

But what about some of Scripture's key doctrinal passages? And which books received the most cutting? which received the least?

Among the least-shortened books I found Mark (15 percent cut), John (20 percent), and Revelation (22 percent) heading the list. But books cut substantially included Hebrews (46 percent), Genesis (53 percent), Exodus (58 percent), Daniel (59 percent), Isaiah (61 percent), Leviticus (70 percent), and 1 Chronicles (74 percent).

Of the original 150 Psalms, only 79 remain (Psalm 23 is the thirteenth psalm). And although Revelation survived reasonably intact, Daniel, in the *Digest* edition, ends with chapter 7, an omission that will alarm virtually every fundamentalist, rapturist, or Adventist in the land. (Without the 2300-day prophecy of Daniel 8:14, how could the Adventist Movement have begun in 1844?)

Regarding the question of missing or altered doctrinal passages, I decided to conduct an experiment. Having given thousands of Bible studies and sermons over the years, I prepared from my own Bible a list of 125 key doctrinal texts or passages. These included passages on topics such as Christ's incarnation, the Trinity, life after death, hell, judgment, Christ's second coming, the millennium, Satan, salvation through Christ, baptism, and Bible promises.

Then I compared these 125 pivotal passages with the *Digest Bible* to see how many had survived the editors' scissors.

Of 86 key doctrinal texts in the New Testament, I found 19 (or 22 percent) missing or changed sufficiently to destroy their meaning. In the 39 doctrinal Old Testament passages, I found 14 (or 36 percent) missing or changed significantly.

With one out of five key New Testament doctrinal passages missing or altered, and one out of three in the Old Testament, one wonders how Metzger can claim confidently that "nothing [has been] added to or removed from the text that in any way diminishes . . . its teachings."

What kind of texts?

True, one out of three and one out of five sounds alarming. But what kinds of passages are we talking about?

Take the question of inspiration of the Bible. In the *Digest* edition the passage in Hosea (12:10) that describes God speaking to the prophets and giving them visions cannot be found. In fact, all of chapter 12 is missing. Missing too is the statement in Revelation 19:9 about the words in Revelation being the "true words of God."

Paul's affirmation that "the saints will judge the world" (1 Corinthians 6:2) is gone, as is Christ's assurance that He came "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28, R.S.V.).

In the *Digest Bible* one cannot read that the Son "didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of . . . [His] hands" (Hebrews 1:10, R.S.V.).

Also the passage in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17 (concerning God's temple where the Spirit dwells, and that we are not to destroy this temple) is absent, as well as the warning (Prov. 20:1) that he who is deceived by wine is not wise.

The great passage about the mystery of the Incarnation in 1 Timothy 3:16 ("He was manifest in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory"), is absent. And why snip out that beautiful promise of forgiveness in Hebrews 8, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and will remember their sins no more" (verse 12)?

A number of other texts suffered irreparable alteration. For example, the severe warning that "homosexuals" will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10) has been changed to "sexual perverts." (The terms are not synonymous; homosexuals do not usually consider themselves sexual perverts and sexual perverts are not all homosexual.)

We could, of course, include similar passages (such as Heb. 1:6, 8 about Christ's deity), but the ones that bothered me the most, being a Seventh-day Adventist, were the texts

Life's evening

By ELVERA G. WRIGHT

*Though all semblance of youth be faded
And bent I be from weight of crowding years,
Still my happy heart does sing,
For God's grace does not harbor tears.*

*Still with sight, agile mind, and hearing
Blessed I be far beyond measure.
Youth was wonderfully bright and happy, still
Sunset years do hold much pleasure:*

*Time now to watch apple blossoms budding,
Robins in the magnolia and daffodils swaying,
Time to see evening skies turn from blue to gold,
Time to spend with God in unhurried praying.*

that supported the Bible's teaching on topics like the proper worship day, the state of the dead, and last events.

The Ten Commandments did escape the scalpel unscathed. But the editors altered and changed other passages. For example, they changed the statement in Isaiah 42:21 that Christ would magnify the law when He came ("law" is now "teaching"). Ezekiel 20:20 (identifying the Sabbath as a sign) is gone, as is Hebrews 4:1, 4, 9-11 (describing the Sabbath-like rest for Christians).

In Luke we no longer discover that it was Christ's "custom" to attend church on the Sabbath (4:16). And in Acts the K.J.V. statement, "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures" (17:2) has become "three weeks" (an alternate reading explained in an R.S.V. footnote).

In fact, the description in Revelation of God's last-day people as "those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (14:12) has been excised.

Regarding the state of the dead, which the Adventists believe to be a deep sleep without consciousness until the resurrection (see John 11:11-13), a number of key Bible passages have disappeared or been altered unnecessarily. To illustrate, Psalm 146:4 (about all thoughts ceasing at death) is missing, as is Ecclesiastes 9:6 (about those who die not possessing love, hate, or envy in death).

An overall rating

The above is only a sampling. But it serves as a guideline to what the editors deleted or modified in the Bible's teachings.

The new book deserves high ratings on readability, the page-wide textual format, the elimination of verbosity and needless repetition, and the smoothly flowing narrative and expository portions.

The book introductions, while fresh and generally informative, reveal a liberal theological bias that dates many passages much later than conservative Christians would accept. (Genesis is attributed to several authors hundreds of years after Moses, Leviticus to the sixth century B.C., and Daniel to 168-165 B.C.) These biases earn the introductions an overall low grade.

One serious flaw in the *Digest* edition, I believe, involves the complete omission of *any* book chapter numbers whatsoever (not even in tiny type in the center margins). Without the brief index, this volume is very difficult to correlate with almost every other available Bible text. (I hope the *Reader's Digest* will include some small-print unobtrusive chapter numbers, perhaps at the bottom of the pages, in future editions).

The omission of material that contains scriptural teachings is the principal drawback. As we have seen, doctrinal omissions and alterations have occurred. The *Digest* editors need to listen to constructive criticisms along this line as they plan future editions, so the book can be more useful in its intended objective—to present the message of the Bible in an easy-to-read format.

Until these omissions and deficiencies are corrected it would be difficult for conservative Christians to give this book a rating above the poor-to-mediocre range—even for its intended audience of first-time readers. □

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

The answer

By KAREN NUESSELE

Walter heard heavy boots coming down the hall. He hid behind his mother's skirts as the sound grew louder and closer.

His older brother and sister played quietly in a corner of the small room. Ever since the war had ended in Europe the family had been living in this little apartment. Food was scarce, but at least Walter's family was one of the few who had a place to live.

The heavy boots halted outside their door. A big hand shook it as a huge fist pounded heavily on the weak panels.

Walter's father opened it, and Walter peeked around his mother to see who was there.

It was a soldier. He carried a rifle. The earmuffs and peak of his hat hid his face. Big fat mittens covered his hands, and his coat covered him from chin to ankle. Snow still clung to his coat and flecked the bushy beard that partially covered his chest.

His voice was low but commanding. The children

gathered closer to their mother. They were all afraid.

They heard their father's voice, "But we cannot. Where could we go? It's too cold. The snow is deep."

The soldier merely shook his head, and his boots once again sounded heavily in the hall.

Father closed the door and turned to his little family.

"The soldiers need this room. We must leave. We have only a short time to get out."

"No," Mother protested as she hugged the children closer. "Where can we go?"

"To Jesus," Walter piped up. "Let's pray."

The family knelt quickly, holding hands. The soldier's heavy boots still sounded in their ears.

"Please, Father God," Father said, "You know we need a home. Please work for us so that we will have a place to live during this cold winter. Please work for us. Thank You. Amen."

The heavy boots seemed to halt at the head of the stairs, and then come back down the hall.

Once again the heavy fist pounded on the door.

Father opened it.

"*Du blieben*," the soldier said carefully, then turned and left.

Father closed the door. He grabbed Mother around the waist and twirled her around the room. The children caught hold of one another's hands and jumped up and down.

"*Du blieben*," Walter said to his sister, Heidi. "You can stay."



Sara's hands

What is it that lifts common things to the level of the uncommon?

By PENNY ESTES WHEELER

Sara looked at her hands in disgust. Pale-pink polish chipped again, and she had neither time nor energy to redo it. She did not have time for anything these days, what with trying to combine a career with homemaking—and doing a poor job of both, she thought. She sank onto the bed for a moment, and her eye caught the snapshot of her grandmother that she had taped to her dresser mirror.

Grandma's hands had washed diapers and dirty faces, plucked chickens, and treated chigger bites. They had quilted with quick, tiny stitches, crocheted lace, hemmed napkins and skirts. They had beaten egg whites with a wire whip and countless cake batters and rugs. They had kneaded enough bread to feed a growing family for two generations.

Her hands had planted bulbs and marigolds, and cultivated pansies and held their shy faces with gentle fingers. They had trained morning glories and little children; twisted pin curls and thrown cold water on howling cats; bathed babies and scrubbed heads and fought a lifelong war against dirt.

On the last day of her life they had held her Bible, made soup, and shortened Sara's slacks. Aristocratic hands, Sara always thought, with long fingers that tapered at the ends, and a crooked index finger that made her grandchildren giggle when she shook it in reprimand. During her last summer she had painted furniture and upholstered chairs.

Mother's hands were different

They had put gloves on her hands folded in their silent sleep, for Grandma had been ashamed of their tracing of veins and always said that a *lady* never went out without gloves.

Sara's mother's hands were different, she mused. Short, square—like bear paws, Mother always said in disgust. And, unlike Grandma's, they were busy outside the home, flying over a typewriter, running a calculator as well as they played the piano. They had a permanent callus on the inside of the right index finger, where Sara's mother held a pencil eight hours a day.

Not good at baking, inept at sewing, and a disaster at

handwork, her hands beat fudge to creamy perfection and drew funny pictures that delighted her children. They swung a mean miniature golf club and beat time to music.

She hated gloves, declaring that they made her nervous. Once Grandma and Sara had conspired to make Mother's hands soft. (The two were both terribly interested in such things.) So Mother went to bed, her hands smeared with vaseline and wearing cotton gloves. Sometime during the night she ripped them off and tossed them across the room. So much for soft hands!

But her hands were gentle, holding the children, cuddling them, pouring her love into them. Once when she came home from work Sara raced to her, and Grandma shooed her away. But Mother protested, pulling the small Sara near. "I'm never too tired for my children."

Sadness washed over Sara. *What will my children remember of my hands?* she thought. *I don't have the time to cut out cookies or decorate cakes. Even sewing on a button is impossible these days.*

But when Sara came home from work each night she could not get enough of touching her children. The fine silkiness of her small son's hair, the solid roundness of her youngest daughter, just hugging the older girls—her hands had to touch.

But they flew in those minutes, slapping together dinner and slinging dirty dishes through suds. Time nipped at her heels. She rushed her boy through his bath and hurried him into his pajamas. When she finally lay down to sleep, it was always with regret. Hands should comfort, she often thought. They should caress and love.

An unusual noise pulled her from her sleep that night, and she made her way through the dark house to the 10-year-old's room. She found the little girl tossing on a fever-heated pillow and led her, trailing a sheet, into the living room.

Easing down into the high-backed rocker, she settled the long-legged child on her lap and began to rock.

Her hands lightly rubbed the hot, thin back. "That feels good, Mamma," the little girl whispered. Her palms soothed the burning forehead. They rocked quietly for some minutes before she went for aspirin and water. Light from the street lamps puddled across the living-room floor, and she "walked" the rocking chair toward it until they rocked in its golden glow.

At last the child dozed off, and Sara carried her back to bed. She let her hand rest briefly on the cooling forehead before going to her own room.

"You know what, Mamma? There's something funny about your hands," the child said the next day. "When I'm cold your hands are warm, and they feel so good. And when I'm hot—like last night—your hands are always cool."

Then she looked up, obviously asking a serious question. "Don't you think it's funny that your hands are always exactly what I need?" □

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K. H. W. —a tribute

With this issue the ADVENTIST REVIEW marks the passing of an era. Kenneth H. Wood has been associated with the church paper for 27 years, the last 16 and a half as editor-in-chief. On December 1, 1982, after giving more than 44 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he has entered upon retirement.

Founded in 1849 as the *Present Truth*, our general church paper is now one of the oldest periodicals, religious or secular, in the United States or abroad. A remarkable feature of the journal has been its continuity of editors: in the 132 years of its existence it has had only nine chief editors. Conceived through divine vision, brought forth in toil and hardship by James White, it has been served by Uriah Smith, John Nevins Andrews, Alonzo T. Jones, William W. Prescott, W. A. Spicer, F. M. Wilcox, Francis D. Nichol, and Kenneth H. Wood.

From this close vantage point in time, it is difficult to assess fully Elder Wood's contributions to the paper. But already two features stand out—his continuity with the heritage of the eight previous editors and his innovations.

Kenneth H. Wood stands squarely in the line of the earlier editors of the REVIEW. He is an Adventist in the mold of the pioneers. He loves the distinctive truths that they discovered in the Scriptures; he is a firm believer in the prophetic role of Ellen G. White; he has been a defender of the faith, concerned that the church paper will give the trumpet of truth no uncertain sound.

In this role he has been forthright in his editorial writing. He is a man

with convictions and he has not hesitated to state them. His editorial writings have ranged through a broad spectrum of practical subjects, from race relations to church standards. Always he has pointed to the power of Christ to break the fetters of sinful habit, as he has upheld the call sounded in Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to “come up higher.”

Not all readers of the REVIEW have agreed with all the positions he has taken. But none could question the sincerity from which they have flowed. And none could doubt that he has been his own man—as editor of the REVIEW he has been jealous for the consecrated independence of the voice of the church paper.

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The Wood editorship also saw significant innovations in the REVIEW. Thumbing through back issues of the paper since 1966, one is surprised to see how many features, now so popular and anticipated that they are taken for granted, stem from the period of his leadership. The innovations introduced by Elder Wood have been especially important in two areas: in opening up the pages of the REVIEW to reader response and in internationalizing the REVIEW.

Many of today's readers of the weekly REVIEW will be unaware that the current Letters section of

the paper began under the Wood editorship. In addition, he encouraged reader participation by introducing vehicles such as Reader to Reader, Speaking Out, Another Viewpoint, Response from Readers, and Taking Exception. Thus, under his leadership the REVIEW has invited reader involvement in the content of the paper.

Further, through the pages of the monthly REVIEW in particular, the church paper has exerted an ever-widening international influence. The international editions of the monthly, now eight strong, all spring from his vision of the world church.

The Wood editorship thus seems assured of an honored place in the history of the REVIEW. To those of us on the staff who know Kenneth H. Wood, however—those of us who have worked with him week by week in getting out the paper—he is far more than a dedicated Adventist, forthright writer, or innovative editor. We have seen him as a person who loves the REVIEW, whose life has been bound up in it. Editing the paper for him has not been just a job; it has been a passion.

And we have seen his thoughtfulness toward each member of the staff. We have seen his care and interest for each member of the team. Kenneth Wood has been concerned for the church at large, but he has been concerned also for those who have labored with him day by day.

We shall miss him. We wish him good health and much happiness in retirement. That retirement, however, will not be total, inasmuch as he will continue to serve as chairman of the Board of the Ellen G. White Estate.

Kenneth H. Wood has served well the REVIEW and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We thank him for his leadership. W. G. J.

In appreciation

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sons, a transition in editorship of the ADVENTIST REVIEW is never easy. Editors must be trusted with a wide measure of editorial independence and discretionary authority. On the other hand, they recognize the sacred challenge of responsible writing designed to build and strengthen rather than to question, fragment, or weaken. For this reason, editors seek counsel from many individuals and from the Holy

Spirit in their critical assignment. They are selected with great care and appointed by the General Conference Committee.

We all feel the Lord led in the selection of Dr. William G. Johnson to take over "the mantle" from Elder Wood. We pray that he will have divine wisdom and grace as he keeps his hand on the editorial rudder of the ADVENTIST REVIEW.

While saying what I have about Elder Wood, let us not overlook the much-appreciated contribution of his wife, Miriam, and her reports,

feature articles, and regular column entitled "For This Generation," which have blessed and encouraged many readers, both young and old.

We wish Elder and Mrs. Wood many years of happiness as they continue to use their talents for the church and assist us in the precious challenge of preparing a people for the coming of the Lord.



President, General Conference

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confident that the REVIEW will continue to guide and to encourage its readers as it has done in the past. We wondered what would happen when F. D. Nichol was no longer with the REVIEW, but we have seen its work carried on just as strongly as before.

We have become acquainted with William G. Johnson through his writings and feel sure of his strong leadership. We knew George Reid when he was a student at Union College and have noted his work as a teacher at Southwestern Adventist College. We are certain that he will add strength to the editorial staff.

JOSHUA C. and
WINNIE W. TURNER
Loma Linda, California

The role as editor in chief of the ADVENTIST REVIEW is one of the most testing and sensitive tasks that the church offers to its servants. Kenneth Wood carried it with distinction and ability. During the period of his editorship there have been many difficult and sensitive issues that have been handled by the REVIEW. I appreciate the Christian spirit and the clear way in which these have been handled. WALTER R. L. SCRAGG
St. Albans, England

First baptism?

The paragraph beginning "First Thousand Days baptism" (For the Record, Back

Page, Oct. 21) made us smile as we thought, That baptism at 12:05 A.M., September 18, was not really the first. For indeed, here in Napa, California, we had a baptism Friday evening, September 17, around 9:30 P.M. following a communion service. Then on Sabbath, September 18, we had the second baptism of two young people. On October 16, we had our third baptism since the One Thousand Days of Reaping began. We hope to have monthly baptisms in our church.

PAUL W. KEMPER
Napa, California

As one of many members of the Adventist Church who was nurtured since childhood with the Biblical principle of sundown-to-sundown Sabbath-keeping, I was surprised to read about the midnight baptism in North Carolina.

If the intent was to hold the first baptism of the One Thousand Days of Reaping as soon as Sabbath, September 18, started, then they were several hours late, since the day already had begun at sundown.

HUGO D. RIFFEL
Glendale, California

More on unwanted children

Re "Unwanted children" (Letters, Oct. 28).

I was a child "unwanted" by my natural parents, but I was *chosen* by my adoptive parents.

I do not know anything about my natural parents. However, having worked with the child-welfare department of my State, I know of some cases where children have been adopted and what they came from. It is possible that I may never have had the opportunity to know this great Advent message had I not been adopted. One of my adoptive parents became a Seventh-day Adventist when I was 5 years old, giving me the opportunity. R. WILEY POULSON
Phoenix, Arizona

I was appalled at the negative response (Letters, Nov. 4) to the "Bloomington Baby" editorial (Sept. 23). I believe that the logic expressed in these letters was not sound. As the mother of a mentally handicapped boy and the niece of an 84-year-old man who died of lung cancer, I must state that there is a vast difference between the two and that no valid comparison can be made.

I further feel that these letters will add a burden of discouragement to parents of handicapped children, particularly those who have recently received such diagnoses and have not yet completely gone through the grieving process. It is to them that I address my remarks.

I well remember the sense of internal collapse I felt when the doctor turned to me and said, "There is something seriously wrong with your son." The

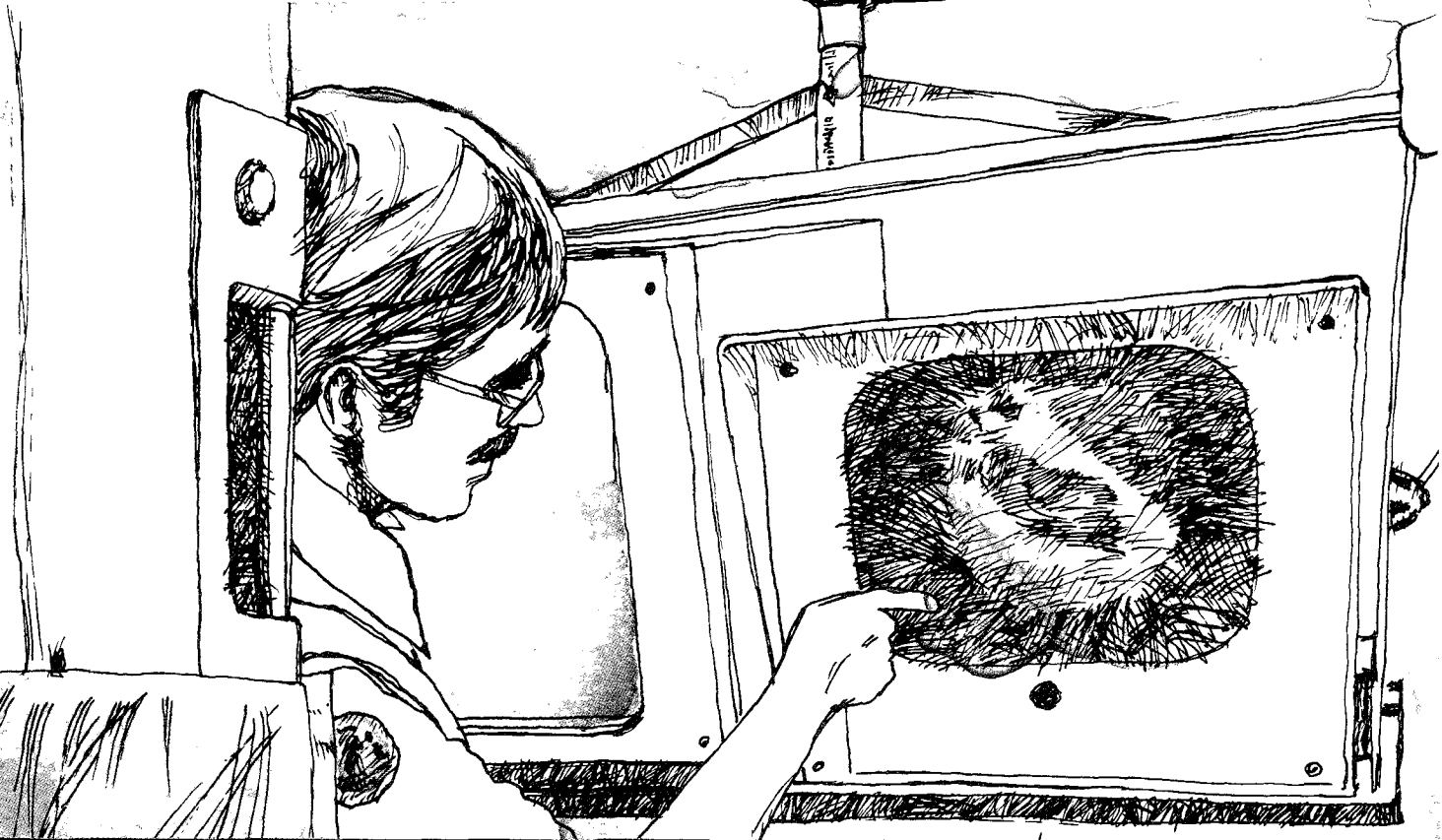
prayers I attempted for him at that time were never completed because I choked up with tears. Nevertheless, God heard the cry of my soul and tenderly took me in His arms and has never let me go. He helped me to look at my son in terms of what He can do rather than what He cannot do. When I think of how much higher God's ways and thoughts are than ours (Isa. 55:9), I realize how minuscule is the gulf that separates us from our handicapped brothers and sisters.

As a family we have worked together to push back the limits that confine our son. When he was 6 years old, we were told that since he had not started talking by age 5, he would never talk. But at age 10 he started using words and now at 11 he is using phrases and short sentences.

He makes a special contribution to our family. Once he understands a given task, he performs it well and cheerfully and is a happy, good-natured boy. This must result from the assurance we feel that God loves him and us and from us radiating this love to one another.

I have always been comforted by the promises in Deuteronomy 33:27 and Romans 8:28. I look forward to that time when my son shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

ARA OLANDER
Monson, Massachusetts



MENDING THE BROKEN HEART

Heart catheterization, a procedure where a small catheter is threaded into the arteries of the heart to inject them with dye, is how coronary angiograms are obtained. An angiogram, a picture of the arteries of the heart, is the most accurate method science knows to pinpoint hardening of the arteries, the major cause of heart attacks. The angiogram is the final test used to determine the extent of heart disease and the condition of the major arteries, and thus whether open-heart surgery is necessary.

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University students' society celebrates anniversary

By GEOFFREY TRIM

Sydney University Seventh-day Adventist Students' Society (SUSDASS) is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. SUSDASS was formed in 1957 to fill the need felt by Adventist students for fellowship and mutual support on a secular campus.

Len Tuckwell, the founder of SUSDASS, was in his final year of medicine when he called a meeting of Adventist students attending Sydney University and proposed that they form a society and apply to the university for official recognition. This recognition was received on July 25, 1957. The purpose of the organization was threefold: to spread the gospel more effectively on the university campus; to counterbalance the influence of non-Adventist friends and university life itself; and to provide a medium for discussion of the problems peculiar to Adventist university students.

Because advanced degrees are not available from an Adventist educational institution in Australia, many young Adventists have had to attend public universities. The first Adventist to attend Sydney University was Margherita Freeman, who began medical training in 1905. Dr. Freeman graduated in 1911, and gave many years of service at Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital (now Sydney Adventist Hospital) and Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital. In doing this, Dr. Free-

man established a pattern of denominational service that has been emulated by many later Adventist graduates of public universities in Australia.

Past members of SUSDASS can be found serving in many parts of the world. Russell Standish is medical director of Bangkok Adventist Hospital, while his brother, Colin Standish, is dean of Weimar College in California. Barton Rippon teaches biochemistry at Loma Linda University, and Neville Clouten heads up the School of Architecture at Andrews University. Others serve in various places around the world.

A major activity of SUSDASS for the past 25 years has been its weekly lunchtime meeting on campus, when students come together to hear a speaker. Discussion may be led by a visiting speaker or by the society's chaplain, who is appointed by the local conference. Numerous topics are dealt with, including ethical, theological, social, and educational issues. Other activities include Friday-night fellowship meetings, hikes, and weekend camps. Historically, the emphasis has been on spiritual matters, and SUSDASS is not conceived as a forum for the generating of doubt or contention about our faith.

The early spiritual emphasis has continued, reflected in outreach programs and campus ministry. Public meetings at the university have been organized, and prominent Adventist theologians and evangelists have been invited to speak. Adventist literature is distributed to new students at the beginning of the

academic year, and Adventist books, including *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* and some of the writings of Ellen White, have been placed in the university library. Perhaps the most important and enduring means of outreach is simply personal witness at the individual level. As for the effectiveness of SUSDASS, many graduates have attested to its influence in helping them maintain a Christian philosophy of life while at the university.

SUSDASS established a pattern for other university groups, and with the assistance and encouragement of E. E. White, then education director of the Australasian Division, similar

societies emerged at other Australian universities. The first National Convention of Seventh-day Adventist University Students was held in Sydney in 1962. Students from many universities attended the convention, and the concept of Adventist university student societies was enthusiastically received. In addition to the society in Sydney, today there are societies at the universities in Adelaide, Queensland, Melbourne, Western Australia, Newcastle, and New South Wales. More recently, the movement has spread to New Zealand, where there are societies at the universities of Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch,



Publishing director meets Catholic official

General Conference publishing director Louis A. Ramirez, accompanied by Larry G. Feir, publishing director of the North Philippine Union Mission, Flor B. Conopio, editor of Philippine Publishing House, and Prudencio Reyes, a member of the Knights of Columbus in the Philippines, recently called on Filipino Catholic leader Cardinal Sin at the latter's palace in San Juan, Metro Manila. Elder Ramirez, who met similarly with Catholic dignitaries in Latin America before being called to the General Conference, presented the cardinal with a ten-volume set of *The Bible Story*.

Elder Ramirez explored with the cardinal the possibility of advertising *The Bible Story* in official Catholic publications in the Philippines, as was done in Guatemala in Central America. Elder Ramirez, who exchanged insights and impressions with the cardinal concerning various Bible topics during an animated conversation that lasted 30 minutes, indicated that the cardinal was receptive to the suggestion.

FLOR B. CONOPIO

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and Wellington. Indeed, the national convention recently was held in New Zealand.

At a time such as a twenty-fifth anniversary, it is appropriate that organizations and individuals review their performance and their objectives. In this regard, perhaps a comment made in 1962 by Len Tuckwell, the founder of SUSDASS, has particular significance: "If I could give one word of advice, it would be that the society as a group should feel very responsible for each of its members and should feel a personal responsibility for each member's Christian experience."

Perhaps this statement has relevance not only for members of SUSDASS but for members of Adventist churches all over the world.

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Teamwork results in the baptism of 105 persons

H. D. Singleton believes in Faith Action Advance. His faith in God, expressed in action, has resulted in 105 baptisms.

During the seven years since his retirement from the General Conference, Elder Singleton has served faithfully and continuously wherever his services have been needed by the Allegheny East Conference.

While pastoring the Emmanuel Temple church in Alexan-

dria, Virginia, he saw a need, had a dream, and decided to do something about it. The need was for a major evangelistic meeting in the Alexandria, Virginia, area.

In the fall of 1981, Elder Singleton met with his church board and then contacted M. C. Van Putten, president of the Allegheny East Conference. When the idea of a major evangelistic meeting in Alexandria had been approved by the conference committee, Elder Van Putten requested the services of W. C. Scales, Jr., North American Division Ministerial Association representative of the General Conference, and his father, W. C. Scales, Sr., a retired evangelist from Virginia. After prayerful consideration, this father-son team responded favorably to the request.

Seven monthly evangelism rally days were held in the church prior to the beginning of the Real Truth Revival on July 18. These special rally days featured the launching of the Prayer Offensive, a kindness crusade, revival sermons, organization of evangelistic committees, fellowship dinners, testimony meetings, training sessions, community visitation, and Real Truth Bible Course enrollments.

Prepare Our Youth, Inc., a private, nonprofit social agency, provided resources to meet the needs of people in Alexandria. A survey was taken throughout various parts of the city to determine the needs. A brief demographic study of the



A happy child enjoys the Real Truth Vacation Bible School.

city was made. Strategy and implementation followed.

Several months prior to the Real Truth Revival, the seed sowing started. Allegheny East Conference literature evangelists from the Washington metropolitan area began to make visits and place literature in many Alexandria homes. A number of students and recent graduates from Columbia Union and Oakwood colleges distributed Bible course enrollments door to door and made personal visits.

Throughout the campaign, area pastors carried major responsibilities, and the area congregations involved themselves in varied ways. Bible instructors and personal visitation teams gave invaluable follow-up service. Provision was even made to interpret for any in attendance who were deaf or had hearing impairments.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted nightly for children 8 years old and under, and these children and their teachers presented a program during one of the Sabbath celebrations.

During the meetings 1,500 Bibles were donated to the Real Truth Revival project by an individual who had a burden to see others find a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. More than 1,000 persons completed one or more Real Truth Bible courses during the campaign and received one of these Bibles.

The evangelistic meetings were well organized and featured music, health lectures, answers to Bible questions, free gifts, a true/false test, family counseling, and Spirit-filled messages, preached by W. C. Scales, Jr., and illustrated by colorful slides.

Lauriana Griffin, an 84-year-



Hyveth Williams, Mitzie Smith, and Hattie Waters congratulate a man who successfully completed the Real Truth Bible Course.



W. C. Scales accepts the invitation from H. D. Singleton to conduct the Real Truth Revival in the Alexandria, Virginia, area.

old Bible instructor, set a faith goal of 100 souls for the Real Truth Revival. Even though the membership in Alexandria was small, she believed that God would honor her faith. At this writing, in spite of many challenges and obstacles, God has added 105 souls, answering the prayers and rewarding the faith of this faithful woman.

The success of the Real Truth Revival in Alexandria demonstrates what can happen when pastors, church officers, and church members cooperate with divine agencies for the upbuilding of God's cause. The Holy Spirit can do great things, even in small churches. **R. L. DALE**

*Administrative Assistant
North American Division*

MANILA

Health Expo assists church leader's series

The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital assisted the Good News campaign of Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, with a number of educational health booths, set up at the Rizal Memorial Sports Arena for 16 days, promoting physical, mental, and spiritual health. The booths were labeled You and Your Health; You and Your Heart; You and Your Lungs; You and Your Teeth; You and Alcohol; You and Cancer; You and Your Eyes; You and Your Brain; You and Your Food; You and Your

Family; You Can Save a Life; The New You in '82; and For Youth Only.

From 300 to 600 people registered at the booths each night and listened to the lectures. You and Your Eyes did the greatest number of examinations, with You and Your Teeth and You and Your Heart following.

Introduced to the whole of Metro Manila as the Total Health Expo '82, the program opened September 9 and received wide coverage by the media. All the departments of the hospital were involved in various assignments—preparing and putting up the booths, serving as coordinators, guides, guards, lecturers, counselors, and in numerous other capacities. More than 400 evangelistic workers and lay people of the North Philippine Union Mission were involved in visitation and follow-up.

At the official opening, the vice-governor of Metro Manila, Mel Mathay, expressed his desire to have Health Expo presented at other locations in Metro Manila. Education authorities asked that Health Expo be brought to schools and colleges, and professional clubs and organizations gave invitations for a similar exhibition.

A poster contest on smoking was conducted for elementary schools throughout Metro Manila, and books were given as prizes. Another poster contest, with scholarships as prizes, still is in progress for high school students.

Evidently this is the first time such an extensive educational health program has been presented in the Far East. Foreign visitors already are considering the use of a similar approach to evangelism in their own countries. Officers from the two other unions in the Philippines traveled to Manila to observe the program.

At the close of the crusade, some 2,500 persons requested baptism, but it is uncertain how many may have been influenced by the health exhibits. One interesting sidelight, however, is that since the exhibit, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital has been filled to capacity.

ROGELIO Y. GAYOBA
*Manila Sanitarium and
Hospital*

NIGERIA

Dignitaries attend ASWA graduation

Fifty-three West Africans were awarded Andrews University Bachelor of Arts degrees at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa, Ilishan-Remo, Nigeria, on May 19, with majors in biology, business education, religion, and theology. The colorful occasion, the twentieth graduation at the seminary, was witnessed by numerous dignitaries both from within and outside Nigeria. The oba of Ilishan, T. A. Adefulu, and some of the eminent chiefs were among the dignitaries present.

The Adventist Seminary of West Africa was established in 1959 to train English-speaking African workers of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division. But another college training program will be available for the remaining 28 countries (with more than 250,000 baptized members) of the division, through the French-speaking Adventist University of Central Africa, Rwanda. The Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering of December 25, 1982, is earmarked to help with this project. **J. D. AWONIYI**

*Public Relations Director
Adventist Seminary of
West Africa*

ENGLAND

Tent meeting is a success in London

On Wednesday, August 18, at 7:30 P.M., Highbury Fields in North London experienced something new. The tent erected for the campaign by Dick Barron, associate youth director, General Conference, was filled to capacity (2,500), a good beginning for the three-and-one-half-week series.

Prior to the first meeting, 60,000 handbills were distributed across London, advertisements were placed in all the local papers, posters were displayed almost everywhere, radio interviews were arranged for Pastor Barron, personal invitations were sent to Bible correspondence school students, literature evangelists' contacts, friends of members, and former members.

On the opening evening, the tent was crowded with more than 3,500 people listening to the six-foot-seven-inch preacher deliver the message "On the Edge of Tomorrow." People continued to attend regardless of rain, cold, or storm.

Two college-age Jewish men attended the series, requesting baptism before it ended. A young woman stated, "Before I gave my life to Jesus while attending these meetings, I was addicted to both sex and alcohol. I can't understand it, but the craving is gone." One young man said, "I have lost my job because of my new faith, but what is that compared to the peace of mind I now have? God will take care of me." Two women requested, "Please pray for us. Our husbands have threatened to beat us if we attend the meetings. But we are glad we came and we'll come again."

By the end of the "Good News for Today" series more than 500 people had responded to the call of the Spirit. To date, 220 have been baptized.

AUDLEY A. CHARLES
*Associate Youth Director
South England Conference*

Korean pastors meet at Andrews

The second annual Korean pastors' convention was held September 7-14 at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Representing more than 6,000 Korean Adventists and 50 churches in the North American Division, approximately 70 pastors and church leaders attended the eight-day convention.

Charles Keymer, Michigan Conference president, was the speaker for the opening worship; R. Dederen, M. Maxwell, H. LaRondelle, and M. Finley were the lecturers.

According to Dr. Dederen, director of the Center of Continuing Education for Ministry, which directed the convention, this is the first such occasion sponsored by the center since it was initiated last fall by the General Conference.

The Korean churches in Battle Creek and Berrien Springs contributed much financial help for these meetings.

The convention was such a success and proved so helpful to the leaders of this rapidly growing ethnic group that they voted to hold the convention annually.

KEI-HOON SHIN

Berrien Springs, Michigan

COLORADO

Glacier View hosts Marriage Encounter

Three-hundred-eighty-two delegates from across North America gathered in late August at Glacier View Camp in Colorado for a three-day convention of the Seventh-day Adventist Marriage Encounter organization (SDA/ME).

Al and Betty Brendel, of Kettering Medical Center, founders of SDA/ME, reported a series of successful seminars recently held in the Far East. SDA/ME chapters are active in many sections of the United States and Inter-America, and are beginning in Europe, Australia, and the Far East.

SDA/ME has committed itself to church renewal through strengthening marriages and families. Most couples who have attended seminars report a greatly strengthened spiritual life as well as a stronger marriage relationship. SDA/ME concentrates on improving communications within marriage, and churches are discovering it to be a practical outreach to the local community and a particularly rewarding form of evangelism. A number of baptisms of spouses were reported at Glacier View. Bob and Rae Hopkins, of Sacramento, California are the couple currently serving as executive directors.

BETTY HOLBROOK

Home and Family Service
General Conference

INDIA

AWR dedicates new equipment

In a simple ceremony on Monday morning, September 20, new studio equipment for Adventist World Radio (AWR-Asia) in Poona, India, was dedicated and inaugurated. The studio is situated in the office of the Southern Asia Division, on the Salisbury Park estate in the outskirts of Poona.

The new electronic equipment was installed under the supervision of the studio technician, Isaac Chavan. It incorporates a bank of tape recorders, mixers, and amplifiers to produce tapes for broadcasting.

The dedication ceremony was conducted by K. P. Philip, director of the Adventist Communication Center; and the dedicatory prayer was offered by G. J. Christo, chairman of the Southern Asia Division advisory council.

The Poona studio of Adventist World Radio is used in producing programs in nine languages for subsequent broadcast from the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in Colombo. The mail response to these programs comes from 60 countries on all continents and averages about 10,000 responses per year.

ADRIAN M. PETERSON
Review Correspondent

Inside Washington By VICTOR COOPER

■ **Conscience project:** Pick and Choose is a new computer game for youth in Adventist academies. Educational institutions having TRS-80 Model I or II, or Apple II equipment, will be able to request a computer program from Charles Martin, National Service Organization director. It is part of a new ten-hour training program for teen-age youth called The Conscience Project. Youth will see slides and motion pictures, participate in role playing, and discuss such ideas as the Christian's relation to government, the taking of life, and the denominational position (and available options) on military service. For youth who ask "What if Uncle Sam orders me to work on the Sabbath?" or "What should an Adventist know about the military?" two-color leaflets with these and similar titles are now available.

■ **Someone in your life?** The Review and Herald has printed 100,000 copies of the Seventh-day Adventist advertisement in the October issue of *Reader's Digest*, "Is there someone in your life right now to help you?" Copies are available from Owen Troy, associate director, General Conference Communication Department (\$20 per 1,000; \$3 per 100). Those responding to the advertisement using the toll-free number (800) 254-7077 are being given information by People Helping People, of Berrien Springs, Michigan.

■ **President appointed:** General Conference associate secretary D. A. Roth has been elected president of the board of Vellore Christian Medical College for the next four years. He previously served as vice-chairman of the board. The college, in South India, was founded in 1900 by Ida S. Scudder. Today the famous Vellore Hospital, supported by a variety of churches and missions in many countries (including the General Conference), has 380 doctors caring for patients in 1,172 beds. Seventh-day Adventist youth from the Southern Asia and Far Eastern divisions are students at the college, which trains postgraduates in general medicine, general surgery, pathology, pharmacology, pediatrics, ophthalmology, and many other specialties. Meetings of the board usually are held in New York City, headquarters of the permanent staff of the Vellore board. Vellore's motto is "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

■ **"Dry?"** Approximately 100 Adventists living in Takoma Park, Maryland, attended a city council meeting called to consider a proposal to repeal the liquor ban. Takoma Park is one of seven "dry" districts in the county, which means that no licenses for liquor sales are issued in this suburban Washington community, where Adventists have their world headquarters and several churches. While the church is not officially fighting repeal of the law, individual Adventists in the area have publicly stated their opposition.

■ **Telephone marketing with *These Times*:** Two hundred ministers have requested an information package on how to use *These Times* to increase local church baptisms. The package consists of a 160-slide audio-visual presentation and 70-page manual that outlines the strategy. Complimentary copies of *These Times* are sent from publication headquarters to selected persons with telephones, and the orientation/training package tells how local churches can make follow-up contacts, evaluate response, conduct telephone Bible studies, and invite readers to reaping seminars or evangelistic programs. Churches pay for follow-up subscriptions (\$6.95) and telephone calls according to a locally predetermined budget that may be large or small. According to *These Times* coordinator Roger McQuistan, a study guide containing 30 questions is available with each issue of the periodical. Prepared by William and Edna Mae Loveless, these guides may be ordered separately and used in discussion groups.

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Inter-American

■ After Mr. and Mrs. Obregon-Sabeff purchased property in Jarabacoa, a town in a mountainous region of the North Dominican Mission where there were no Adventist members, but where it was hoped to establish a church, four laymen went to the town to do house-to-house visitation and hold evangelistic meetings. As a result, the district pastor, Silvestre Gonzalez, has baptized 25 persons.

■ Ground has been broken for a new church at Gray's Farm, Antigua. The president of the North Caribbean Conference, B. N. Josiah, led out in the ceremony. The church had been organized in January, 1979, following a crusade by Roosevelt Daniel, during which 78 persons were baptized. The present 182 members of the Gray's Farm church are building the new church for an estimated US\$49,000.

■ Two laymen in Colombia conducted a series of meetings in the small village of Lorenzo, on the Ecuadorian border. Sixty persons attended the meetings and seven were baptized. One was a man who had been considered the terror of the village, especially when he had been drinking. When the priest made his regular visit to the area and inquired how things were

going, a teacher replied, "Since our 'bold fighter' has accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventists, thank God, we live in peace." Plans are now being made to construct a chapel in this new region.

Trans-Africa

■ During the month of September, 3,892 individuals were baptized into the Adventist Church throughout the Trans-Africa Division.

■ George Babcock, associate Education director for the General Conference, and T. H. Nkungula, Trans-Africa Division education director, recently completed a seven-week itinerary, visiting Adventist secondary schools and colleges throughout the division with the purpose of evaluating schools and laying plans for the future.

■ T. H. Nkungula conducted teachers' institutes in the Caprivi Field, South Zambia Field, and the Zambesi Union. The major emphasis of the institutes was to show teachers how to incorporate the philosophy, goals, and essential elements of Christian education into their daily classroom presentations.

■ Victor H. Cooper, associate Communication director for the General Conference, accompanied by his wife, Rhona, spent the month of September conducting communication workshops and visiting the two colleges of higher learning in Trans-Africa.

■ Faculty and staff of Helderberg College participated in a weekend retreat prior to the opening of the new school term. Guest speakers for the weekend included David Birkenstock, Eric and John Webster, and Don Swanepoel.

North American Atlantic Union

■ Members of the church in Jay, Maine, recently welcomed four new members into their church by baptism, following an It Is Written seminar conducted by the local pastor, Raymond Richardson.

■ In the beautiful woods-and-stream setting of the Mountain View district of Vermont, five young people were baptized recently. All were students from the church school in Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

■ An organizational meeting for the Association of Adventist Counselors was held October 3, at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. Current elected officers are: David Jenny, chairman; Jan Forrester, secretary; and Gary Blanchard, public relations.

■ The members of the Batavia and Rochester Genesee Park churches in New York State, through the activities of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer circles, recently have welcomed six new members into the Batavia church and three into the Rochester Genesee Park church.

■ Arthur Santos, pastor of the Spanish Prospect church in the Bronx, New York, recently marked his twenty-fifth year of denominational service. This accomplishment is unique because, except for a year of graduate study at Andrews University, Santos has served all 25 years in the Greater New York Conference.

Columbia Union

■ More than 500 members of the Allegheny East Conference attended the conference's annual Youth Olympics, held in conjunction with a Pathfinder Camporee. Conference youth

director Daniel Davis noted that many youth participating in the events were of varsity-letter quality.

■ Members of the Baltimore Berea Temple from 10 to 65 years of age meet twice a week in a fitness program. Clyde W. Hatcher and Benjamin Carson lead out in the exercises and counseling.

■ Retired church executive W. W. Fordham, now pastoring the Coatesville church in Pennsylvania, joined his nephew, Henry J. Fordham, of the Brinklow church in Maryland, to conduct a three-week series of meetings. As a result, 25 persons were baptized.

■ Two local elders of the Cape May Court House church in New Jersey held a six-week lay evangelism series. Nightly attendance ran between 20 and 30, resulting in two baptisms and an ongoing pastor's Sabbath school class.

■ Members of the Parkway South church in Marmora, New Jersey, have obtained a five-year lease for a church building, including another five-year option, rent free. Conference President Bob Boggess and local church pastor John Freedman led out in the opening-day services.

■ The 14 shut-in members of the Cleveland, Ohio, First church are being contacted regularly through various avenues. One result has been church attendance by three shut-ins, including one woman who had not been to church in ten years.

Lake Union

■ Nearly a hundred guests joined the 92 members of the Three Rivers church in the Michigan Conference on September 18 to dedicate them-

selves and their building to God.

■ Of the 5,402 children who attended Vacation Bible School in Michigan this summer, 4,804 were not from Adventist homes. According to Marjorie Snyder, of the Michigan Conference communication department, at least 17 persons became church members last year as a direct result of VBS outreach.

■ Members of the Edenville Michigan, church recently observed the one-hundredth anniversary of their church. The original church building, dedicated in July, 1882, is still standing, though currently being rented to another congregation. A new church was opened in 1978.

■ Linda Knodel, a medical stenographer at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Illinois, recently received a check from the hospital for \$260 for losing 130 pounds in 12 months. Linda was participating in the hospital's weight loss program which, since it began in 1977, has helped 100 employees lose a

combined total of 2,671 pounds.

■ The newly consolidated Grand Ledge Adventist Academy opened its doors on August 30, to 83 elementary and 40 secondary students. Formerly Grand Ledge Academy, the program has been expanded to include grades one through 12. The 16-member staff has been drawn from the former Grand Ledge Academy staff and the former Lansing and Grand Ledge elementary school staffs. The school is located on the conference campgrounds, where it has operated as an academy since 1958.

North Pacific Union

■ A group of volunteers from Maranatha Flights International (MFI) joined local members in the construction of a new church in Newport, Washington.

■ Ivan Dassenko, a physician from Salem, Oregon, served as the general contractor for, and oversaw a crew of, about 30 volunteers who helped build an

addition to the East Salem church. The facility, completed last June and dedicated recently, includes a large fellowship hall, kitchen, and Sabbath school rooms.

■ Eighty seniors from Laurelwood Adventist Academy in Oregon took part in the school's annual Senior Survival. The group camped out near the base of Mount Adams in Washington State for five days, living in tents and cooking their own food. During their stay they studied survival techniques and were led in a study of last-day events.

■ Walla Walla College has two new vice-presidents as a result of recent calls. Manford Simcock, former principal of Madison Academy, Madison, Tennessee, is vice-president for financial affairs. Ed Boyatt, former principal of Columbia Adventist Academy, Battle Ground, Washington, is the vice-president for student affairs.

■ Members of the Coos Bay, Oregon, congregation are

rejoicing in the final building phase of their church complex. Work began ten years ago with the construction of an educational wing and multipurpose room. A Community Services center was the second phase. An A-frame sanctuary recently was opened, seating 450 people. Pastor Phil Welklin joined his members in donating many hundreds of hours of labor during the construction.

■ Church school teachers in the Washington Conference have been taking special training to help them meet the needs of the exceptional child. Twenty-five teachers from 11 schools have participated in a four-session course taught by Wynn Knowling of Walla Walla College. The program is directed by the conference education director, Nathan Merkel.

Southern Union

■ United States Senator Mack Mattingly paid an official visit to the Valdosta, Georgia, Seventh-day Adventist church school October 13, presenting

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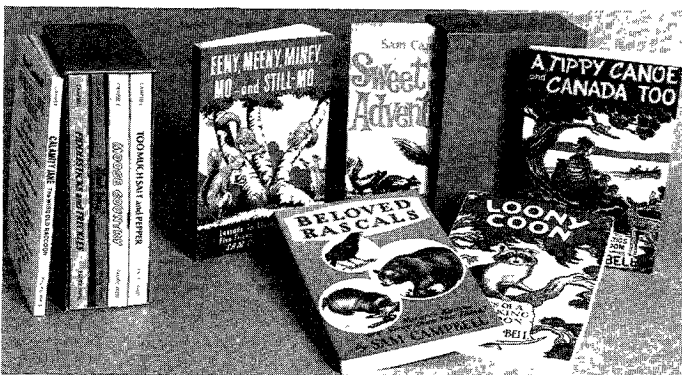
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■ Florida Hospital, Orlando, Florida, has introduced Lifeline to Orange County, a system that provides security for those afraid of living alone. A subscriber to Lifeline has a wireless button they keep in a pocket or clip to their clothing. Whenever they need help, even when stranded up to 200 feet from their phone, they can push the button, and a console attached to the phone will dial the emergency department, alerting the hospital to send help.

■ A new four-year academy in the South Atlantic Conference will graduate its first senior class this year. The 20-member class will be the first to graduate from the new day academy that resulted when the Berean Junior Academy was extended from a 10-grade to a 12-grade school. The new academy, yet to be given a permanent name, is located in Atlanta, Georgia.

■ The Tri-County School, operated by the Franklin and Sylva churches in North Caro-

lina, was dedicated in a special service August 21. The building is designed to be energy efficient. Glass panels on the south side of the building make maximum use of the sun's rays for heating, while the north wall is shielded from winter winds because it is below ground level. Present enrollment is 27.

Southwestern Union

■ Students and faculty at Jefferson Adventist Academy are enjoying their new administration building, which houses faculty offices, classrooms, registrar's office, and library. Many other improvements have been made, including the acquisition of electric typewriters.

■ Jim Griffin launched an evangelistic crusade in Lawton, Oklahoma, on September 11, which resulted in the baptism of 52 new members. Several more are receiving Bible studies. Eighteen months ago, the attendance at the Sabbath services of the Lawton church was about 70. Through a systematic

effort of evaluation and improvement of the church program, and through the involvement of the church members, attendance had increased to almost 140 before the crusade. Now it has reached 200, and two services are being held every Sabbath morning.

■ A citywide evangelistic crusade in Oklahoma City opened at the State Fair grounds on October 16, with an attendance of 1,600 persons, two thirds of whom were non-Adventists. The high percentage of non-Adventists continued during the first two weeks of the series, although the total attendance dropped. The evangelistic series concluded November 14.

Loma Linda University

■ The Marriage and Family Therapy Department at Loma Linda University has recently been given an unrestricted five-year accreditation by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT).

■ Kenneth Burke, associate professor of nutrition and dietet-

ics at Loma Linda University's School of Health, has been elected second vice-president of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetics Association (SDADA).

■ Bernard D. Briggs, professor of anesthesiology, was named Distinguished Professor of Anesthesiology at recent School of Medicine ceremonies. Dr. Briggs is one of only four individuals to have been honored in this manner by Loma Linda University since its founding in 1905. At the ceremonies, San Diego physician John R. Ford was presented the Distinguished General Service Award.

■ Loma Linda University's School of Health has been accredited for a period of five years—the longest time possible.

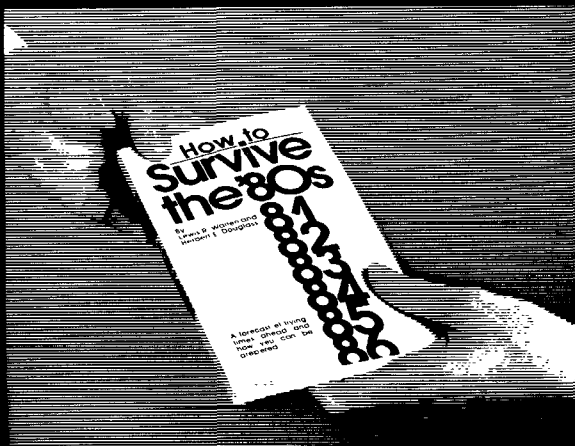
■ Friends and colleagues of Albert F. Brown, a 1933 graduate of the School of Medicine, recently honored the Glendale physician at a surprise seventy-fifth birthday/retirement party by setting up a \$35,000 student loan fund in his name.

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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Regular Missionary Service

Kenneth Edward Heinrich (LLU '75), returning to serve as physician, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Tamuning, Guam; **Gayle Ellen (Burdick) Heinrich**, and two children, left San Francisco, September 22.

Bernard Dean Helms (WWC '77), returning to serve as teacher, overseas school, Ethiopian Adventist College, Shashmani, Ethiopia, left San Francisco September 22.

Warren Ivan Hilliard (AU '77), returning to serve as chairman, Christian studies department, Japan Missionary College, Isumi-gun, Chiba-ken, Japan; **Norma Marilyn (Landis) Hilliard**, left San Francisco, September 28.

Dorothy May Keuster (LLU '80), returning to serve as assistant professor of nursing, West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, left Miami, September 13.

Ruby Mae (Spier) Kraft left Seattle to join her husband, **Edwin Carl Kraft**, health and temperance director, East African Union, Nairobi, Kenya, September 21.

Keith Jordan Leavitt (U. of Alberta '72), returning to serve as teacher, Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College, Chuharkana Mandi, Pakistan; **Bernice June (Vatcher) Leavitt**, and three children, left Toronto, September 26.

Jessie Louise (Carter) Lowery, returning to serve as director, Home Study Institute, Southern Asia Division, and one child, left New York City, October 5, to join her husband, **Roscoe Sydney Lowry**, field secretary, Southern Asia Division.

Barbara Jean McDonald (LLU '54), returning to serve as teacher of Nursing, Antillian College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, left Miami, August 17.

Milton Martin McHenry (PUC '45), to serve as treasurer, Bangladesh Union, Dacca, Bangladesh; **Muriel (Westermeyer) McHenry** (Sonoma St. Coll. '76), of Angwin, California, left San Francisco, September 27.

Novella McWilliam (UC '52), returning to serve as accountant, Far Eastern Division, Singapore, left Seattle, September 26.

Keith Warren Moses (PUC '60), returning to serve as teacher, University College of Eastern

Africa, Eldoret, Kenya; **Anita (Requenez) Moses**, and two children, left Los Angeles, October 6.

Lee Donald Myers (LLU '80), to serve as physician, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand; **Nancy Joelle (Pifer) Myers** (LLU '78), and two children, of Gaston, Oregon, left San Francisco, September 29.

Bracita Joy North (WWC '80), returning to serve as home-economics teacher, Malamulo Hospital, Makwasa, Malawi, left New York City, September 26.

Beat Kaspar Odermatt, returning to serve as teacher-builder-maintenance worker, Wollega Adventist Academy, Gimbie, Ethiopia; **Ursula Monika (Diedrich) Odermatt**, and two children left Fort St. John, B.C., August 12.

Jon Edward Pitts (LLU '69), returning to serve as dentist, Adventist Dental Clinic, Dacca, Bangladesh; **Gloria Frances (Patches) Pitts** (LLU '70), and two children, left Los Angeles, September 29.

Louis Randolph Preston (CUC '69), returning to serve as pastor-evangelist, South England Conference, Watford, Herts., England; **Janice Anita (Montgomery) Preston** (CUC '66), and four children, left Washington, D.C., September 1.

Philip Wesley Proctor (SC '77), to serve as maintenance engineer, Kamagambo High School. **Marlys Kae (Jensen) Proctor** (UC '74), and one child, of Portland, Tennessee, left New York City, September 20.

Dale Leroy Ringering (WWC '50), returning to serve as pastor, Agana Heights and Tolofofo Seventh-day Adventist churches, Guam Micronesia Mission, Agana, Guam, left Portland, Oregon, August 29. **Lillian May (Koehler) Ringering** (WWC '47) left Portland, Oregon, September 25.

Daniel Louis Tilstra (AU '82), to serve as director, English Language School, East Indonesia Union Mission, Manado, Indonesia; **Karen Sue (Banks) Tilstra** (AU '82), of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left Los Angeles, September 22.

Leonardo Juan Vigna (VNR Sch. of Med. '76), to serve as surgeon, Scheer Memorial Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal; **Mirta Estela (Ramos) Vigna** (River Plate Coll. '69), and two children of San Martin, Entre Rios, Argentina, left Los Angeles, September 27.

Walton Sanford Whaley (AU '79), returning to serve as seminary director, Adventist Ministerial College, Bekwai-Ashanti, Ghana;

Leola (Johnson) Whaley (LLU '56), and two children, left Los Angeles, Sept. 15.

June Eleanor Wilson (PUC '47), returning to serve as director, school of nursing and midwifery, Kendu Mission Hospital, Kendu Bay, Kenya, left Los Angeles, September 26.

Volunteer Service

Beverly B. (Taylor) Bartel (Kans. St. Teachers' Coll. '68) (Special Service), to serve as public health/health curriculum assistant, SAWS Refugee Program, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, of Salina, Kansas, left Oakland, California, July 17.

Stanley Bull (U. of Mich. '54) (Special Service), to serve as principal, Edmer School, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West Indies, and **Agnes Nancy (Murdoch) Bull** (PUC '55), to serve as teacher, of Desert Hot Springs, California, left Houston, Texas, September 8.

Ivan Thomas Crowder (AU '59) (SOS), to serve as pastor, English church, Okinawa, Japan, and **Lorraine (Crazer) Crowder** (PUC '56), of Galax, Virginia, left San Francisco, August 31.

Glenn Houston Curtis (Emory U. '47) (Special Service), to serve as dentist, and **Ruth (Deyo) Curtis** (Special Service), to serve as dental assistant, SAWS Refugee Program, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, of Redlands, California, left Los Angeles, July 27.

Mark Philip Duarte (LLU '82) and **Akemi (Nakamura) Duarte** (Special Service), to serve as teachers, Japan English Language Schools, Osaka, Japan, of Riverside, California, left Los Angeles, September 5.

Mark Walker Fowler (LLU '41) (Special Service), to serve as physician, Malamulo Hospital, Malawi, Africa, and **Lois Winona (Nixon) Fowler**, of Leesburg, Georgia, left Atlanta, September 1.

Joseph Gardner Galusha (Boston U. '48) (SOS), to serve as industrial education teacher, Taiwan Adventist College/Academy, Yu Chih, Taiwan, and **Geneva Fredone (Kite) Galusha** (AUC '41), of Anacortes, Washington, left Los Angeles, September 8.

William Stuart Harrold (Oreg. St. U. '66) (Special Service), to serve as principal/teacher, elementary school, Koror, Palau, and **Beverly K. Harrold**, of Canby, Oregon, left Portland, Oregon, September 5.

Ralph F. Haynes (Pacific U.

'60) (Special Service), to serve as optometrist, and **W. Florence Haynes** (U. of Alberta '61) (Special Service), to serve as optometric assistant, SAWS Refugee Program, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, of High Prairie, Alberta, Canada, left San Francisco, July 20.

Gloria Jean Hiten (AVSC), to serve as assistant teacher, Kamagambo High School and Teachers' College, Kisii, Kenya, East Africa, of Oakhurst, California, left New York City, September 5.

Deaths

ABRAY, Minnie—b. Jan. 22, 1894, Highgate, Ontario; d. Oct. 20, 1982, Hendersonville, N.C. A graduate of Oshawa Missionary College, she served there and at Washington Missionary College as dean of women. After serving as a dean for 30 years, she worked as a secretary in the General Conference Religious Liberty Department for another 12 years. She is survived by one brother, Tom Abray; one sister, Frances Sheneman; one niece; two nephews; one grandnephew; and two grandnieces.

BOECK, Stella M.—b. Nov. 25, 1906, Altha, Fla.; d. Sept. 10, 1982, Beaverton, Oreg. After graduating as a nurse from Florida Hospital and Sanitarium, she served in India, at Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital, and as a teacher at Walla Walla School of Nursing, Portland campus, giving a total of 42 years of denominational service. She is survived by her husband, William; three sisters, Ruby Albee, Burnice Scott, and Margaret Drake; and one brother, Charles Beauchamp.

DAVENPORT, Richard E.—b. 1919 in Peking, China; d. May 9, 1982, Princeton, W. Va. A graduate of Loma Linda University, he studied tropical medicine at the University of London. He built and supervised a hospital in Nigeria, and later served as a physician and surgeon in West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons, Robert, William, James, and Gary; two brothers, Donald and Russell; two sisters, Marian Seeley, and Marjoria Sczekan; and four grandchildren.

DOWNS, Catherine—b. March 12, 1903, Phoenix, Ariz.; d. Oct. 4, 1982, Placerville, Calif. After graduating from Pacific Union College she taught school at a number of places in California before going to Brazil, where with her husband, Lloyd, she served as a missionary. Later she accompanied her husband to La Sierra College where he taught for a number of years. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; a son, Arthur; a daughter, Ramona Bond; and a sister, Rosalind Hartman.

LENHEIM, Lewis E.—b. Sept. 28, 1902, Cleveland, Ohio; d. Oct. 12, 1982, Asheville, N. C. He served as a pastor in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida, and as president of the Florida, Illinois, Lake Union, Atlantic Union, and Columbia Union conferences. He is survived by one son, Lewis; one brother; and one sister.

International educational board formed

At the 1982 Annual Council in Manila, the General Conference Committee voted, on October 8, the working policy that officially constitutes the Seventh-day Adventist International Board of Education. The 1980 Annual Council had authorized the operation of the board for two years on a trial basis, and the recent action gives it formal, permanent status.

Among the actions of the board, meeting at Manila, were the approval of 22 inter-division tours by educational groups during 1983 and 18 during 1984, the authorization of two new senior colleges, 13 new undergraduate and two graduate programs in existing institutions, the affiliation of Hong Kong Adventist College's theology program with that of Loma Linda University, and a five-page document from the Committee on Theological Education entitled "Objectives for the Education of Ministers," which should be important in shaping a vital contribution of the Adventist educational system to the very life of the church. CHARLES R. TAYLOR

Dietitian given Distinguished Service Award

The Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association, meeting in Keene, Texas, October 12-14, presented its Distinguished Service Award to Irma B. Vyhmeister in recognition of outstanding service in the field of Adventist dietetics. Dr. Vyhmeister, the third recipient of the award, has given many years of service at Loma Linda University and now serves as an

associate director of the Health and Temperance Department of the General Conference. She also is coordinating a new nutrition evangelism thrust as part of the North American Division Public Ministries.

RUDOLF E. KLIMES



Alaskan sets literature record

Lanny de Ver, of Anchorage, Alaska, is the first literature evangelist in North America to pass the \$100,000 mark in sales for one year. Through the week ending October 28, Lanny's sales totaled more than \$101,500. With God's continued blessing, he should pass \$120,000 by the end of the year. When asked the secret of his success, Lanny opened his copy of *Colporteur Ministry* to page 106: "The secret of success is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest results are those who rely most implicitly upon the Almighty Arm."

Lanny was an assistant manager of a grocery store before he was baptized and became a literature evangelist in 1975. Another secret of Lanny's success is his support team. His wife, Doyle, and two daughters pray for him every day.

J. CLYDE KINDER

Danish research supports SDA life style

For the first time an investigation has been carried out studying people in Denmark who neither smoke nor drink alcohol.

The Cancer Registration Office in Copenhagen, which has kept track of 750 Seventh-day Adventist males over a 35-year period, has discovered that one in ten had developed some form of cancer, while among the general Danish population one in four had developed cancer during the same period.

The Cancer Registration's chief medical director, Ole Moller Jensen, told the daily paper, *Jyllands-Posten*, that, without doubt, the Adventists studied in the investigation sustained far less risk of developing cancer than the average person. Their risk was 70 to 80 percent less than that of the general Danish population.

When it came to lung or bladder cancer, the risks for Adventists were reduced even further, according to the investigation. As these two forms of cancer seem to be related to smoking, the Adventists' risk was only about one-tenth that of the average population.

THORVALD KRISTENSEN

Campus ministry begun at UT

The Knoxville church in Tennessee, along with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, is sponsoring a specialized outreach to the University of Tennessee campus. A home has been opened at the edge of the campus called Terrace House. This is headquarters for an outreach to the 30,000 students attending the university.

Each week special program-

ing is planned on and off campus to appeal to the college students. Ken Williams, campus ministries director, sees several areas of focus, such as seminars, large meetings, Friday-evening fellowship, and one-to-one ministry.

A workshop called Friendship Factor Evangelism is being planned at present. This workshop incorporates the philosophy of one-to-one evangelism in a very unique and highly attractive fashion—attractive to both the Adventist and his or her non-Adventist friend.

LES PITTON

Which Bibles do Adventists read?

According to Ralph Blodgett, associate editor of *These Times*, the most popular Bibles among Seventh-day Adventists in North America today are the *King James Version*, the *New International Version*, and the *Revised Standard Version*.

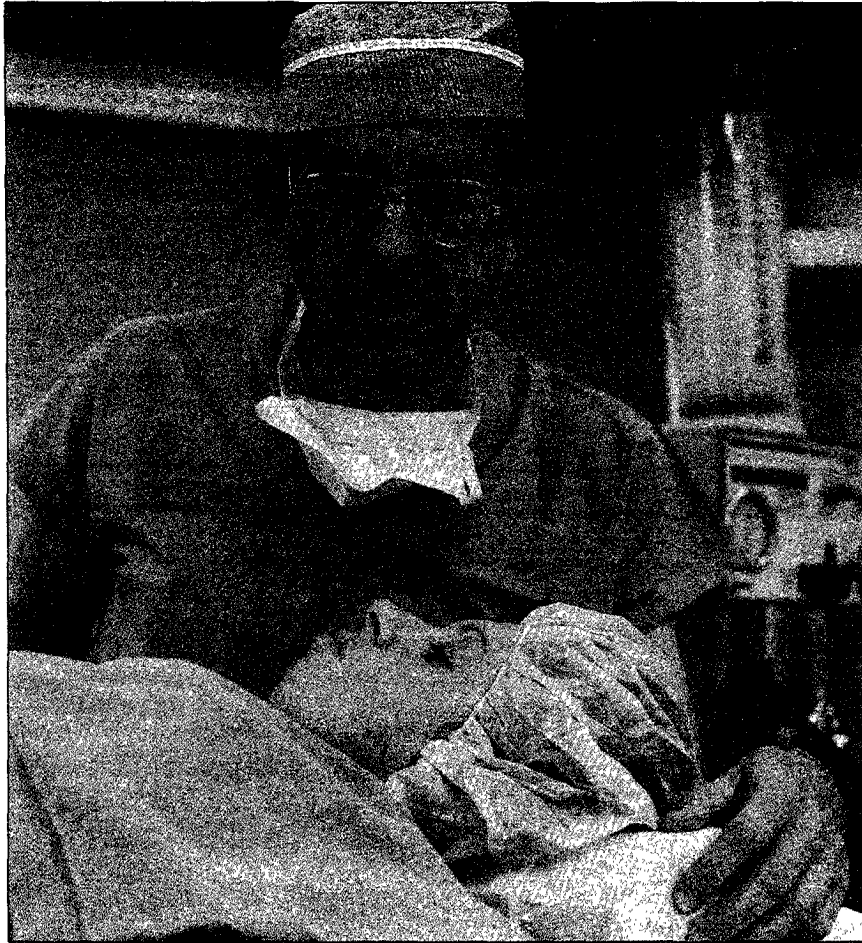
Based on the returns from an exhaustive survey of the one-half million readers of *These Times*, Elder Blodgett points out that 57 percent of all Adventists in the survey selected the *King James Version* as their favorite, with the *New International Version* a distant second, polling 21 percent.

Third, fourth, and fifth places fell to *The Revised Standard Version*, the *New American Standard Version*, and *The Living Bible*.

For the record

Died: Nellie Straub, 36, of an unidentified illness on November 5 in Arusha, Tanzania. Her husband, Donald, is chemistry and physics teacher at Parane Secondary School. □ Lloyd E. Downs, for many years professor of biology at La Sierra College, on October 4 in Camino, California.

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