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"Why Stand Ye Gazing Up Into Heaven"

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Home Missionary Department

THIS question was asked by the angels who, together with the disciples, witnessed the ascension of our Lord. How the disciples longed to linger in the presence of Him, whose influence was felt even when He was gone. Maybe Peter again requested that they build three tabernacles, as he had done on the Mount of Transfiguration, that they might quietly meditate on the things of God. But abruptly and with finality the question reminded them of what Jesus had left for them to do. "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" Jesus had focused their attention on the fields, ripening and ripe unto harvest. There was a work to be done, a commission to be fulfilled.

Maybe the experience on Olivet still lived in the mind of Peter as he wrote to the believers in Asia Minor that they were to be "*looking for and hasting the day of God.*" 2 Pet. 3:12.

1900 years have only added significance to the angels' rebuke. Amazingly enough, God has, to a certain extent, left the evangelization of the world in the hands of His people on earth. It is for us to hasten the day. It is for us, through the grace of God and the power of the promised Holy Spirit, to help

answer our own prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

In the year 1909 two brothers, living in New York, decided to turn their backs upon the world. They closed the doors of their big old house, pulled the curtains and then for forty years the Collyer brothers never left the confines of their house.

How supremely tragic it would be if God, having given His church the great commission to "Go to all the world, teaching all men . . ." were to find us pulling ourselves back into the shell of our own isolation, even though we might piously be "gazing up into heaven."

Through another Harvest Ingathering campaign you and I and the whole church are again invited to experience that the doorstep can become holy ground, where God meets with us as we, in silent prayer, petition God's help in our solicitation.

In 1902 Jasper Wayne, through a duplication of an order for *Signs of the Times* had to find a way of disposing of fifty magazines. At first he was bewildered and fearful, then determined to try something to the glory of God. He went from home to home, invited his neighbours to donate towards mis-



sions and the Harvest Ingathering plan was born. Tens of thousands after him have had the same feeling of inadequacy when holding the packet of Ingathering magazines, but over and over again God has proved to His people that what began as a mistake was turned into one of the greatest blessings to the Church.

Through the steady stream of liberal giving millions have been blessed. Our church members who, instead of allowing fear and doubt to paralyse their powers, step out in faith, repeatedly return to tell that God is good. And truly, God has been good. From the small beginnings of £9 in 1917, until the truly amazing total of close to £80,000 within this Division alone in 1956, we have had manifested indications of what has happened in the world field at large.

If we would only keep uppermost in

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our minds that our Ingathering campaign has to do with the winning of souls for God, the "hasting" of the coming of our Saviour, that we are doing spiritual service, how assured we would be of victory.

Let us, consequently, dedicate our-

selves during the campaign, plan our work in such a way that we can give *more time, see greater results, obtain a greater blessing than any year before!* God is waiting to prove again that it is true that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Dark Clouds on the Horizon

PART III

R. S. WATTS

President, Southern African Division

TODAY men and women in all parts of the world are rapidly ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen. They are restlessly awaiting the movements of their leaders. In the last conflict before probation closes there will be no such thing as a "neutral position." We will be "decidedly for the right or decidedly for the wrong," says the servant of the Lord.

There seems to be a "hidden force" which is driving men and women on to make their fateful choice. What is this hidden force? It is the final, desperate attempt of Satan to sweep the whole world into his deceptions. Satan's subtle delusions are rapidly increasing. There is a positive acceleration in his great work of deceptions which is to be "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."—2 Thess. 2:9-11.

These "strong delusions" referred to by the apostle Paul are now sweeping over Christendom and the whole world. People today are in the mood to accept the supernatural. Scientists are continually performing supernatural feats which defy the imagination. The seeming impossible of yesterday is an actuality today. We are daily being conditioned readily to accept the supernatural. The great deceiver is taking advantage of this mood in the world. By this we may know that the time has come for the marvellous working of Satan and that the end is very near.

Deceptive Power of Spiritism

First let us consider the deceptive power of spiritism. There is a widespread interest in and acceptance of modern spiritism. This delusive "ism" is sweeping over the whole world with

the rapidity of a bush fire. Today its adherents among Christians number into millions not to mention the belief in "spirits" by the heathen in all parts of the primitive world. This marvellous



working of Satan with great signs and lying wonders through Spiritism is foretold in Matthew 24:24; in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 (quoted above); and Revelation 13:13, 16:14. Furthermore, years ago the servant of the Lord warned us that "among the most successful agencies of the great deceiver are the delusive teachings and lying wonders of Spiritism."—*The Great Controversy*, page 524.

Today psychic science is generally accepted in all quarters. Some psychic scientists are now predicting a new form of world religion and politics founded upon psychic phenomena and spirit messages. Shaw Desmond, founder of the International Institute for Psychical Research, confidently asserted that, "our statesmen of tomorrow, like some of our leading statesmen of today, will habitually consult the statesmen of the Other

World."—*Psychic Pitfall*, page 268. Of the future *new* forms of religion he predicts: "I will even dare to stress my forecast that we shall use our places of worship . . . for the demonstration of life after death, and that we shall find before us the teacher and priest combined in etheric form, which will materialize before our unastonished eyes."—*Ibid*, page 269.

Strange things are happening through spiritism. Recently the first séance marriage service in the history of world spiritualism, at which a man who died almost half a century ago, is supposed to have tied the knot, was conducted in George, Cape Province. It was reported that "of the 129 wedding guests present only nine were alive. The remainder were all citizens of the spirit world. The marriage ceremony was recorded on a tape recorder, and was conducted by a Ds. Graeme who lived in the Victorian era."

More recently a spiritualist medium in Durban was asked to contact the spirit world to determine if possible whether a certain medical doctor who had disappeared some weeks before was dead or alive. After a short meditation in a séance this spiritualist medium said the doctor was dead and told where his body could be found. The missing doctor's body was discovered in the exact place indicated by the medium. Such supernatural feats will become more frequent as time goes on.

The spirits are invading the churches. Demonism is at work in the world today. This is a definite forerunner of that hour when modern Babylon shall "become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit." Rev. 18:2.

We are on the verge of actually seeing a new and apparently more exalted form of religion sweep over the world. We can expect such a movement for we have the following warning from the messenger of the Lord:

"Satan appears as a benefactor of the race, healing the diseases of the people, and professing to present a new and more exalted system of religious faith."—*The Great Controversy*, page 589.

Let us notice another sinister and subtle deception of Satan. New miracles are now being performed *by hypnotism* in the fields of medicine, dentistry and psychiatry. Recently an article appeared in one of the leading magazines entitled, "What Really Happens When You Are Hypnotized." Here is one statement from this article:

"Take away the hocus-pocus, wipe off the theatrical grease paint and hypnosis emerges at long last as a major boon to humanity." Technical journals are now carrying new and startling an-

nouncements of marvellous accomplishments employing hypnotism, and forecast the important place that hypnosis will soon play in the practice of the healing arts.

Are we as Seventh-day Adventists to be surprised at this attitude of the scientists and public to this "new science" which is a "boon to humanity"? No. Over fifty years ago at a time when hypnosis (or mesmerism as it was called) was in ill repute and had no standing in the scientific world, Ellen G. White called it "a science." She referred to the use of hypnotism in the practice of medicine and stated that "it may appear to be something beautiful," but pointed out that hypnotism was the evil work of Satan. (See *Medical Ministry*, page 111.)

At this time when the scientific and religious worlds seem terrifically excited over the potential possibilities and bene-

fit this psychic science may bring to humanity, we need to heed this timely warning:

"This entering in of Satan through the sciences is well devised. Through the channel of phrenology, psychology, and mesmerism, he comes more directly to the people of this generation, and works with that power which is to characterize his efforts near the close of probation". —*Signs of the Times*, Nov. 6, 1884.

Surely we have come to the time when Satan is to work with "all power and signs and lying wonders." He will work with all his insinuating, deceiving power to lead men and women away from the last message of mercy. He will work mightily to deceive, if possible, the very elect of God. Now is our time to watch, unceasingly. Now is the time to fortify our minds with the truths of the Bible so we will not fall into the insidious deceptions of the evil one.

before they found that Seventh-day Adventists operate a system of schools and colleges where they could be trained for service. They determined in their hearts that they would have a Christian education at any cost.

After finishing the intermediate grades in his home town, Domingo came to Manila and applied at Philippine Union College as a self-supporting student. Juanito came two years later, and his sister, Paz, the next year. There is no school in their mission, and these young people without funds wish to support themselves while seeking a Christian education. And so they have secured employment in the Manila area and are living together in a small room helping each other in their educational projects. Paz takes care of her brothers' laundry and cooks for them. They are taking turns in attending the school. One works to support the others, while they go to school, and the next year he drops out and becomes a worker while the brother or the sister attends the academy the next year. They have been working now for nine years for that great prize of Christian education. And still Domingo has more years to go to complete his work. Even though he is 28 years of age, he is not discouraged, and says, "It is worth it to have a Christian education."

These three youth are industrious, consecrated and willing to sacrifice in order to obtain a Christian education. There are hundreds of youth like these in the North Philippine Union, stretching out their hands to the leaders of the denomination, saying "Give us only an opportunity. We are willing to work. Our great desire is to have an education in the schools of the prophets."

We appeal to the brethren and sisters of the world field to help us to provide that opportunity which our students so eagerly seek. We have already purchased the land for an academy in the Southern Luzon area. It has a fine location with good rich land. We have already planted over 6,000 citrus trees which will begin to bear fruit in three more years. We have 20,000 pineapple plants, pawpaws, bananas, and other fruit crops coming on. We have found that the land is well suited for the production of soybeans. This will provide a good crop which is in demand here in the Philippine Islands.

We are attempting to build a school where we can not only give vocational training to our youth but where they can earn a large portion of their way.

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From the Far East

Outstretched Hands

WILLIS J. HACKETT

President, North Philippine Union Mission

MAY I introduce to you Domingo, 28, Juanito, 26, and Paz, 22, three children of Mr. and Mrs. Villagomez, who live in Camarines Sur, the territory of the Southern Luzon Mission in which the North Philippine Union proposes to build a vocational training school from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow of the second quarter. We hope that this school will meet the needs of the hundreds of young people who stand with outstretched hands, looking to the leaders of the denomination with the hope in their hearts that somehow they will be provided with a Christian education.

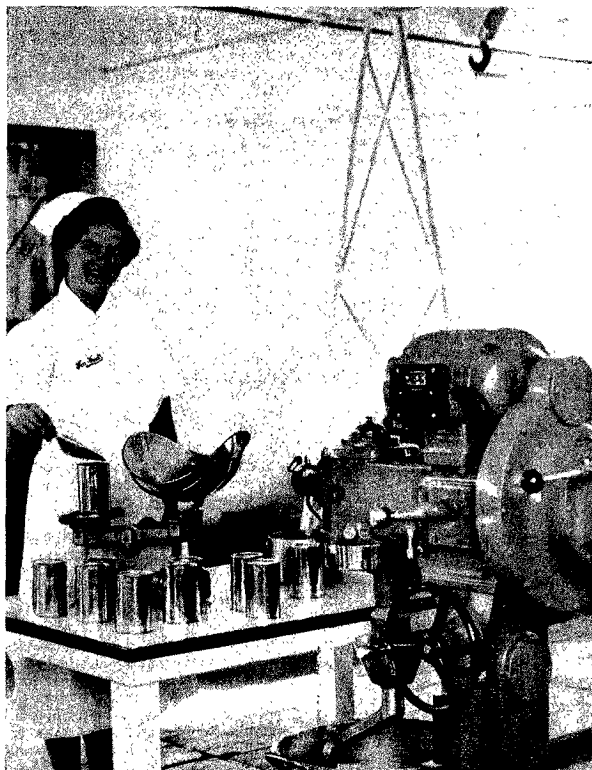
Domingo, Juanito and Paz, are typical youth of the Southern Luzon Mission who constantly struggle to secure an education. These three youth with their parents found the advent message in the year 1940. As little by little the message opened their minds which had been steeped in the doctrines of Catholicism since their birth, their hearts responded to the anointing of the Holy Spirit to step out and keep the Sabbath. It was a real struggle to leave a large Catholic church which in the Philippines is always located right in the very centre of every community. Their friends and neighbours would ask,



Domingo, Paz, and Juanito Villagomez.

"What is this that you are doing? How can you leave the Mother church to enter into that small and unknown sect, the 'Sabadistas'?" But like loyal Seventh-day Adventists all round the world, their hearts were moved and they continued to be true to their God. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist people in their community and started to teach their neighbours and friends the new-found faith.

They had not been long in the Church



Sister Noreen Clack, the "hand" that mixes the food that feeds the nation.

SITUATION.—Inwood Estate, the home of TRU-FOODS, is exactly 16 miles from the centre of Johannesburg. When travelling towards the factory from Johannesburg, the first view you get of the buildings is a silhouette against the horizon seven miles and a half away; and as the tarred national road to Cape Town snakes its way along through the rise and fall of the ground, the buildings and part of the estate, hang like a picture against the sky.

Whether travelling along the roads to Vereeniging, Vanderbijl Park, Potchefstroom, or Krugersdorp, ten miles distant, the factory "set on a hill cannot be hid". The two signs at the gateway to the estate, which abuts the national road, stand as silent witnesses to the thousands of people who drive by every day. TRU-FOODS most surely is the GATEWAY TO RADIANT HEALTH.

ENTRANCE ON PUBLIC MARKET.—On August 9, 1956, simultaneously with an announcement to Adventists through the medium of a supplement to the LAN-



The Health Food Factory On A Hill

L. H. CLACK

A theosophist lady, after tasting TRU-FOODS, wrote us a letter to contact the Pretoria Consumers' Co-operative, whereupon she and her theosophist friends would demand TRU-FOODS. The reply to our letter brought an order for forty-eight dozen to be distributed amongst five retail stores in Pretoria.

Sister L. Mitchley, after much propaganda and effort, succeeded in placing TRU-FOODS in six stores in Johannesburg and suburbs, before asking to be released from her position as local representative and demonstrator.

Brother J. J. Coss, a literature evangelist in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, placed TRU-FOODS in over twenty stores in Pietermaritzburg, Durban and the South Coast of Natal. At present he is working Johannesburg and the Reef and has now taken a total of 100 orders.



Sisters C. Rothwell and N. Edwards demonstrating TRU-FOODS at Payne Brothers Store, Durban.

After investigating a number of advertising channels such as radio broadcasting, newspaper and magazine advertising, we have arrived at the most effective, economical, and far-reaching means of advertising which will bring TRU-FOODS before the public in the "tastiest" way—and that is shop and church demonstrations.

We have demonstrated TRU-FOODS in some of the leading departmental stores such as Greenacres, Payne Brothers and Savilles in Natal; Belfast, Thrupps and Greatermans, Transvaal; and by the time this article goes to press we will have converged on Bloemfontein. To give you an example, we set up a table outside Savilles in Maritzburg, displayed cans of TRU-FOODS on the showcases surrounding the table, decked the table with a variety of roasts,

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TERN, TRU-FOODS was announced to the general public. Since then the march of TRU-FOODS has been on, slow at the beginning, yet gaining momentum rapidly!

PRODUCTION AND STAFF.—A staff of two Europeans and four Africans produced just over 40,000 cans of assorted TRU-FOODS in four months and a half of intensive production and that stock is spreading itself throughout the Union and the Rhodesias at a rapid rate.

DISTRIBUTION.—Our first move was to supply all denominational book depositories, the union office, and the Voice of Prophecy Bible School with stocks and give Adventists an opportunity to help us to attain our aim of ONE CAN PER FAMILY PER WEEK, and then to get into the public stores. A firm of manufacturers' representatives in South West Africa owning five depots and employing seven salesmen have ordered over 4,000 cans of TRU-FOODS and are busy spreading them throughout South West Africa.

rissoles, pastries and sandwiches made with a TRU-FOODS base, and as the people milled up and down, our demonstrator explained how the foods were prepared and gave them tastes of each kind. After four hours hundreds of people had tasted TRU-FOODS and cash sales amounting to £11 plus an order from the store for twenty dozen were taken.

Brethren D. Edwards and R. Rothwell, our Durban agency representatives with their wives as TRU-FOODS demonstrators, are making sure progress at getting our products into the stores and before the public generally.

With the co-operation of Pastors A.

W. Staples and A. V. Bambury we held demonstrations in three of our Johannesburg churches at which time information was given regarding the many ways in which TRU-FOODS can be prepared. While the attendances were rather small yet those who came felt encouraged, and determined to introduce more healthful cooking into their daily menus. More church demonstrations are being arranged for all parts of the Union.

South Africa is coming to life in a marvellous way. Wherever we demonstrate people are talking about TRU-FOODS. Just this week a lady stepped up to our demonstrator in Thrupps, Johannesburg and said, "I've tried your

RISSO MEAL and your SUPA-LONY and they're lovely. You know who told me about TRU-FOODS? The Dean of the Anglican Church, Johannesburg. He's a strict vegetarian".

Thousands of people outside the denomination are showing their appreciation of our health foods, and experience after experience could be related, but Seventh-day Adventists should be giving the lead! It would be tragic if the Seventh-day Adventist health food industry had to get all its support from the world, and if people of the world benefited from the advantages of these foods while Seventh-day Adventists deprive themselves of these blessings.

Friends, we appeal to you one and all to introduce TRU-FOODS into your daily diet to-day.

By the time this reaches you we will have many more products available, including gluten products for which we know you are all waiting.

Remember the health food ministry is a vital link in the message for our time!

Ordinations in Tanganyika

G. L. PURSLEY

Director, Mbeya Mission, Tanganyika

OUR hearts were cheered recently as Brother Brian Ellingworth of Suji Mission station and Dr. W. H. Taylor of Heri Mission Hospital were ordained, in the little Busegwe Mission church.

Pastor Duncan Eva brought to us a solemn and impressive message depicting the gravity of the times and man's highest calling—and the need for deep and earnest heart-searching prior to acceptance into holy, consecrated service.

The dedicatory prayer by Pastor J. D. Harcombe invoked God's richest blessing upon their service. The charge given by Pastor E. D. Hanson left no room for faint-heartedness or vacillating but demanded steadfastness, and persevering effort at all times—even as Paul admonished Timothy "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Then at eventide you can say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

The entire congregation seemed moved as one to a deeper consecration as the two young men dedicated their lives to higher and wider service for their Master.



Sisters M. Pitchford and O. Carlyle demonstrating TRU-FOODS at Gretermans, Johannesburg.

Africa Receives Largest Sabbath-school Offering Overflow

WE have just received word from the treasurer of the General Conference regarding the 13th Sabbath Offering overflow for the fourth quarter of 1956. The offering amounted to \$68,310.70. (£24,396 13 6). This is the largest overflow in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. We are profoundly grateful for the liberality of our faithful members throughout the world. And we rejoice that the Southern African Division is the recipient of this splendid offering.

The great challenge of evangelism which Africa presents, captures the interest and imagination of our workers

and believers everywhere. We must not fail in meeting the unprecedented opportunities for the advancement of our mission work here in Africa.

As was previously voted, this overflow will be used to build African workers' houses in strategic areas. We recognize this as a most worthy project. We regret it will be impossible to erect all the houses that are urgently needed but we will endeavour to stretch the funds to the limit to bring happiness to as many of our African pastors and evangelists as possible.

R. S. WATTS.

Meet Our Literature-Evangelists



E. C. BEYLEVELD

My father has been a Seventh-day Adventist since he was 16 years old. He learned the truth from his uncle, Brother Gert Scholtz who was one of the early pioneers of our Church. My mother was opposed to the truth and it made matters extremely difficult for us as children. But when Pastor Hiten came and held an effort here, nearly all of us accepted the truth—my mother, a brother, a sister and I. I was 18 years old when I was baptized in this little

church that was erected by Brothers Wessels and Van Druten.

I have never done this kind of work before—first of all my children were too young, the youngest is only eleven years old now—and later I lost my husband. Now I am alone. I have been working as colporteur now for approximately three years.

As regards my experiences, I can only say that I enjoy my work, and I would like to encourage all my fellow-workers with these words: "There is nothing better than to work for the Lord, and there is nothing that affords me so much pleasure and happiness. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 11:30; "He that winneth souls is wise."

I have experienced days when no orders will come in, and yet at other times I have received twenty orders from the hospital without showing one book. I enjoy the co-operation of the hospital. *The Modern Medical Counsellor* is a prescribed book for all the nurses. I also enjoy the co-operation of the public. They all tell me that these books are the most beautiful that they have ever seen, and the contents are par excellence.

The Unchanging Standard

KENNETH H. WOOD

In a world where change is the norm, it is reassuring to know that some things do not change. One such object is a bar of platinum-iridium alloy exactly one meter long at the Bureau of Standards in Washington D.C. This bar is the national standard of length. Without it Americans would have no absolute criterion by which they could check secondary standards of length.

The alloy of this meter bar is worth about \$10,000, but its true value can scarcely be estimated. Ordinarily it is kept locked in a vault with the standard kilogram, which serves as the national standard of weights. The standard kilogram enables us to feel that we are receiving full value whether we are weighing five pounds of sugar at the grocery store or weighing our tonnage on the bathroom scales. In addition to the meter bar and the kilogram, the Bureau has custody of about seven hundred other standards.

Last fall the meter bar went for a long ride—all the way to Paris, France.

For its journey, it was first placed in a cylindrical wooden container. This was then put in a black metal cylinder, which in turn was packed in a rectangular box. It was carried by Dr. Lewis V. Judson, director of the National Bureau of Standards. Purpose of the journey? To check the bar against the international standard. This was only the third time in sixty-five years that such a check had been made. It was found to be unchanged.

There are other things that have not changed. Two and two still make four. They always have. They always will. The rise and fall of dictators cannot change this. The use of calculating machines cannot alter it. And even if mankind should be entirely annihilated in one atomic holocaust, two and two would still make four.

Thus also it is with the law of God, the great moral standard. Prophecy indicated that the Papacy would "think to change times and laws," (Dan. 7:25) but the very wording indicates that it could not succeed. It would only "think" to. It might just as well try to get five by adding two and two.

Jesus said, "Till heaven and earth

pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law." Matt. 5:18. Here He declared that the great standard of truth is as permanent as the heavenly bodies. As long as we see the sun shining in the heavens, as long as we feel the solid ground beneath our feet, we have ample witness that the law of God has not been suspended, changed or destroyed.

Those who have tried to change it have perhaps little understood the seriousness of their attempt. "The law of the Lord is perfect." Ps. 19:7. If a thing is perfect, it cannot be improved. It is the ultimate. It is the standard by which all others are to be measured. Any change or variation is, therefore, evil. And if it is evil, the devil is its author.

Likewise we believe that all,—even ecclesiastics—who declare that God's law has been done away with, little understand the course that they are pursuing. They do not discern the terrible results of such preaching. If God's law is gone, there is no standard by which to measure the justice of human laws. If there is no supreme moral code, why should not people kill, steal, and commit adultery?

Moreover, if Christ's death on the cross destroyed His law, then His sacrifice was unnecessary, for this would have proved that it was possible for the law to be changed or done away with. "If the law of God could have been changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have suffered the consequences of our transgression."—*The Desire of Ages* (1940), pp. 307, 308. "It was because the law was changeless, because man could be saved only through obedience to its precepts, that Jesus was lifted up on the cross."—*Ibid.* p. 763.

Does Adventist doctrine concerning the perpetuity of the law tend to minimize the importance of Christ's sacrifice, as some of our critics charge? The answer is plain: It does not. Instead it makes the death of Jesus an absolute necessity in the plan to save man. It shows that without the atoning blood of Jesus each of us would have to bear the penalty of our own lawbreaking. We would thus be destroyed. Our teaching concerning the law proves that our only hope is Jesus.

Like the unchanging law that He came to reveal, "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8. How wonderful it is to know that our Mediator never changes. Though all else may change, He will not. He loves us with an everlasting love and "ever liveth to make intercession" for us. Heb. 7:25.—*Review and Herald*.

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OUTSTRETCHED HANDS

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These students come from rural areas where there is little industry and where their finances are insufficient to pay their way at a school where cash is required.

We are working against great odds to provide for these earnest and consecrated, God-fearing youth a means of securing Christian education. Will you help us find that way? May God bless you as you dip deeply into your purses on thirteenth Sabbath.

Winner of Title Contest

THE prize for the accepted title for the new book to be published by the Sentinel Publishing Company during 1957 has been awarded to:

Mrs. A. C. Stuart,
61 St. Marks Road,
EAST LONDON, C.P.

The winning title selected by the committee is: "I MUST KNOW".

Congratulations to Mrs. Stuart to whom a cheque for £5. 5. 0. has been posted.

Hither and Yon

HENRI PIETER arrived to bless the home of Brother and Sister J. H. Smuts of Ranen Mission Station on April 5.

Weddings

MISS JOEY KNOETZE, for many years a Bible Instructor in the Natal-Transvaal Conference, was married to Mr. Koos Neuhoff of Benoni on April 7.

MISS ESTELLE JOAN HAREBOTTLE of Salisbury and Mr. John Michael Stephenson of East London were married in the Salisbury Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 7, 1957.

Brother and Sister Stephenson are going to Rweze Mission Station, Headquarters of the North Congo Mission. Brother Stephenson will be assistant mission director.

Clippings from Tell

"ON January 29 Leonard Robinson, Adventist missionary from the Belgian Congo, appeared on one of the choicest spots on television.

"Dressed in an authentic witch doctor's costume, Pastor Robinson told Dave Garroway, MC of the television programme 'Today,' of the power of the gospel to transform even devil-worshipping witch doctors into ordained ministers of Jesus Christ." It was estimated that approximately 15,000,000 viewers were watching this telecast.

Pastor Robinson was scheduled to appear on other networks of television, and African music recorded by Hume and Alice Siwundhla would be featured on the week-end radio programme.

Book Review

The Lisbon Earthquake, Kendrick, T. D. Methuen & Co., London. 170 pp., illustrated, bibliography, index. 23/-

THIS book by Sir Thomas Kendrick, director of the British Museum is a timely one for Adventist preachers. Two hundred years of progress in knowledge and intellectual scepticism since the Lisbon Earthquake sometimes makes it a little difficult to persuade people that the catastrophe was indeed a milestone in prophecy. This book supplies abundant material about the profound effect the earthquake had upon the masses generally and particularly upon the intellectuals of the age.

While the author gives a careful statement of objective facts about the earthquake itself, the extent of the damage, and the measures take by the dictator

Pombal to deal with the situation, his main theme is its influence upon the religious, scientific, and philosophical opinions of the age.

The opening chapter entitled simply "London, 1750" records the state of mind that minor earthquakes had produced—the attitude of preachers, the talk of false prophets, the great London exodus (a third of the population fled), and the scoffers ("some ladies of Westminster were . . . 'so deliberately, so ludicrously profane in these awful judgments' as to send each other invitations to earthquake parties").

The author spends just two chapters on the earthquake itself and points out that to a large section of the Protestant world Lisbon stood for three things: "wealth, the inquisition, and the worship of images. . . ." To the Catholics the earthquake was a judgment of God against the people of Lisbon because they were not good Catholics.

The last five chapters deal with the results of the earthquake upon Europe as a whole. First of all in Portugal, then in France and Germany and finally in England.

A serious perusal of this book leaves one with the impression, as the publishers point out, that the "destruction of Lisbon so profoundly shocked the relevant civilized world that the catastrophe may be compared with the fall of Rome in the fifth century".

The book provides valuable background material to the sermon quotations given in *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, vol. II, pages 674-677, and gives a complete review of the same material presented by Daniel Walther in October (1956) *Ministry*.

Sunset Calendar for June, 1957

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	5.44	5.44	5.44	5.47
Johannesburg	5.24	5.25	5.26	5.28
East London	5.09	5.09	5.09	5.12
Port Elizabeth	5.16	5.16	5.16	5.19
Bloemfontein	5.25	5.25	5.26	5.28
Pietermaritzburg	5.08	5.08	5.09	5.11
Durban	5.04	5.04	5.05	5.07
Bulawayo	5.33	5.34	5.35	5.37
Gwelo	5.29	5.30	5.31	5.33
Salisbury	5.26	5.26	5.28	5.30
Blantyre	5.15	5.16	5.17	5.20
Elisabethville	5.54	5.55	5.56	5.59
Nairobi	6.34	6.35	6.37	6.39
Mombasa	6.16	6.16	6.18	6.21
Kisumu	6.45	6.46	6.48	6.49
Kampala	6.52	6.53	6.55	6.56
Dar-es-Salaam	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.19
Tabora	6.42	6.43	6.44	6.46