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The DELIVERANCE of the SAINTS



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WHATEVER the crises of the closing events in the great controversy, we are assured that "Thy people shall be delivered." Dan. 12:1. Let us observe some of the counsel from the Word of God and from the Spirit of prophecy.

The Lord has through the years earnestly counselled His people concerning the trials to be experienced during the time of trouble. Besides the general counsel in such passages as Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, we have explicit direction:

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

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Rev. 16:15.

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing,' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that prepa-

ration necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence."—*Early Writings*, p. 71.

"He [Satan] is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Anti-Christ is to perform his marvellous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true, that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested. . . .

"To every soul will come the searching test, Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand. Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable Word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defence of the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus?"—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 593, 594.

The experience of God's people, as we have already seen, is called the time of Jacob's trouble. It is a time of intense trial and testing for the people of God.

"A refusal to obey the commandments of God, and a determination to cherish hatred against those who proclaim these commandments, leads to the most determined war on the part of the dragon, whose whole energies are brought to bear against the commandment-keeping people of God. 'He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive the mark in their right hand, or in their forehead: that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.' Revelation 13:16, 17."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 117.

"God's people will be surrounded by enemies who are bent upon their destruction."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 619.

The Scriptures forecast the time when the boycott will be imposed, when none without the mark of the beast will be able to buy or sell (Rev. 13:17). They tell also of the passing of the death decree for all who will not yield to the demands of apostasy (see Rev. 13:15).

"When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honour the law of God, there

will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof."—*Ibid.*, p. 635.

"The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress described by the prophet as the time of Jacob's trouble."—*Ibid.*, p. 616.

"As Satan accuses the people of God . . . , the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested."—*Ibid.*, p. 618.

"Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is, 'I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 620.

THE ASSURANCE OF DELIVERANCE

But God does not forsake His trusting children. He declares: "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world." Rev. 3:10.

"As the wrestling ones urge their petitions before God, the veil separating them from the unseen seems almost withdrawn. The heavens glow with the dawning of eternal day, and like the melody of angel songs, the words fall upon the ear, 'Stand fast to your allegiance. Help is coming.'

"Christ, the almighty Victor, holds out to His weary soldiers a crown of immortal glory; and His voice comes from the gate ajar: 'Lo, I am with you. Be not afraid. I am acquainted with all your sorrows; I have borne your griefs. You are not warring against untried enemies. I have fought the battle in your behalf, and in My name you are more than conquerors.'"—*Ibid.*, pp. 632, 633.

"The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crises which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them."—*Ibid.*, p. 634.

"Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment-keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavour to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from

the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall as powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war."—*Ibid.*, p. 631.

"In the midst of the time of trouble that is coming . . . God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host cannot destroy them, for angels that excel in strength will protect them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 17.

THE FINAL VICTORY

How the saints welcome the signs of deliverance! They have held on to the promises of God. They have remembered Daniel's assurance, "Thy



THE COOLING SPRING ALONG LIFE'S WAY

Charles E. Grey

A cooling spring of living water
Bubbling up through clean white sand,
To cheer the footsore, weary traveller
Pressing onward o'er the land.

As he travels the dusty wayside,
Weary in the heat of day,
How refreshing is the shadow,
And a cooling spring along life's way.

"Come!" Thus pleads the lovely Jesus,
"Come thirsty one! Do not delay!
I am life's refreshing Fountain;
The cooling spring along life's way."



people shall be delivered." Dan. 12:1. They have called to mind Joel's comforting promise, "The Lord will be the hope of His people." Joel 3:16; they have taken heart as they have looked forward with expectation to the fulfilment of Habakkuk's prophecy that the Lord would go "forth for the salvation of Thy people." Hab. 3:13. Now the hour has come.

"It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 635.

"By the people of God, a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, 'Look up.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 636.

"It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people."—*Ibid.*

"That voice shakes the heavens and the earth."—*Ibid.*, p. 637.

"The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people."—*Ibid.*, p. 640.

"Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, 'My grace is sufficient for you.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 641.

"Amid the reeling of the earth, the flash of lightning and the roar of thunder, the voice of the Son of God calls forth the sleeping saints."—*Ibid.*, p. 644.

It is interesting in this connection to note the three resurrections that occur during the closing scenes of the great controversy. The first of these is what we have called "the special" resurrection, which takes place during the seventh plague; the next is the general resurrection of the righteous at the Saviour's Second Advent; and the last, at the close of the millennial period, when all the hosts of the wicked are called forth from the tomb.

THE SPECIAL RESURRECTION

The special resurrection is intimately connected with the voice of God, which we have been considering. At this time those who died in the faith of the third angel's message will come forth from their graves glorified; at the same time those who crucified Jesus, and those who have been violent opposers of Christ and the truth of God through the ages, will be raised to see the Son of man come in His glory. (See *The Great Controversy*, p. 637; *Early Writings*, pp. 285, 286.)

The saints who come forth in this special resurrection hear the voice of God, for they hear God's covenant of peace with His people. (*The Great Controversy*, p. 637.) Then just before the actual moment of the Second Advent of Christ the voice of God is again heard "declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming." At this time God delivers "the everlasting covenant to His people." (*Ibid.*, p. 640.)

In a little while Christ is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels; and the living righteous are changed, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." 1 Cor. 15:52. "At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air."—*Ibid.*, p. 645.

What a time of ecstasy and joy! Angels "gather the elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

"Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, never more to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the city of God."—*Ibid.*

—*Review and Herald*.

DAYS OF TRIAL FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS

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"PARENTS are the only things that children wear out more quickly than shoes!" Such was the opinion of one mother who was trying to raise several teen-age youngsters. Maybe she was right. Every home has its own peculiar problems, and no family is immune from trouble.

Every community has its quota of perplexed and worn-out parents. No wonder some folks shrink from the responsibility of a family. Times are growing more difficult for parents, especially those who live in the large cities. Only those who are faced with these problems day by day can really understand the situation. Young folks today have so many more temptations to meet. Many of these youngsters also have far too much leisure time. Unfortunately, good, hard work is not always available for teen-agers. In too many homes—even Adventist homes—honest work is scorned and avoided. This is the machine age. It is also an age of sports and clothes and flashy cars. The world has changed a great deal during the last twenty or thirty years. That is why some of the methods used by our grandparents may not always work with the young people of our day.

Bringing up a family has never been easy at any time. Today it is more difficult than ever. Some of the world's most outstanding leaders in business and professional life seem to fail miserably as parents. Is it any wonder that other people should find it a bit difficult too? But let us beware of criticizing others. It is so easy to tell others how to raise *their* youngsters, especially when we may never have had any adolescents of our own!

But parents are not the only ones who are finding the going a bit hard these days. Children and young people are having their troubles too. The world in which they are growing up is not a very dependable place. On every side there is a feeling of insecurity, a lack of confidence in the future. The prospects of war and of universal military service are very disturbing to both young men and young women. Neither can look forward to settling down to normal living. Can anyone say that they do not have a right to get a bit frustrated and impatient with their world? We who are older would react in just the

same way if we were in their place.

Let us not blame our young people for the difficult times in which they find themselves. They are not responsible for the upheavals that are coming in the world in which they have to live. They are the victims of a devilish plot to overthrow and to destroy the whole human race, just as in the days before the Flood.

Many of the sophisticated people of our age no longer accept the old, time-honoured standards of the past. For a long time large groups of social planners have been whittling away at the very foundations of civilization. The great principles for which Lincoln stood are laughed at today in some circles. So-called liberal teachers have infiltrated the universities and colleges of the world. They have re-written the textbooks and are training the present generation of youth to think that there is no such thing as *sin* any more. They are so afraid of a few inhibitions that they prefer to have young folks grow up without any definite ideas of right or wrong. It is sometimes difficult for those who have spent their lives under the protective wings of the church to realize the vast differences between the philosophies of the modern world and "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." But we *must* understand this if we are going to help our youth.

Every year the gulf widens between these liberal thinkers and those who still hold to the basic standards of the Christian church. Because of this the young people of our time are being trained to despise and to reject all authority. There is no longer any respect for the past. In many educational circles the greatest characters of history are held up to ridicule. We need not wonder that Paul described our day as a time when young folks would be "*disobedient* to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection."

The real question is, How are we as parents going to help our young people meet this situation in which they find themselves? They cannot help absorbing some of these foolish notions. We can never help our young people by criticizing them, nor by making unfavourable comparisons between the present and the "good old

days." Some of those days were a long way from perfect. Our young folks need intelligent and spiritual leadership. They need parents and friends who can be patient with them. They need older associates who can tactfully guide them away from all evil philosophies of our age. They need kindness and understanding, not pessimistic criticism.

NO RULE FOR EVERY CASE

In handling young people it is well to realize that there are no rules that fit every case, not even among members of the same family. Methods that may succeed with one may completely fail with another. Every young person must be treated individually. Regardless of whether children of the same family may look alike, their personalities may be vastly different. Even identical twins may be quite opposite in nature. Every parent should spend enough time with each child to know his real needs and to help him as an individual. Remember, standard rules of training are bound to fail, for the human spirit refuses to be regimented.

To be a good parent requires much tact and self-control. All too often we blunder along, making enemies of our children, simply because we are ignorant of the basic principles of family life. Jesus came to reveal the very nature of God, not as a stern disciplinarian, but as a loving Father. We may drive our children until they hate us, or we may so fill their lives with love that they are ours forever.

AVOID FAMILY FAVOURITISM

Some parents never seem to grow up. They just want to remain foolish adolescents all their lives. Some of them are silly, and lovesick, and immature, and their children grow up to despise them. Other parents seem to resent the presence of children in the home. They become jealous of each other and of the children. In their desire to have the predominant position in the home, they may force a young child to chose a favourite parent. Such actions are cruel to children. No youngster should ever have to choose between his father and his mother. Both should be equally dear to him, and one should complement the other. It is morally wrong to force a young child to make such a choice, even in fun. What may appear as rather amusing to an adult may have serious consequences in the mind of an adolescent or a child. The Master said, "Take heed that ye des-

rise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10.

Who can measure the pain and sorrow in the hearts of millions today because of broken homes? Every town, almost every street, has its sorrowing hearts that bleed. It is not the husbands and wives who suffer so much. Their situation is bad enough. But it is the children who suffer, and the younger they are the worse the tragedy. Too many within our own church tend to consider the marriage vows as something that can be set aside at will. Selfishness on the part of one or both parents is usually responsible for any broken home. O that God would help us to give more and demand less! We realize that some divorces are inevitable, and are Scripturally permitted. But a great many homes now going on the rocks could be saved by intelligent help from some doctor or minister who knows how to deal with personal problems.

There are no ideal mates this side of heaven. The person who thinks the pastures look greener on some other hill is only fooling himself. Breaking up one's home for someone else will never bring a person anything but the deepest sense of guilt, whether he be an Adventist or an agnostic. Every doctor meets these disillusioned people, most of whom have acted on the impulse of the moment. They are sick in body and in mind, secretly wishing they could live their lives over again. It never pays to break the divine laws.

STATE OF MIND AFFECTS HEALTH

Several years ago an ambulance rushed to one of our hospitals with a man who was almost dead from a bleeding peptic ulcer. For weeks he hovered between life and death. He was given many blood transfusions. His recovery was very slow and painful. But every day he seemed to be more unhappy—as if he carried a deep sense of guilt. He occupied a very responsible position in the Federal Government. Senators held him in high esteem, but he was a desperately unhappy man.

Some years before his illness his home had been broken up. It was largely his own fault, but not entirely. After a bitter quarrel his wife and young son moved out. Another woman moved in. Much gaiety and high

living followed. He tried to drown his grief in liquor, and to burn up his past with chain smoking. For some time he put on a cheery front, trying to convince the world that he was happy. But in his quiet moments he was utterly miserable. He dared not give himself too much time to think.

Secretly he longed for his old home and his boy, but his pride prevented him from inviting his wife and son back. Now his inner conflict was

crushing him. He began to fail in his work. The strain of constant unhappiness was too much for him. He had a deep sense of the wrong he had done. But he could not bring himself to acknowledge it. Gnawing pains developed in his abdomen, and he steadily went downhill.

Then the bleeding began, just a little at first. At times he made a partial recovery. At other times he was
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ENDURING TREASURE

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WE WERE nearing an ancient city of Southern Europe. One of our brethren reminded us that since the city would be packed with people who had gathered for a special celebration, we must be particularly careful of our possessions—cameras, luggage, and especially money.

After we had checked into our hotel rooms we learned that a dignity of the established church was to make a speech that afternoon. We had just enough time to go and hear him and return before our opening meeting.

Thousands of pilgrims and sight-seers were crowded closely together in the open plaza. We managed to worm our way in, and got a fairly good place.

After the speech we made our way out of the great crowd, and entered a restaurant, where we ordered a good dinner. When the waiter came for his money, my host discovered that his purse had disappeared! Close examination of his coat showed that the bottom of the pocket had been skilfully slit with a razor blade.

It was a hard experience, but it did not dampen our brother's faith or courage. When I met him the next morning he could still smile. Everything was not lost, for he still had treasures that no one could steal. He was in possession of spiritual treasure that is worth more than silver or gold.

This experience made me think of the Bible account of Mary and Martha. Mary, you will remember, had treasure that Martha lacked in some degree. Said the Saviour, "But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42.

Jesus is youth's greatest Friend, and nothing causes the heart of our Master to rejoice more than when a young person takes a few moments of time every day to sit at His feet and gather treasures that cannot be taken away. Mary was just such a young person. She had her problems, and instead of trying to work them all out alone, she brought them to Jesus.

I like to imagine Mary waiting till Martha went out into the kitchen to prepare a meal for Jesus. Then when she was alone with Him she sat down at His feet to have a little talk. No doubt she had many burdens on her young heart. We don't know what she talked to Jesus about, but it is likely that her problems were similar in some respects to those that youth must face today.

Mary was gathering treasures as she sat at Jesus' feet. And we know that Jesus gave Mary good advice on every subject, whether it concerned her home, her future work, or her personal spiritual life. And when Jesus answered her eager questions, He no doubt dropped many gems of thought that, had Mary written a book, would have been helpful to youth till the end of time.

Dear young people, are you sitting at the feet of Jesus every day, listening to His voice, asking His blessing, and trusting Him to lead and guide you in your life's journey? If you are, you are gathering to yourselves treasures that cannot be stolen, and you will avoid the heartaches and disappointments that the world has to offer. Be sure you choose that treasure in Christ that will be yours both here and in eternity.—*Review and Herald.*

A HIGH public official recently told the story of a worker in a state-owned warehouse who developed the peculiar habit of trundling home a load of straw in his wheelbarrow every evening.

This aroused the curiosity of the guards, who diligently searched through the straw each day, thinking the worker was hiding stolen property in it. They could find nothing. Each day the worker repeated the same performance, and each day the guards searched fruitlessly through the straw.

Finally the captain of the guard could endure it no longer. He called the worker aside one day and promised him protection if he would only satisfy his curiosity. "Please tell me what it is you are hiding in the straw," he pleaded.

"Nothing, nothing at all," the worker insisted.

"Then what is it you are stealing from the warehouse?" the officer demanded.

With an impish grin the worker whispered, "Wheelbarrows."

He had been distracting the guards with the cleverly arranged load of straw while actually he was walking away with a different wheelbarrow each evening.

There is a little moral to this story that means a great deal to Adventist youth.

Never in history has so great a destiny loomed before young people. Really tremendous events are forecast by almost everyone who knows the trends of the times. Adventists are doubtless more keenly aware of this than most people, and today's Adventist young people will share heavily in those events.

Our youth ever should be on guard lest Satan distract their attention by various devices while he steals their character and makes them unfitted to do the work God has called them to do.

Consider entertainment, for example. Preparation for tomorrow's great responsibilities cannot be had by frittering away today's hours on entertainments slanted to the lower motives of the multitude, for the multitude is never prepared for such responsibility. The multitude is always led, and the leaders are the comparative few who have devoted their energies to observing and participating in those things that contribute to strength of character.

In the newspapers and magazines we frequently read the despairing comments of men of culture who

PREPARING FOR DESTINY

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wonder where the race is headed if men and women continue to dissipate their mental energies on that which is low or foolish. If responsible men of the world despise some of these entertainments, how much more should Adventist young people, approaching days of crisis, shun them.

The same principles hold true in personal associations. At all ages, but especially when we are young, we like to stay with the "gang." We dislike being conspicuous, we want to be good sports, so we often follow along even when we know the group is in the wrong.

But common sense tells us that it is not the crowd that moves the world. In fact, many of the greatest movers of the world have gone completely

against the multitude; other great men have inspired or led it.

You are in the stage of life that tells for eternity. It is the formative stage. Your ideals, personality, character, are being shaped by many influences. If you would live as a person of strength, a man among men, you must regard yourself as a valuable investment, making every experience, every moment, contribute something to your development.

This certainly does not mean that you must become bookish or feverishly busy. Time is of the essence in preparing for tomorrow. But there is meditation; that cannot be done hurriedly. There is spiritual development; that cannot be done on schedule. There is even entertainment, a necessity for well-rounded growth. A person must laugh and he must weep; he must learn to feel as well as know. He needs properly developed emotions as well as skills.

But the basic requisite for steady growth is an unchanging state of mind that demands recreation, study, and association that measures up to the highest standards of mind and heart. Within this we can all experience the best range of joy, pleasure, and satisfaction. Above all, we can, through Jesus Christ, have the blessing of God and be used by Him for great purposes.

Adventist youth today must keep ever before themselves that which is ennobling, that which is greater than themselves. They should hold up as their ideal the One who is the Source of all noble impulses, Jesus Christ. He was not an experience beyond our capacity to understand and appreciate and share. He was a man of grace, tact, dignity, wisdom, and power; a man who could lift up the mind of one man in a midnight conversation or sway a multitude.

He sensibly combined diligent study, joyful recreation, sober meditation, and prayer. He had clear-cut objectives, a sense of destiny. He eliminated every distracting influence or activity, avoided every misleading by-road that would deter him from reaching those objectives and fulfilling that destiny.

You, of this generation of Adventist youth, are also called to a great destiny. Upon you the ends of the world are come. Do not be distracted by the straw of trifling and foolish amusements and associations. Do not give Satan the opportunity to steal away the golden moments that can lead to a fuller life of joy and service—today and tomorrow.—*Review and Herald.*

Cables from the General Conference in session at San Francisco just received announce the following appointments:

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THE DANGER OF DELAY

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“**B**LESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy has begotten us anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by God’s power through your faith for a salvation that is ready to be unveiled at the end of the world.” 1 Peter 1:3-5, Weymouth.

It is more and more evident to all of us that we are nearing the close of probationary time; and it is certainly true, that as we near the close of the world’s history, we will either advance more rapidly in Christian growth and experience, or we will decidedly retrograde.

Let us all examine ourselves with reference to our progress in successful Christian living. Is it rapid advance we are making or decided retrogression? The answer to this heart-searching question may determine our whole future course, and indeed our eternal destiny.

In a previous article we considered the change of life that comes at conversion, the exchange of our past life of sin for “the righteousness of Christ, His own unblemished character that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour.”—*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 310. We considered also, very briefly, the assurance of future salvation for those who are faithful. As stated in the text already quoted, the “salvation that is ready to be unveiled at the end of the world” is for those “who are kept by God’s power” through faith. So it is crystal clear that our future salvation depends on our being saved, here and now, not only from the guilt and penalty for past sin, but from its pollution and power. We are often admonished to keep our sins forgiven, an admonition which is certainly proper, and Biblical. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive.” 1 John 1:9. “If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.” 1 John 2:1. But is it God’s plan that we keep on sinning and confessing, and never come to the place where we can live above known and voluntary sin? No, indeed,

God’s purpose is expressed in the first part of 1 John 2:1: “My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not.” Jesus told the poor penitent sinner: “Go, and sin no more.” John 8:11. Doubtless most of us would have to confess to vacillating experiences in this matter. But is that necessary? Sad to say, in our weakness and lack of faith, we sometimes feel that this is the only way.

The leader of one of the offshoots from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who claims to speak by divine inspiration, teaches that it is impossible, under present conditions, to keep from sinning; that God’s

people cannot live above sin until they are sealed, and taken to Palestine, as citizens of a so-called Kingdom of David. He writes as follows:

“When the saints get to the Promised Land, then the sin-indulgent heart, the stony heart, is taken away and a heart of righteous desires, a fleshly heart, is given. No longer will God’s people fight temptations from within in order to do righteousness. To them, in the period of the fleshly heart, it will be natural to do righteousness, whereas now, during the period of the stony heart, it is natural to do unrighteousness.”

“When does this take place? After God takes His saints ‘from among the heathen’ ‘out of all countries’ and brings them into their own land.”—*Timely Greetings*, Vol. 2, No. 42, p. 36; Vol. 2, No. 44, pp. 45, 46.

Such teaching denies the promises of God to save us from sinning, and vitiates the whole plan of salvation.

THE HAND OF GOD

A. E. RAWSON

A RECENT letter from Mr. Paul Wickman, contains a news item which is of real interest to all church members.

Mr. Wickman writes:

“We have had a thrilling experience in working with Penny Edwards, the movie star, and her husband, Ralph Winters. Recently the headlines in the newspapers throughout the world told of her accepting the truth in answer to her prayers. We are putting them on our Voice of Prophecy broadcasts this coming Sunday. She has given a wonderful testimony, and I am enclosing a true copy of her story as she gave it over the air. The coast-to-coast testimony for the Lord could not be said by anyone else, and certainly it should startle the world and alarm the enemy.”

The following is Penny Edwards’ testimony as given over the air during one of Elder H. M. S. Richards’ broadcasts.

“One afternoon while I was resting in bed I had a wonderful, glorious feeling of love and happiness. I sat up and the room seemed filled with this feeling. I had a strong desire to read the Bible. With prayer I found truths in the Bible that I’d never known before. For instance, when I came to the Ten Commandments in

Exodus 20 I found that the fourth commandment said the seventh-day was the Sabbath—the seventh-day is Saturday—and I wondered why everyone obeyed the other nine commandments and disregarded this one.

“I found that when you die you’re asleep in the grave until the resurrection. I also found that we are supposed to be buried with Christ in baptism, that is by immersion, when we reach the age of reason; and many other things.

“I prayed that my husband would get interested, and the very next day he started reading also. We prayed for guidance and the Lord led us to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where we found that they believe the Bible and the Bible only, and that the Bible is of no private interpretation.

“We believe that the Lord is going to return soon to gather up His saints, and we want to be ready, don’t you? It’s the first time we’ve had real security and happiness. In the future I wish to devote my life to the service of others in any way that God directs.”

God is working upon the hearts of men and women. Truly He is finishing His work. Yes, friends, God stands in the shadows keeping watch above His own.

And yet those who follow this teaching claim to believe the Spirit of prophecy as manifested through Ellen G. White, and to be conducting a spiritual revival and reformation in behalf of the Remnant Church.

This false teaching is based on a wrong interpretation of the thirty-sixth chapter of Ezekiel. In *The Desire of Ages*, page 174, Mrs. White, discussing the interview between Christ and Nicodemus, says: "There was no excuse for the blindness of Israel in regard to the work of regeneration." And as one proof of this, she quotes Ezekiel 36:26, 27, as follows: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes."—*Ibid.*

It is absolutely clear from this statement, and many others that might be given from the Spirit of prophecy and the Bible, that the promises of a "heart of flesh" in exchange for "the stony heart" applied to Israel, and apply to all people as long as there are souls to be saved.

To apply these precious promises only to Christians who live near the end of time and who are already sealed, and living in a pre-millennial Kingdom of David, in Palestine, beyond temptation, is to make mockery of the glorious promise that Christ "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Heb. 7:25.

THE HOW OF VICTORIOUS LIVING

In contrast to such un-Scriptural and un-Christian teaching, note the following statements from *The Desire of Ages*, page 311:

"The plan of redemption contemplates our complete recovery from the power of Satan. . . . The tempter's agency is not to be accounted an excuse for one wrong act. . . . There is no excuse for sinning. A holy temper, a Christlike life, is accessible to every repenting, believing child of God."

Whenever or wherever children of God repent and believe, they can have a life like that of the sinless Son of God. And God has told us how we can live such a life.

"The life that Christ lived in this world, men and women can live through His power and under His instruction. In their conflict with Satan they may have all the help He had. They may be more than conquerors through Him who loved them

and gave Himself for them. The lives of professing Christians who do not live the Christ life are a mockery to religion."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 22.

Then is it not contrary to sound doctrine to believe and teach that our stony hearts will not be exchanged for hearts of flesh till all have reached a certain moral state?

But why multiply statements from the Bible or the Spirit of prophecy? Surely every Bible-believing child of God must know that Christ "gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world." Gal. 1:4. The teaching that the day of complete deliverance from the power of sin must be postponed to a time when we are to be taken "from among the heathen" "out of all coun-

tries" and brought to a perfect kingdom in Palestine, where "no longer will God's people fight temptations from within in order to do righteousness," is one of the most deceptive of all last-day delusions. How Satan would delight to have us accept this teaching that we cannot live victorious lives while living among sinners, with manifold temptations surrounding us on every side.

However, this teaching is so glaringly un-Biblical that, when understood, it has no attraction for Seventh-day Adventists. Our greatest danger is that, while professing to believe in present salvation from sin, we fail to lay hold of it by living faith and continuous surrender of our wills to God.—*Review and Herald*.

"GO TO THE ANT"

O. A. SKAU

MANY have been directed to a study of the ant because of the statement in the Bible, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard." Proverbs 6:6. The outcome of these studies has generally been an admonition that we should be as industrious as the ant. We also learned the lessons of co-operation, organization, and team work, but I had never thought of "Ants' Evangelism" till I ran across a poem by an old school mate of mine—Adlai Esteb.

In these days of a strong emphasis on evangelism, I feel we should have this poem before us. This is an excellent object lesson for our evangelists and it certainly has in it a strong appeal for a laymen's movement. May we follow the example of the ant and share our joys and sorrows, our message and all with our friends and neighbours. Carefully note the story.

"There's a story I've been hearing
With a lesson that's most cheering,
And I'm sure that you will want to
hear it, too.

Well, a man was eating pastry—
And it must have been quite tasty,
When he thought of something he
would like to do.

"He was sitting at his table
Eating all that he was able
When he spied a little ant upon the
floor.

Placing ant upon his pastry—
Which he'd thought was very tasty

He was shocked to see the ant would
eat no more.

"But instead he left the table,
Ran as fast as he was able,
Down the legs and then he raced
across the floor.

So the man gave close inspection
And he followed the direction.
As he saw the ant rush through the
open door.

"On the street the ant found
others—
I don't know if friends or
brothers—

But what he said just seemed to thrill
them all.

And not one made an indictment,
Every ant with great excitement
Turned to follow him in answer to his
call.

"He led them to that table
Where they ate all they were able,
And the man stood by inspired by
what he'd seen,
As he thought of all his neighbours
And how circumscribed his
labours,
He was shamed to be so selfish and
so mean.

"We believe the gospel story
And we long for heaven's glory;
Let the world behold our hope to us
is real.

And the message will grow sweeter
And our feet will be much fleetier
When we get the ant's evangelistic
zeal."

—ADLAI ESTEB

SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION*President:* O. O. Mattison*Secretary:* I. K. Moses*Treasurer:* D. O. Calkins*Office Address:* 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore**SOUTH INDIA HOLDS YOUTH CONVENTION**

O. S. MATTHEWS

ANOTHER thrilling page has been added to the already glorious history of the Missionary Volunteer work in South India, when four hundred eager, enthusiastic and happy youth gathered at Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, for five days of music, study and spiritual refreshing. What a thrilling sight it was to see these Adventist youth representing six local missions, and over seventy local societies come together with the one earnest purpose of giving "the Advent message to all the world in this generation."

The opening meeting was held on the night of March 19. The large auditorium approximately 85 feet long and 50 feet wide, erected on the school playground, just in front of the boys' dormitory, was filled to capacity with scores of people trying to find vantage points on the outer edges of the shamyana. Never before in the history of South India had so many Adventist youth met together. The first "singspiration" of the Convention was conducted by Pastor E. L. Sorenson, and what a joy it was to hear those hundreds of voices sing many of the familiar and beautiful gospel songs and choruses loved by young people the world around. Then came the theme song of the Convention—"I'll Share My Faith." As it was sung over and over again, the message went deeper and deeper until it became the very heart-beat of the Convention. This gripping song, with the full assurance that fellow-youth throughout the world felt the same warm surge of life imparted by sharing their faith, prepared the audience for the challenging message of Pastor J. A. Crews. In his portrayal of the trial of Christ and the decision of Pilate during the trial, the question was driven home to every heart—"What will ye do with Jesus?" As the speaker came to the climax of his appeal, the male quartette began to sing softly in the background "Why Not Now." In spontaneous response the young

people left their seats and streamed down the aisles to the front of the platform to signify their complete surrender to the Saviour. At that moment it seemed that heaven had come very close to earth, and while every head was bowed Pastor O. O. Mattison sealed their consecration by prayer.

Saturday night 7:30. How quick time seemed to go by that Sabbath! Following supper the delegates reassembled in the auditorium for the official opening of the Youth Convention. Wonderful sight! Hundreds of Adventist youth were there as representatives of their societies. At last the hour for which we had so long planned and prepared and waited for, arrived. What a thrill it was to hear those youthful voices unite in singing the theme song "I'll Share My Faith." Every item of the song service that followed under the direction of Pastor J. A. Crews was rousing rendered. Exactly at 7:30 the brethren were seen ascending the platform, and one was able to discern the familiar faces of Youth leaders of the Union. Following the usual preliminaries, Pastor R. S. Lowry declared the Convention open.

Then began the march of the delegates, another thrilling phase of the night's programme. As the roll was called delegates representing six local missions and seventy societies marched past led by their Young People's secretary. They came bearing shiny satin banners of every colour representing youth from Waltair, in the North, to Cape Comorin, in the South, from Nuzvid and Secunderabad in the Telugu fields, from Madras and Prakasapuram in the Tamil fields, from beautiful Kottarakara in the Malayalam field, and scores of other places in this vast Union field.

Pastor O. O. Mattison spoke a few words of welcome to the delegates and wished them all a pleasant and profitable stay. Then Pastor R. S. Lowry took his place at the speaker's desk. He challenged the young people to a deeper consecration and to a renewed effort in sharing their faith, in view of the lateness of the hour.

The five days that followed were

packed full to the brim from the early Morning Watch service to the last meeting of the evening. Every service, throughout the Convention, was highlighted by special music, both vocal and instrumental.

Each morning soul-winning workshops were conducted. Demonstrations were given showing how Adventist youth can share their faith, by film strips, Bible studies, literature bombs and many other ways. It may be expected that the influence of these workshops will be felt in a very definite way throughout South India. Following the workshop hour, devotional meetings were conducted each day at 11:00 o'clock, at which time the best youth speakers addressed the congregation.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to Pathfinder Clubs—directed by Pastor Lowry. Pathfinders from all our Pathfinder Societies came on to the platform and thrilled the audience with their array of demonstrations. They raised the flag, showed how to deal with victims of electric shock, signalled with flags, tied knots and pitched camp. Many in the audience were amazed to learn what a wide variety of interesting and worthwhile activities the Pathfinder Clubs offer the ten-to-fifteen-year-olds and older ones as well, to keep their minds from wandering upon forbidden amusements.

On Monday afternoon a Temperance programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Pastor Chad B. Israel, Temperance secretary for Southern Asia. The six finalists in the oratorical contest gave their speeches with all the zeal and inspiration possible. The unanimous decision of the judges brought the first prize to Miss Mariamma Kurian, a tenth standard student of the Kottarakara High School. Congratulating the winners, Mr. N. S. Hirannayya, Minister for Local Self Government of the Mysore State, spoke in appreciative terms of the work being done by the Temperance Society, and suggested that greater publicity should be given to this type of good work. The Youth Convention gave a fresh impetus to the cause of Temperance in South India, and as a result young people will share their faith by "Voice and Pen and Vote" to fight this evil.

A specially prepared Voice of Prophecy programme, with greetings to the youth of South India, was broadcast from Radio Ceylon on Sunday morning. The Voice of Prophecy broadcasts thirteen times each week—eleven times over Radio Ceylon and

twice over Radio Burma. On Monday afternoon the Malayalam Branch School was opened by Pastor A. E. Rawson. This is another important milestone in the Voice of Prophecy work in South India.

On Sunday afternoon "Campus News"—under the direction of Pastors Lowry and H. H. Mattison—brought several Adventist youth to the microphone to be interviewed in one of the most challenging and thought-provoking programmes of the Convention. It was inspiring to hear these young people tell of the joys of attending a Seventh-day Adventist school. As the testimonies of these young people carried over to the remotest corners of the auditorium, one central thought was brought home to each heart—the finest place on earth for any Adventist young person is a Seventh-day Adventist school.

On one night a thrilling panorama of the progress of the work in South India was presented. The different local missions were represented by delegates dressed in costumes appropriate for the times depicted.

There was no session on Tuesday afternoon. Everyone who wished to see the sights of beautiful Bangalore went out on the excursion tour organized by Brother M. S. Moses. Six new forty-seater buses were hired from the Mysore Government Road Transport Company for the occasion, and from the many and varied reports it was evident that the excursion was a great success.

The Investiture Service, on Tuesday night, was the high-light of the Convention. Indeed it was the greatest Investiture ever held in South India. Eighty-six candidates were invested with pins for the various classes of work they had successfully completed. Though this investiture of such a large group of candidates was impressive, more impressive still was the ceremony of the lighted torch. In his farewell speech Pastor Mattison called upon the youth to "Hold High the Torch," bearing out the Convention slogan. At this time Pastor M. Prakasham, a veteran minister of many years' service, in company with two other veteran workers, came down the aisle of the auditorium carrying the lighted torch. Pastor Mattison stepped forward and took the torch from the hand of this aged worker, and handed it to Pastor R. S. Lowry, Division youth leader, who in turn handed it with a challenge to the union Missionary Volunteer secretary, O. S. Mattfews. An appeal was made

to the youth of South India to take the torch and never permit the light of truth to be extinguished. "Who is willing to bear the torch?" The call did not go unheeded. William and Norma Egan stepped forward and seized the blazing torch—a symbol of the Spirit of advent youth throughout the world—thereby manifesting their willingness and the willingness of their fellow youth to bear it to earth's last generation. The congregation then rose in re-dedication to the unfinished task and a prayer of consecration was offered by Pastor Sorenson.

The Convention was over; victories were won, valuable instruction received, and a wonderful inspiration gained through word, song and participation, to a more zealous and effective Christ-like ministry in the days to come.

The words of the theme song "I'll Share My Faith" were ringing in the ears of the youth as they left the auditorium determined to share their faith every day.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL, NUZVID

O. B. JONATHAN

About 10 months ago, in a baptismal service conducted on a Sabbath day, it was my privilege to ask those in attendance if there were any ready to join a baptismal class. I was planning to start from Oct. 1, 1953. About 8 people in the crowd raised their hands showing their desire to attend the class.

Beginning from Oct. 1, 1953, I conducted a baptismal class every Sabbath afternoon regularly for 3 months. The *Baptismal Manual* published in Telugu was used as a text book in the class. Since I could not teach them all the doctrine as outlined in the book, with the limited time of 12 class periods, I could not

get them ready for baptism by the end of that quarter as I planned.

Having heard that the date of baptism was postponed, two of our candidates left this place for their native places and another two stopped attending the class. But the four members you see in the picture have regularly attended the baptismal class and learnt the doctrines taught to them. According to their faith in the saving power of Lord Jesus Christ these four members took their firm stand for Jesus Christ and were baptized by Pastor I. Subhushanam on April 17, 1954 in a metal tank in front of Dr. Oliver's bungalow.

We request the TIDINGS family to remember our work in the Nuzvid Hospital in their prayers.

REPORT OF THE VOP SCHOOL (SOUTH INDIA BRANCH)

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH
1954

S. THOMAS

Applicants	1,828
Enrolees	421
Lessons sent out	19,444
Test papers received	16,424
Souvenir books sent out	664
Tracts sent out	7,866
Letters written	116
Graduates	364
Number expressing faith in Christ	197
Sabbath decisions	373
Requesting baptism	291
Contributions	Rs. 298-6
Number contributing	202

MALAYALAM SCHOOL

As many of you are aware, we were indeed happy to have the Malayalam Voice of Prophecy branch school opened at the time of the recent Youth Congress held at Krishnarajapuram in Bangalore. So



Brother O. B. Jonathan (left) and Pastor I. Subhushanam (right) with the four young people who were baptized recently at Nuzvid.

far we have received 534 application cards from the Kerala field. Over 84 people have become actual students of the Malayalam school and are getting systematic study of the message. We hope more enrolment cards would be pouring into the office from the Kerala field. We trust we would be in a position to render a good report of the Malayalam branch school for the 2nd quarter, 1954.

TESTIMONIALS

Thus far we have given reports and testimonies from our students in the North and South Tamil fields. But this time we want to make a slight change. We wish to share with you the encouraging news we have received from our students across the seas.

Iphoh: "I am herewith enclosing a postal order for Dollar 1 and six shillings. Kindly acknowledge this humble contribution for the noble mission you are carrying on for the benefit of mankind. It is very good of you to have asked the branch in Malaya to get in contact with me."

Persian Gulf: "I am greatly indebted to you for the lessons you have sent. I am herewith enclosing two rupees in order that you may send my lessons by air mail. I have also asked my sister who is in India to send you Rs. 10/- as my donation to your good work.

Singapore: "He will be sending the test papers by and by. He is working in a firm here. He is much impressed. He has bought a Bible and is studying with me." From hospital staff member.

Ceylon: "The student is much interested. He left the smoking habit after the lesson study. Please pray so that he may come out from the Muslim community. I will make frequent visits to him."—Worker.

In one place a group of people have been taking the lessons for some time, as a result of which a lively interest has been created; several expressed their desire to take baptism. An effort is being planned in that place in order to reap the harvest sown by the Tamil VOP lessons. Thank God for this good news!

TAMIL RADIO BROADCASTS

We all know that radio work and the Bible school go together. They are like twin sisters. As a result of the Tamil broadcast we are getting enrolments for the Bible school from a very good class of people.

"May I express my immense gra-

titude to your organization for the wonderful Christian programme they are putting out from Radio Ceylon. Words are inadequate to express how greatly I enjoyed the programme. I greatly admire the speeches with which the speaker simply pours out the great love of God in a remarkable manner which stirs the heart of the listeners. Once again let me express my gratitude to you as well as to Radio Ceylon."—Hindu.

"Thank God and I thank you for the beautiful services in the Radio broadcast on Sundays. I will be anxiously waiting for every Sunday to come to enjoy such a peaceful service on those evenings. It is the only programme we fully enjoy with the Radio at home."—A Christian lady.

"Yesterday we were listening to your broadcast on 'Behold Thy

Mother.' It was really thrilling to hear your voice over the radio. It was very well conducted and the presentation was just excellent."—A worker.

"Some students in the college were getting the VOP lessons. I was not interested in that. But last Sunday I heard your talk over the radio. My heart was touched and am much interested. Please send me the lessons."—Planter.

"You will be happy to know that we have bought a Radio especially to hear the VOP sermons. Some of the families here listen to your Tamil sermons. They are not only interesting but they are very inspiring. Can you not extend the time to 30 mts. instead of 15 mts.? All are very anxious to hear for a longer time. Please try your best. Dr. — with his wife are much interested in the truth."—A Lay member.

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ORISSA AWAKENS TO GOD'S CALL

H. T. BURR

THE *adivasi* tribes of Orissa presented to me a great challenge, for a large part of Orissa's population is made up of aboriginal peoples. Many of the languages of these people we do not know. However, statistics show that the district of Mayurbhanj had within its borders about 1,000,000 Santals. I had never been in this section but felt that since we had workers who could speak the language we should enter this area and see what could be done.

With this in mind, I put a request before the East India Committee and Pastor B. Kisku and Brother N. Murmu were sent to Mayurbhanj for an effort early this year. Locating at first in the town of Baripada, they were soon warned that they were not wanted. But, being of a fearless spirit, they made contact with a man in the local bazaar who soon expressed interest in their message. So at Damdarpur, a near-by village, a pandal was constructed and meetings began.

Two months later, I reached Damdarpur on an unexpected visit. How I reached there is an episode in itself. But, what I found after arriving was worth all that I went through to get there.

Arriving there about noon on Fri-

day, I began to prepare for the Friday evening service. About one hundred persons assembled to hear the Word of God. Strict attention and reverence were most noticeable. The next morning, Sabbath school was conducted beneath the spreading branches of a large mango tree. Sabbath afternoon, a meeting was held at which the shortness of time and the need of preparing to meet God was the theme. Again, the speaker had the undivided attention of those assembled.

At the close of the meeting as the people were leaving some of them testified in tears, "We have no question but that God has sent you people to us. What we are learning is sweet to our hearts. The time is short and we must get ready."

At night, Brother Murmu conducts a school for the children, but it is evident that the older ones enjoy it too. There were many adults present who have been attending the meetings of these brethren. A little after a meeting was held at the close of the school Saturday night. At this time one of the men arose and asked, "The missionary is here now. What do you want to do with these missionaries and the message which we have been hearing of late?" The head man of the village—a native—arose and said, "We have been made happy since these men have come. What they

teach us is truth. We don't know who God is nor much about Jesus Christ. But, we believe that if we surrender ourselves, His Spirit will guide us along the pathway of right which will ultimately cause us to be saved." This testimony from a poor, raw native man touched my heart.

The prospects? Today, there are four families of 15 members who are definitely planning on baptism. In addition to these there are three other families who are manifesting a definite interest. I was so impressed with the simplicity and finer instincts of life demonstrated by these people that I even investigated a little as to the possibilities of land for our work. Of course we will have to wait a while until our hopes become realities. Will you not pray that God will lead mightily in the development of the work in Orissa?

DAYS OF TRIAL FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS

(Continued from p. 4.)

much worse. Then the big hæmorrhage occurred, and he collapsed. The ulcer had eroded a large blood vessel. Most of his stomach was removed at the operation. But scars remain, not only in his body, but also in the life of his boy, now nine years of age. This man may be a great lawyer, but as a father he is still a hopeless failure.

It is a solemn responsibility to be a parent. We need to be tolerant with each other, and kind and considerate to our children. Never for a moment should we allow ourselves to deviate from the pathway of right and truth. Never should we make light of the marriage responsibilities or the home. Never should we, even in fun, ask a child or a youth if he would care to have someone else as his mother or dad. If there are differences in the home, they should be settled as soon as possible under the loving influence of the Holy Spirit.

The eternal destinies of our children and youth are in our hands. We need much of the saving grace of God in our own lives every day if we are to guide these priceless children and youth into the kingdom. We need to realize that our words, our actions, even our attitudes, may either open or close the gates of heaven to the children within our homes and our churches. May God help us to so live that we may meet *all* our children in the kingdom of our Redeemer at last.
—*Review and Herald.*

We have just received a copy of the Southern Asia Division *School Master*, from which we have gleaned the following information.—Ed.

DIVISION EXAMINATION RESULTS MARCH, 1954

The following table shows the Division results* by Subjects:

Bible	99%
English	75%
Mathematics	62%
Science	90%
Social Sciences	94%

*Based on 10th, 8th, and 6th results

The following table shows the Division results by Schools and Standards:

Schools	10th Std.	8th Std.
Chuharkana	63%	64%
Jalirpar	50%	40%
Kottarakara	77%	90%
Lasalgaon	—	92%
Lowry Memorial	—	40%
Myaungmya	71%	73%
Narsapur	39%	40%
Raymond Memorial Training School	55%	81%
Roorkee	0%	57%
Spicer Missionary College Secondary School	100%	77%
E. D. Thomas Memorial High School	30%	35%

The following table shows the Division results by Unions and Standards:

Unions	10th Std.	8th Std.	6th Std.
Burma Union	71%	73%	62%
Northeast Union	53%	62%	48%
Northwestern Union	0%	75%	69%
West Pakistan Union	63%	64%	83%
South India Union	48%	51%	25%
Spicer Missionary College Secondary School	100%	77%	—

The following table, figured on 10th and 8th results shows percentage passes:

Schools	Bible	English	Maths.	Science	Social Sciences
Chuharkana	100%	86%	85%	100%	86%
Jalirpar	100%	55%	45%	100%	100%
Kottarakara	100%	96%	55%	100%	93%
Lasalgaon	—	100%	91%	—	—
Lowry Memorial	—	40%	40%	—	—
Myaungmya	100%	95%	91%	86%	100%
Narsapur	77%	63%	58%	92%	100%
Raymond Memorial	100%	78%	74%	80%	82%
Roorkee	100%	100%	28%	100%	100%
Spicer	100%	100%	90%	100%	100%
Thomas Memorial	100%	47%	60%	100%	90%

We have just unpacked the cases containing "The Great Controversy" in the Christian Home Library Edition. For a short time this book will be available at the special net price of Rs. 5 only. After the time for the special price lapses, it will come under the regular price which is Rs. 9-8-0 per copy. Make use of this opportunity and send your order in through your nearest mission book depot.

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SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION COUNCIL

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THE Southern European Division Winter Council was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, December 9-16, 1953. W. R. Beach, the division president, led out in the meetings. In his report he compared the present status of the division with that in 1929, when it was organized. Then the division had only 16,511 members. Today it has a membership of almost 100,000. The growth is further evidenced by the fact that since 1946 the membership has more than doubled. Today there are 1,500 churches. There were 6,748 baptisms for the first nine months of 1953, in spite of the fact that a large number of companies could not be reached.

From some parts of the field no representatives could be present. In spite of the present difficulties, God's cause is moving forward.

Because of the number of languages represented at this meeting, three interpreters were kept busy bringing to us the message that was spoken. Considerable time was given to the spiritual needs of the field.

WORKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

In a number of the countries our people have no liberties to preach the message. In one country we have four or five churches, some of which have been built as long as two years ago, where we have never been allowed to worship. Yet in that field there has been a membership gain of more than 10 per cent during the first nine months in 1953. In this country no public meetings can be held and no announcements of any kind can be given out. In some countries the only way a non-Adventist can come to a meeting is to be brought by an Adventist member who sponsors him. Often we find in these countries people who have long been desirous of attending our meetings but who did not know anyone to sponsor them.

Yugoslavia reported that they expected to baptize seven hundred new members in 1953. Property has recently been purchased in that country, and a school is being

established for the training of workers. This will be the fulfilment of a long-felt need. In Greece, 1953 has seen our best progress in the advancement of the message. Another new church was dedicated on Sabbath, December 26, in Salonika, the old city of Thessalonica.

In the mission section of the Southern European Division, which extends south of the equator in Africa, the progress is onward. The big problem is to keep abreast of the calls for workers to enter new places where interests have sprung up. It was most encouraging to hear the wonderful reports from these lands of the power of God, which is changing the lives of thousands.

Before the beginning of the regular council, a pre-council meeting was

held by the educational and religious liberty departments. Otto Schubert and J. Nussbaum led out in a strong way. Far-reaching plans were made for the advancement of the work in these departments. The question of religious liberty in the Southern European Division is a large issue, and there must be continual vigilance in order to have a reasonable amount of liberty for our work. Our schools in the Southern European Division suffered a great deal during the war years. But since then, new school properties have been secured in Portugal, Austria, Italy, and Yugoslavia, and the school in Spain is being enlarged and expanded for the training of workers in these fields. These training schools represent a real advance in the development of our work, inasmuch as it is necessary to train our workers in their own language areas. Our church schools are also growing, both in strength and in number.

The daily messages that were brought by the General Conference representatives, R. R. Figuhr, C. W. Bozarth, and the writer, were much appreciated.—*Review and Herald*.

A YEAR OF EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE IN CENTRAL LUZON

J. O. BAUTISTA

IN THE Central Luzon Mission, Philippine Islands, 1953 was an exceptionally good year for the work of God. It was one of growth and progress in almost every line of endeavour, but especially so in the field of evangelism, our baptisms having reached the all-time high figure of 1,140.

The holding of the first large-scale evangelistic effort in the city of Manila marks an important epoch in the history of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in the Philippines. The meetings were held at the Flight of Time Auditorium, which was erected on Taft Avenue. In charge were F. W. Detamore and R. M. Turner, assisted by evangelists and Bible instructors from the six missions comprising the North Philippine Union, and lay members in the Manila-Rizal district. The effort lasted for almost five months from January 11 to June 7, during which period 438 persons were baptized.

Because of the large number of people who learned about or began attending the meetings toward the

close of the campaign, they were extended for six additional weeks under the leadership of A. E. Gibb and A. A. Alcaraz. This extended meeting resulted in 105 more taking their stand for the truth, making a grand total of 543 for the entire effort.

We rejoice over this good harvest of souls, but a cause for greater rejoicing is the enthusiasm and inspiration gained by our workers who have already gone out this year on their own to put into practice what they have learned from participating in this major evangelistic programme.

In view of the extensive campaign being planned for our field, it was felt early in the year that our mission should take a large share of the baptismal goal of the union. Accordingly, a goal of one thousand was set for our field. Before the launching of the Manila effort, 87 converts had already been baptized in different parts of the field. This number, together with those won to Christ as a result of the Flight of Time campaign, the mission-wide revival and reformation effort that followed im-

mediately after, as well as the meetings held by the laity, and the missionary activities of the various institutions, brought the total of baptisms for the year to 1,140.

OUR FAITHFUL LAYMEN

A total of twenty-four evangelistic efforts and cottage meetings were held by our workers and laity during the year under review. Our lay members, we are glad to say, are doing a good share in this soul-winning endeavour. The commendable record made by the churches in the Pampanga-Tarlac district deserves special mention. During the first quarter of 1953 every church and company in that district, numbering seventeen in all, presented candidates for baptism. The holding of the laymen's congress in the city of Baguio last October has given fresh inspiration to those who were privileged to attend, and the brethren returned to their churches determined to spread the enthusiasm they had acquired to other members and to attempt far greater things for God in the days ahead.

Our work among those who are confined behind prison bars is expanding. After the repatriation of the Japanese prisoners, H. W. Bedwell, editor of the Philippine Publishing House, together with faculty members and students of Philippine Union College, continued working for the Filipino inmates in the national penitentiary at Muntinlupa. Thirteen of the prisoners were baptized on December 19, 1953. Meetings are being held by the young people of Malolos and some ministerial students of Philippine Union College at the Bulacan Provincial Jail. The way was opened recently for our worker in Rizal to hold weekly studies at the provincial jail at Pasig, and Brother and Sister David H. Dee were given permission to do missionary work among the Chinese at the military stockade in Camp Murphy. The latest development was the opportunity given some ministerial students of Philippine Union College to hold meetings for those that are detained at Camp Vicente Lim in Canlubang, Laguna.

This is our day of opportunity. God is opening the way for the preaching of the message. Thousands are eager to hear God's last warning message. This is evidenced by the response from the people of three towns in Nueva Ecija where one-night evangelistic rallies were held. The first one was held on October 11 by
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—O. A. Skau

FINNISH PRESIDENT CONTRIBUTES TO MISSIONS

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

A NEW member of the Helsinki church mailed to the President of Finland an Ingathering magazine with a letter of appeal. Some time later the magazine was returned to him with a letter from the secretary to the President, informing him that the President was so busy he would be unable to read the magazine. The new member, keenly feeling his disappointment, went to the conference president, T. Seljavaara, and told of his failure. He said, "I felt that we ought to take our literature to the most influential leaders and help them to understand what we are trying to do for humanity."

The conference president, though he was leaving on a long trip that afternoon, felt impelled to endeavour to reach the President of Finland. He took this same magazine to the President's palace, approached the secretary who had written the letter, and requested an interview with the President. Elder Seljavaara was told that the President of Finland was in audience with the Italian ambassador and had left word that he was not to be disturbed. Elder Seljavaara pressed the matter, telling the secretary that it was of the utmost importance that he speak to his President, for it was a matter that concerned the good of all the people of Finland. The secretary reminded him that he did not have an appointment and that per-

haps an interview could be arranged at some other time. Elder Seljavaara said that would be impossible, because he was leaving that night on a trip.

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK

He exclaimed, "I tell you it is the most important matter in the world. It concerns the salvation of souls."

The secretary was impressed. "How long would it take?"

Elder Seljavaara replied, "Three minutes."

The secretary relented. "I will see what I can do."

The Adventist director prayed earnestly that God in some way would give him favour.

The secretary was surprised when the President said he would give Elder Seljavaara an audience for a few minutes. After the interview with the Italian ambassador had terminated, Elder Seljavaara was taken down through the long hall to the waiting room. After some minutes the door opened, and he was invited into the office of the President. As customary in that country, he bowed seventy-five steps from the President, asked his pardon for taking his time, then explained briefly the work of Seventh-day Adventists, and presented to him the very paper that had been returned. He made his appeal for a

contribution for our world-wide mission programme. He was instructed to call at the treasurer's office and he would receive a donation. When he met the treasurer he received a cheque for six thousand Finnish marks, the first Ingathering contribution from the President of Finland.

After returning to the conference

office an hour later, Elder Seljavaara got in touch with the member who had been impressed to write to the President of Finland. Together they engaged in a season of prayer, thanking God for bringing the work of Seventh-day Adventists so favourably before the President of their country.—*Review and Herald*.

doctor told him that she had expected to be received just as soon as she came in. She explained, "It was hard for me to sit there and see one Indian after another being cared for while I waited. At first I was very much offended, but by two o'clock in the morning this feeling had left me and I was perfectly reconciled to wait my turn, because I saw poor people go in ahead of me who I know could never pay a sol, and they came out cared for and satisfied." She realized that if the doctor did not use the number system, only the rich would ever be taken care of, and the poor would never have a chance, but the rich did not take precedence with this man of God.

At the request of the doctors in a leading clinic in Cuzco, Dr. Smith went down there to make some demonstrations in surgery. He had expected to do three or four operations, but instead performed dozens. The many people who thronged the hotel begging for appointments were turned away because the doctor was most careful to maintain the highest standard of professional ethics.

We consider the experiences that Dr. Smith has had in Juliaca evidence that the Lord is opening up the medical work in Peru in a special way. Only His favour has kept the clinic open in the face of prejudice and opposition. Because the population of the surrounding area was flocking to the clinic, some of the doctors in nearby towns were jealous and succeeded in a plan to get government action to close the clinic. There was nothing the doctor could do. The door was sealed, and the doctor calmly retired to his home. But the overruling providence of God worked through friends in this case, and the towns-people demanded that the clinic be opened, and hundreds of telegrams and letters raised a protest before the authorities. A group of friends came to Lima to take the matter up with the Ministry of Public Health, and when they did not get immediate action the prefect (state governor) of Puno himself made a trip to Lima to secure the order for the re-opening of the clinic.

On Dr. Smith's recent trip to Lima he and his family arrived early Sunday morning in the city of Arequipa, supposedly unannounced, but found a large group of people at the depot to welcome them. Friends took them home to breakfast, and a leading doctor of Arequipa offered the use of his office, where attention could be given to those who were already ringing the door-bell and calling by

MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS IN THE INCA UNION

R. A. HAYDEN

THE Inca Union of South America has been very fortunate in having several doctors from the homeland spend their vacations in this land of the Incas.

In 1951 Dr. L. E. C. Joers, with Mrs. Joers and daughter Mary Lou, made an extended trip into the Amazon country. There he visited our newly-established mission at Unini on the upper Ucayali River among the Campas and Piros. He spent several days caring for the Indians. Then he made a tour of the jungle and high-land regions, visiting several hospitals as well as helping our brethren all along the route. A great impetus was given our work, many friends were won, and in one place persecution was turned to praise because of his visit.

In 1952 Dr. R. A. Pellow, of Spokane, Washington, visited the Amazon Mission. He travelled with the president of the mission, S. C. Pritchard, and our medical worker, J. D. Replogle, along the Amazon in the mission launch *Auxiliadora*. The influence of his visit is still felt among these abandoned people of the interior.

In October that year our union was again favoured by the arrival of Dr. Howard C. Smith, his wife, and daughter Marita, of Chula Vista, California. They came to carry the responsibility for the work of the clinic at Juliaca while Dr. David Duffie and his family enjoyed a much-needed and overdue year's furlough in the homeland.

Owing to personal introduction to the people of the area by the Duffie family, who are greatly beloved and highly respected, the work of the clinic continued on without a decline; in fact it grew steadily. Because of Dr. Smith's extensive training in surgery and years of surgical practice this phase of the work was greatly

strengthened, and the patronage grew so large that a system of appointment by number was instituted so that attention to all could be distributed impartially. During the ensuing months the appointment list grew into the hundreds, with many being attended in the hours after midnight in an effort to meet the ever-increasing demands.

The twenty-five-bed capacity of the little hospital was augmented by putting more cots in a room and by partitioning off hall space to raise the number to a maximum of fifty bed patients. More could not be kept, so gradually the three small hotels in Juliaca became over-crowded with patients waiting their turns for consultation or surgery.

When Ingathering time came it was understandable that the people were eager to give to help increase the size of the clinic. The need was evident to all. When I solicited in the region, I saw people gladly double and even triple their previous year's donations without being asked. The superintendent of the railroad wanted to help build a new wing for the hospital. He said he would get us ten thousand sols. Another friend, who was accustomed to giving five hundred sols, increased his donation to one thousand and wanted to know whether the doctor would accept a monthly donation. Then I learned some of the reasons for the favourable interest in the Juliaca Clinic. The sick were attracted because of a combination of the highest diagnostic and surgical skill with a patience and kindness toward rich and poor alike very near to what the Physician of Galilee showed toward the blind and palsied that came to Him in the long ago.

One wealthy philanthropist from Cuzco who waited her turn to see the

phone. He even asked his office secretary to be on the job that day at Dr. Smith's service. The doctor had expressed himself as willing to help as many of the poor as he could while he was there. By ten o'clock there were four hundred people on the waiting list, and the doctor had expected to stay only long enough to examine about thirty! The office secretary stopped answering the telephone—but the people swarmed into the patio, where the doctor's office was located. The patio was so full and so many people were crowding the street that traffic was interrupted, and eight policemen came to keep order.

Toward the end of a long day's work, when it seemed that the crowd would never diminish, Mrs. Smith tried to get in to give her husband a message. The policeman at the gate asked, "What is your number?" and Mrs. Smith answered, "I am the doctor's wife and I need to see him." The policeman looked skeptical but opened the way for her to pass through the crowd. On the way in, Mrs. Smith's sympathy was aroused by one shabbily dressed old woman who evidently had been waiting a long time and was very weak and tired. She suggested that the doctor make an exception and try to see this poor woman right away, so that she wouldn't have to wait so long. Because Mrs. Smith had been kind to her, she begged her to come to her house to see some curios.

So it was that Mrs. Smith accompanied that poorly clad woman to her

home, thinking that a little visit might encourage her. To Mrs. Smith's complete surprise, she was ushered into a veritable palace and museum of art with beautiful furnishings, velvet draperies, and a lovely garden; and the lady herself, of the aristocracy of Arequipa, had made herself appear poor in order to receive attention from the "renowned surgeon" who gave preference to the poor.

So the year slipped by, with the doctor always busy saving physical life and at the same time offering the water of life that saves men's souls. The urgency of the hour has induced him to relinquish his remunerative practice at home and prolong his service in favour of the needs in the Inca Union. At present Dr. Smith is in Lima taking official examinations that will entitle him to a licence to practise in Peru. Holding the fort in Juliaca are Dr. Teodoro Zegarra, a Peruvian and a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, and Dr. W. W. Stiles, another self-denying medical missionary on "vacation" relief.

This is our golden opportunity to expand the medical work in Peru. There are wonderful openings in Piura, Chiclayo, Lampa, and other cities and towns where experienced doctors willing to take a "vacation" from their practice in the homeland would find unlimited opportunities for missionary endeavour, as well as for making the work entirely self-supporting.—*Review and Herald.*

A YEAR OF EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE IN CENTRAL LUZON

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A. A. Alcaraz and the Voice of Hope Trio at Laur. He preached to an estimated crowd of five thousand. The following night another meeting was held in Gapan, and although a political meeting had just been held, some four thousand of the town's inhabitants were in attendance. The third rally was held at Penaranda. A. E. Gibb preached from a kiosk owned by the Catholic Church, and upward of seven thousand people gathered to hear him.

During these three meetings the workers in the district, assisted by the brethren from neighbouring churches, were able to secure more

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ASLEEP IN JESUS

CRUSE—Mrs. Alice Cruse was born on the 28th of July 1881 at Pussellawa and fell asleep in Jesus on April 22, in Colombo. Sister Cruse was baptized in 1922, and was one of the charter members of the Bethel Chapel Church. She was faithful and enthusiastic for the faith until the end.

For thirty-three years Sister Cruse was a public health nurse in the Colombo Municipality and retired as a lady sanitary inspectress. She leaves to mourn her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Perera, two sons and a sister. She was beloved by a host of friends and other relatives. Sister Cruse awaits the call of the Life-giver when He shall appear.

Services were conducted by the writer, and Pastor F. R. Scott.

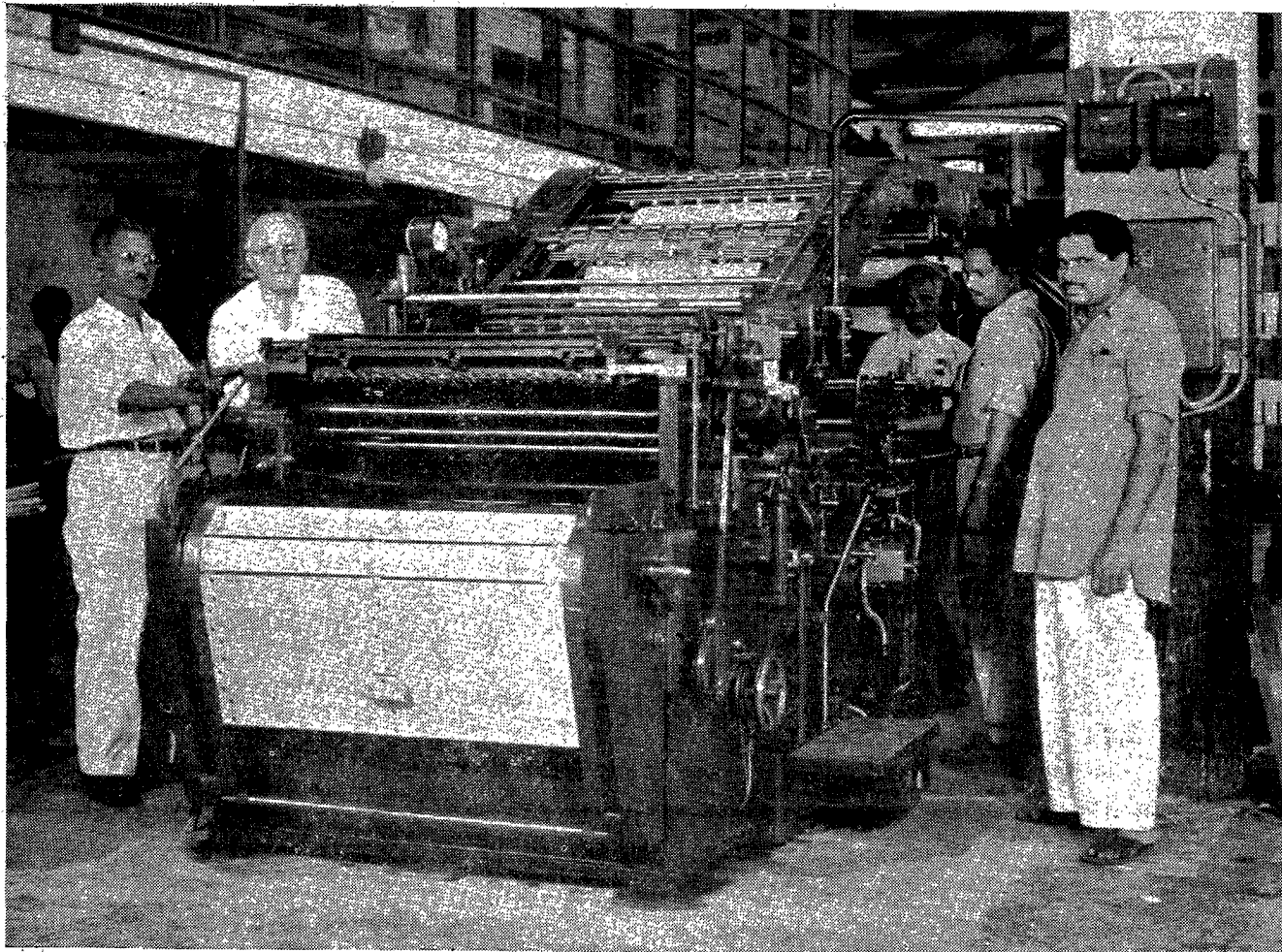
STORK—Ralph Henry Stork was born in Colombo, March 7th, 1885. He had lived in the Colombo area all of his life. Brother Stork was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1940.

Brother Stork became ill on the 8th of December 1953. On the 2nd of February he went to hospital, but continually became weaker. Brother Stork passed to his rest on Sunday evening the 21st of March. He leaves to mourn his wife, a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, and a sister.

Brother Stork awaits the call of the Life-giver at the coming of our Lord. Services were conducted by the writer.

—L. F. HARDIN

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than two thousand enrolments to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. At the time, our traveling clinic truck was on its maiden trip to the field, and it was used to great advantage in advertizing these evangelistic rallies.

We thank God for all that He has done for us and take courage for the future. We are given another goal of one thousand for 1954. With God's help we will reach and even go beyond it.—*Review and Herald*.

Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks.—“*Gospel Workers*,” p. 384.

American TV Show Benefits Surat Mission Hospital

SURAT Mission Hospital benefited recently from the American quiz show “Strike It Rich.”

Deborah White, a nurse at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, visiting New York, was chosen from the studio audience to participate on the popular coast-to-coast TV programme. When she was introduced she explained that her sister, Ruth White, was a nurse at the Seventh-day

Adventists' mission hospital in Surat and that the hospital was in urgent need of a new anæsthetic machine for its operating room. During the interview the world scope of Adventist mission work was brought out. Before she could reply to any questions, however, time ran out and she was asked to return the next day. This she did, bringing the church's mission work a second time to the attention of TV viewers.

While Miss White was on the programme the Foregger Co., Inc., of New York City, called and announced that they would give an anæsthetic machine to the Surat Hospital plus transportation costs.—*Northwestern Union Bulletin*.