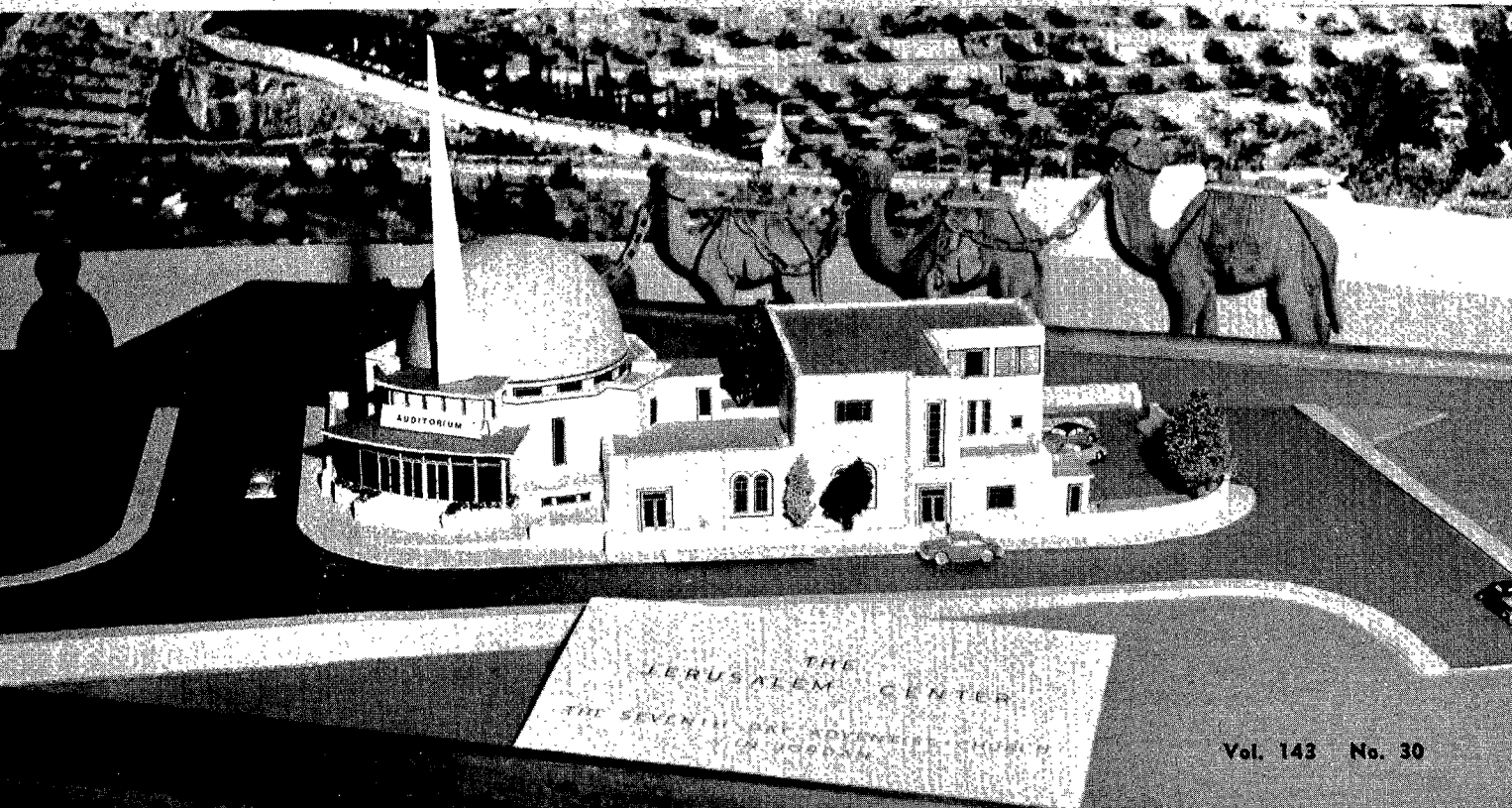


THE MIDDLE EAST DIVISION



The Middle East Division exhibit features a large panorama of Jerusalem as seen from the Mount of Olives. This exhibit was designed and the models made by John E. Simpson of Jerusalem, Jordan. Mr. Simpson, not a Seventh-day Adventist, did this as "a work of love." Colorful dolls model costumes of the various countries of the Middle East. The metalwork on display is also by artisans of that region. The model on the right represents Middle East College near Beirut, Lebanon, and that partly visible beyond visitors at the booth, the projected SDA center in Jerusalem, a close-up of which is shown below. The two women are examining a model of the new Benghazi, Libya, hospital (see picture on page 15). Manoug Benzatyán (facing camera), delegate from the Middle East, is in charge of the artistically designed and arranged booth.





The Day in Detroit

By H. M. TIPPETT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1966

The flags of 37 countries embraced in the Southern European Division stood on their standards against the backdrop of the Arena platform in readiness for the Tuesday evening program. Mute symbols of multilingual peoples, each flag is, no doubt, dear to some delegate or believer present here. For at Detroit today, Algiers rubs shoulders with Mauritius, and Vienna with Madrid.

Preceding the main service, a program of songs and special music roused everyone to happy participation under the inspiring leadership of R. A. Anderson, retiring secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference. It must have taken him back to his early days as a singing evangelist. And how confidently that great concourse of people sang, "Jesus Never Fails." Special musical numbers featured The Detroit Lighthouse Chorale, a string duet by Clifford Ludington of Africa and Dr. Louis Ludington of Bangkok, and a lovely solo by Barbara Morton, who sang the last song written by Henry de Fluiter, a pioneer Adventist hymnwriter, "See the Day Now Breaking."

Then the scores of delegates representing the Southern European Division came in to fill the platform. The taped record of a dozen Old World church bells spread their clangor to the very dome of the Arena as these workers from the romantic lands of Calvin and Savonarola, of Huss and Zwingli, of the Waldenses and Huguenots, took their places. After the session theme song, B. E. Seton offered prayer.

M. Fridlin, president of the Southern European Division, assumed charge of the reports of his great segment of the Advent cause. He first paid tribute to the presidents who had preceded him, A. V. Olson (deceased), W. R. Beach, and M. V. Campbell. He called Mrs. J. D. Valcarengi, wife of the pastor of the Chicago Italian church, to come forward to show the costume of the Waldensian valleys, which she was wearing.

Among those presenting brief but thrilling reports was O. Sladek, president of the Czechoslovakian Church. In costume, and speaking in German, he was assisted by W. A. Wild, secretary of the division, as translator. Dr. W. E. Westcott outlined the significant advance of the medical work in the North Cameroons, a seg-

ment of the Equatorial African Union Mission.

The awakening of religious liberty in Spain in recent months has been a cause for rejoicing. Angel Codejon, president of the Spanish Church, a detached mission, elected to speak in Spanish, and once more W. A. Wild was translator. To be effective in these European countries, workers who know more than one language have an advantage. Most of them do.

The speaker held up a large plastic key as a symbol of opening doors in Spain, and presented W. R. Beach, former president of the division, with a bound copy of photostats of official documents that were sent to soldiers, relieving them of Sabbath military duty, and to churches here and there authorizing their right to public worship.

B. J. Kohler, treasurer of the division, reported advancement in new buildings at educational and medical institutions over a wide area.

The violin solo by Cheryl Gibbs, formerly a student in our school in Austria but now at La Sierra College, showed artistic mastery of the instrument as she



W. A. Wild, secretary of the Southern European Division, and Mrs. Wild pause for a moment while marching in the missions parade.

played Wieniawski's ever-popular "Romance."

The Southern European delegates had scarcely left the platform when the audience was startled to see a New Guinea warrior, clothed only in a grass skirt, fearsome headgear, and other exotic adornment, dart up and across the platform brandishing a huge bow and arrow and shouting at imaginary foes. If words fail me to describe the exciting scene, they did not fail Paul Piari [see his picture on page 23 of Bulletin No. 3], who I found later was disguised underneath all the accoutrements of heathendom. His shouts and antics were frightening.

This bit of drama introduced the appearance of the Australasian delegates on the platform, but before proceeding with that, we should continue with Piari's remarkable experience. Later in the program he addressed the session in pidgin English, which was translated by L. H. Barnard, celebrated airplane pilot of the New Guinea Highlands. Pastor Piari is Elder Barnard's associate on their gospel forays into the uncharted jungles of that vast territory.

Piari, father of three children, is a powerful preacher. With the Bible in one hand and a piece of volcanic stone in the other, he rejoices in his deliverance from the life he once lived. The stone which he once revered as a god was also a lethal weapon with which he killed "plenty men." But having found Christ, he has become effective in preparing hundreds of souls for baptism. Like Paul of old, for whom he is named, he has been beaten almost to death for his faith. But he staggered to his feet and shook hands with his persecutors. Stories of instant healing in the jungle and of a dead baby restored to life by the touch of a native pastor—these are truly modern acts of the apostles.

It was an inspiration to talk to Joeli Taoi, medical director of the New Hebrides Mission Hospital at Aore. A graduate of the Fiji medical college, he has carried on a strong and vital work in the 18-bed hospital he founded about five years ago. Can you feature a staff consisting of himself, a matron, and a few boys and girls they have trained, caring for 820 inpatients and 6,500 outpatients in one year? How proud these intrepid medical pioneers must have been to graduate five national nurses this year.

Dr. Joeli, as he is popularly known, told me story after story of how divine providence undergirds the work of the hospital. They have no sterilizer, but must boil their dressings. The surgical table is a makeshift. The instruments are insufficient and outmoded. No ether can be used, for it is a hazard with only kerosene lamps for lighting, so spinal injections are routine. The water supply is gravity flow from tanks on the roof. They sometimes must make their own intravenous fluid. And that is the background for phenomenal recoveries from serious ailments and injuries.

When in 1963 a seagoing launch exploded and 11 people were burned, the rescuers took the victims to a government

hospital two-and-a-half hours away by launch. Two of the 11 died, and the other nine were so unhappy about their treatment they begged to be taken to Dr. Joeli. With third-degree burns already infected, the patients responded to heroic and prayerful treatment. All lived. One of the victims was a pregnant mother, whose child was delivered in the hospital. She had lost two other children in the explosion. It is incidents such as these that make Dr. Joeli's institution popular.

Space forbids the full account here, but somewhere should be told the full case history of little five-year-old Lillie, in a coma, nigh unto death with cerebral malaria. All had been done at the government hospital that could be done. Realizing this, Dr. Joeli prayed for the assistance of Jesus, who went about in the days of His ministry healing all manner



Paul Piari, a native New Guinea pastor, addresses audience in pidgin English while Pastor Len H. Barnard, mission-plane pilot from New Guinea, translates.

of diseases. The night wore on. First a stir, later a movement, and at 6:30 Lillie asked for water, then at noon for food. She was a happy child by Sabbath eve. The miracle was complete. To this kind of service Joeli Toai has dedicated his life, and after a few months' study in surgery at Loma Linda University Medical School he will return.

I talked to Mrs. Norman Wiles, whose story has been told and retold in previous sessions of the General Conference. This time she related a thrilling account of her recent visit to the New Hebrides island of Malekula, where in 1920 she had the forlorn task of burying her husband with her own hands, without a single soul to help or care. Imagine her joy, after an absence of more than 40 years, to see the great change Christianity had made in the village where once nothing but the deepest degradation had prevailed. There were no pigs about, and the roosters all had tails, which formerly had been used for personal adornment. The people were clean and the women smiled, something she had never seen them do in their heathen days. Order, tidiness, and a love for the beautiful were in evidence on every hand.

Some of these Big Nambus people, who

had all been hostile and steeped in heathen customs when she was forced to leave, were now rejoicing in the truth. As she led out in a church service for them, talking pidgin English, one by one they came forward and told the story of providence in their lives. Chief Yakambat, the only national who had shown even the least kindness to the Wiles in their five and a half years of endeavor, had passed away, but one of the men who had known Mrs. Wiles told her the chief's story.

Apparently angels had taken over the task of completing the instruction terminated when Mrs. Wiles was forced to flee, for they said there was a strange light in the chief's hut by night and they heard noises of people talking, voices that ceased when anyone approached the hut. This went on until the chief put away all his wives but one, and other changes were seen in his life. With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Wiles fervently expressed the belief that Yakambat would be in the kingdom.

One of the visual aids in the Australasian report was the projection on the screen of pictures and charts portraying progress in every phase of the work. A tape record of the chatter of the famous

kookaburra made the picture more realistic when flashed on the screen.

Another picture showed a choir of native youths brought to us in full color and perfect sound effects: "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

L. C. Naden, president of the division, paid tribute to former presidents, N. C. Wilson, F. A. Mote, and F. G. Clifford. Heartening reports of progress everywhere in this vast area were made by R. R. Frame, secretary, and E. J. Johanson, treasurer. One astonishing item was the fact that in the last year an average of one missionary went out on a new appointment every five days. How that Bible phrase looms up with new challenge—"The isles of the sea." There can be no retreat.

During the projection of pictures and special features, the Arena is darkened except for the footlights of the stair steps, rising tier on tier up the 30 aisles of the great hall to the very top balconies. The fan-shaped spray of soft radiance from hundreds of small lamps is strikingly beautiful. A tribute of appreciation is due the crew who operate the spotlights from six stations 75 feet above the Arena floor. Their beams enhance the beauty

Further Partial Report of Nominating Committee

At the eleventh business meeting held Wednesday afternoon, June 22, the Nominating Committee presented the following further partial report. (The South American Division nominations were presented at the tenth business meeting, Wednesday morning.)

General Conference

Associate Secretary: R. R. Frame.
Field Secretaries: E. L. Minchin,
C. E. Moseley, Jr., C. J. Nagele,
E. W. Pedersen.

Ministerial Association Secretary:
N. R. Dower.

Associate Secretaries: E. E. Cleveland,
A. C. Fearing, J. R. Spangler,
George Vandeman.

Medical Department Associate
Secretaries: Mazie Herin, C. E. Randolph,
H. E. Rice, Carl Sundin.

Radio-TV Secretary: J. J. Aitken.

Australasian Division

Secretary: F. T. Maberly.
Publishing: J. W. Nixon.
Public Relations, Radio-TV: Max
G. Townend.

Far Eastern Division

Field Secretary: E. L. Longway.
Auditor: H. B. Ludden.
Lay Activities: L. A. Shipowick.
Sabbath School: H. E. McClure.
Publishing: E. A. Brodeur.
Education: B. E. Olson.
Public Relations: Don Roth.
Medical: J. C. Ekvall.
Ministerial, Radio-TV: R. C. Williams.
MV: Paul M. DeBooy.

Inter-American Division

Education and Public Relations:
Walton J. Brown.

Lay Activities: A. H. Riffel.
Public Affairs and Publishing: Nicolas Chaij.
Sabbath School, Radio-TV: Tulio Haylock.

Middle East Division

President: F. C. Webster.
Field Secretary: R. C. Darnell.
Medical: H. C. Lamp.
Ministerial, Radio-TV: Roger Coon.
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty: R. C. Darnell.
Publishing and Sabbath School: Derwood Chapel.

Northern European Division

Secretary: B. E. Seton.
Treasurer: R. Unnersten.
Auditor: R. Unnersten.
Education, Sabbath School: B. B. Beach.
Lay Activities: M. T. Battle.
Medical, Temperance: J. A. Hyde.
Ministerial: W. Duncan Eva.
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty: B. E. Seton.
Publishing, Radio-TV: Bruce M. Wickwire.
MV, Public Relations: J. P. Sundquist.

South American Division

President: R. A. Wilcox.
Secretary: M. S. Nigri.

The nominations were voted unanimously.



Relaxing at the wharf looking across the Detroit River to Canada are L. C. Nielsen, eight years a missionary in West Africa (left), talking to Klaas Tilstra, a veteran of 38 years' overseas service—ten of them in New Guinea.

of the costumed participants in the overseas programs.

The Wednesday morning devotional service—with R. S. Watts, re-elected vice-president of the General Conference, speaking on the theme, "When God Takes Over"—gave a warm, spiritual impetus to the work of the day. His son, Ralph, introduced him, and spoke affectionately of their happy years of relationship.

The music of the Wednesday morning devotional service was accented by an organ and piano duet, with Brad Braley at the console and Olive Braley at the piano. Our General Conference sessions would not seem quite complete without the artistic contributions of these dedicated musicians from the Voice of Prophecy. Another special treat was the appearance of Kathleen Joyce, concert contralto of London, England, singing, "Be Thou My Light." She will sing again at the sacred music concert Sabbath afternoon.

The quadrennial report of Andrews University was presented by President Richard Hammill and Charles B. Hirsch, dean of the university. Special note was made of the geoscience work established in 1957, and introductions were made of its leaders who work on the campus of Andrews University.

The rapidly extending work of the Sabbath school was reported by the secretary of the Sabbath School Department, G. R. Nash. A tribute was paid to W. J. Harris, retiring associate secretary of the department, for his 50 years of loyal service to the cause, much of that time in constructive Sabbath school promotion.

Each morning business session is concluded with a 15-minute devotional service. Today the appeal of Don Gray, coordinator of evangelism in the Southeastern California Conference, was for a deepening of the spiritual experience through prayer and a complete emptying of self. This, he said, must begin with those called to be leaders and shepherds of the flock.

Between meetings I had time to range around among the colorful booths in the exhibits area on the ground floor of Cobo Hall. This year for the first time the Women's Auxiliary of the General Conference, the distaff side of our official personnel, is maintaining a booth and lounge for overseas visitors. Under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Loewen as head hostess, invitations have been given to the wives of overseas delegates to come

in their national costumes and be photographed for future showing. One of the unique services of the auxiliary through the year is writing letters of information and encouragement to missionaries in far lands. At the booth here, a map of the world, lighted with tiny colored points of illumination, indicates where these letters have been sent and the responses received. The most recent project of the auxiliary was the sending of \$400 for blankets for Malamulo Mission, Africa. So far, the booth registry shows signatures from Latvia, Honduras, Taiwan, New Hebrides, Argentina, India, Peru, Ecuador, Africa, Singapore, the Philippines, and other far-flung places.

Andre Lecoultre and two young women assistants with a delightful French accent to their colloquial English greeted me at the Southern European booth today. The chief display at this booth is of small dolls dressed in characteristic costumes of many of the countries of this great division, including Belgium, Turkey,

New President, Columbia Union

At a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, held Tuesday night, June 21, in Detroit, Cree Sandefur, president of the Southern California Conference, was elected president of the Columbia Union. Elder Sandefur succeeds Neal C. Wilson, newly elected vice-president of the General Conference for the North American Division.

Switzerland, the Island of Madeira, Portugal, Greece, the Cameroons, Yugoslavia, Israel, Italy, Austria, Algeria, Southern France, Czechoslovakia, Mozambique, and the Vatican Swiss Guard.

How delightful it was to chat with A. S. Maxwell, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, as we sat in the cafeteria looking at the passing boats on the Detroit River on their way to and from the inland lake ports of

Duluth, Milwaukee, and Chicago. For 20 years as author and editor we have had a happy correspondence over the 3,000 miles that separate Washington from Mountain View, California. Maxwell's ten-volume set of *The Bible Story* is having a phenomenal sale, and we are nearing the completion of the revised 20-volume, four-color set of *Bedtime Stories*.

Our exchange of letters in the processing of these books would make a bound book of many chuckles and raising of eyebrows, for the delighted reader of these volumes little realizes the solemn import that sometimes rests in the proper turn of a phrase, or the pangs of rebirth when a matter of fact has to be restated by reason of passing of time or the social changes constantly taking place. In due time we shall be announcing his forthcoming Book of the Year, which to me up to this time is the crowning work from his ever-active pen.

The afternoon meetings on Wednesday were given to reports of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions by the secretary, Wesley Amundsen, and the Home Study Institute by its president, D. W. Holbrook.

In recognition of 19 years of leadership in the latter organization, Delmer Holbrook presented a picture of the office in Washington, autographed by all the workers, to W. Homer Teesdale. To Eugene Evans, for 35 years on the Home Study staff, a framed photograph of himself was given. Everyone must surely have been amazed at the dramatic incidents told here today of successful struggle for education through self-help courses at Home Study Institute. The report of 94,000 alumni gives some idea of the far-flung influence and service of this institution.

The air-conditioned comfort of Cobo Hall this afternoon mocks the sultry 90° temperature of Detroit streets. In spite of the temptation to take advantage of the delightful excursion trips on the boats to nearby tourist resorts, delegates must stand by to care for the business of the passing hours, the item under discussion at 3:27 P.M. being some revisions of the *Church Manual*.

Now we are looking forward expectantly to this evening's program.



Happy in service and now happy in retirement are W. E. Murray, F. L. Peterson, general vice-presidents of the General Conference, with their wives, and A. F. Tarr, associate secretary of the General Conference, with Mrs. Tarr.

The Holy Spirit and the Finishing of the Work

MORNING SERMON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1966, 8:30 A.M.

By RALPH S. WATTS
Vice-President of the General Conference

It is difficult to imagine a more exciting or a more responsible moment in the history of the Advent Movement. God's people today face a great, decisive, yet glorious hour. In a most dramatic way we are witnessing the breathtaking fulfillment of last-day prophecies, the climactic hour when God's final call goes forth to His remnant of chosen ones from among every nation and tribe of earth.

We frequently make the statement that that which stands between the church today and the finishing of the work of God in the earth is the "unfinished task." We all agree that this is an undeniable factor. It is not, however, the major factor. The lack of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit—that augmenting power which results in the loud cry of the third angel's message—is the real factor in finishing the work. It is by this means that God "will execute his word upon the earth, finishing it and cutting it short" (Rom. 9:28, Phillips).^{*} Through the heavenly agency God will "set up" His work of redemption in the world. At this crucial time we must determine to lay hold upon the power of the Holy Spirit which, we are told, "if claimed by faith, would bring all other blessings in its train" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 174).

Two great spiritual refreshings are brought to view in the Word of God. These seasons of refreshing are called the "early rain" and the "latter rain," and are used to describe the work of the Holy Spirit in preparing the true church for the coming of Christ. They are usually mentioned together:

"Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for . . . he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before" (Joel 2:23, R.S.V.).

"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth" (Hosea 6:3).

A manifestation of divine power on the day of Pentecost marked the opening of the work of the gospel. A greater manifestation of power will mark its close, when God pours out His Spirit "upon all flesh."

What relation do these outpourings of spiritual power have to Christian experience and the final triumph of the gospel message? First, let me point out that the Scriptures clearly indicate that there must be something within ourselves,

prompting us, urging us to receive that which God has to give. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me" (John 7:37). There must be voluntary action. It isn't a matter of our walking casually out in the open and allowing the rain to fall upon us, simply because it is falling.

We must drink—not merely have the rain falling, but *drink*. The Spirit of God must come in and abide within in order to be a transforming power in the life.

The Early and Latter Rains

The writings of the Spirit of Prophecy make clear the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the development of Christian character and the attainment of final victory in Christ Jesus. In this respect the early rain of the Holy Spirit is an indispensable preparation for the latter rain. In other words, there must be an early rain before the latter rain, to prepare God's people for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the fullness of divine power. When the Holy Spirit is poured out upon God's people, those who have failed to receive and appreciate the early rain "will not see or understand the value of the latter rain" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 399).

This thought is further emphasized in the following statement:

"Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. . . . Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. . . . If we do not place ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897.

When the latter rain falls it will be recognized only by those who have had the "former rain" experience. It is the early rain that prepares the soil and causes the seeds of truth in the heart to germinate, spring up, and grow. There is to be "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4:28).

There is one thing that the Holy Spirit cannot allow, and that is for a man to live in known sin. Any man who has received the Holy Spirit must break with sin. With God's presence (the Holy Spirit) dwelling in the heart, sin cannot dwell there also. Received into the heart, this Holy Spirit will give victory over everything un-Christlike.

The former rain represents a living, vital relationship with the Lord. It means

that daily our lives are completely submitted to His will. This full surrender opens the way for Christ to dwell in the heart of His people by His representative, the Holy Spirit. Then Christ lives out His life within us. Our "conduct, no longer under the control of our lower nature, is directed by the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4, N.E.B.).[†]

"Those who see Christ in His true character, and receive Him into the heart, have everlasting life. It is through the Spirit that Christ dwells in us."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 388.

In this statement we have the very core of the gospel, and the secret of a godly life. It indicates the complete possession and control of the heart and life by Christ, through the power of the Spirit.

God Will "Render Double"

A double portion of this heavenly unction has been promised:

"Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee" (Zech. 9:12).

Today Pentecost is to be repeated, but with a double rendering of the Spirit's power. Near the end of time, when God's work on earth is closing, there is to be a spiritual bestowal of divine grace which will result in the grandest display of God's presence and power that the world has ever witnessed.

"Near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 55.

The purpose of the special gift is "to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man." It is for this added power in our lives and in the church that we should send up our petitions to the Lord of harvest.

The latter rain is *not* bestowed in order to cleanse the church from sin. On the contrary, it is bestowed on those who have *already attained* victory over sin.

"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."—*Early Writings*, p. 71.

This refreshing from the presence of the Lord will be bestowed upon those who are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness. This is the preparatory work of the early rain.

The servant of the Lord plainly states that the latter rain represents the completion of the work of divine grace in the heart:

"By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 506.

Perfection in Christ

Does this statement mean that during probationary time the living saints will attain to a state of holiness when our

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carnal nature no longer operates? Will there come a time when we will be free from temptations? These are vital questions.

Our heavenly Father considers us perfect "in Christ" now, and all the time, if our wills are wholly on His side. He does this in spite of the fact that some aspects of our behavior may not yet have been brought under full control of the principles of heaven.

"We are not yet perfect; but it is our privilege to cut away from the entanglements of self and sin, and advance to perfection."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 565.

During this life, perfection in holiness is not an attainment, but a state of attaining. It is a repudiation of sin as a controlling principle.

"So long as Satan reigns, we shall have self to subdue, besetting sins to overcome; so long as life shall last, there will be no stopping place, no point which we can reach and say, I have fully attained."—*Ibid.*, pp. 560, 561.

Our loving Lord knows more clearly than we do that we are incapable of overcoming. This is where He acts in our behalf, for "he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14). This is why we have been told, "Do your best, and heavenly angels will help you to carry the work on to perfection."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, June 1, 1905, p. 13.

In other words, when we resolve to be wholly like Him and put forth every effort to be obedient, Christ will bridge the disparity between our sincere effort to reflect fully His image in our lives and the chronic tendency to fall short of ultimate perfection, and "He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit" (*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 382).

"By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right the children of God are to seal their destiny."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 314.

Again I want to emphasize that only those who are daily overcoming inherited weaknesses and acquired tendencies to evil, who are living wholly for Christ, will receive the latter rain. They will long for a living, personal, Spirit-controlled experience in Christ. The latter rain will come when we reach the standard He requires.

"Today you are to have your vessel purified that it may be ready for the heavenly dew, ready for the showers of the latter rain; for the latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul purified from every defilement."—ELLEN G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1892, p. 178.

Finishing a World Work

The reception of the Holy Spirit in fullness is the solution of the problem of finishing a worldwide work. The sword of the Spirit will be unsheathed and bathed in the lightning of heaven. It will cut its way through every barrier. Under the enabling power of the Spirit thousands of consecrated voices all over the world will give the final warning, and the promise is that "every truly honest soul will come to the light of truth"

(*The Great Controversy*, p. 522). In that hour of the grandest display of God's presence, "thousands in the eleventh hour will see and acknowledge the truth." These conversions will be made "with a rapidity that will surprise the church" (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 16). In those days "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time" (Isa. 60:22).

We have not yet begun to realize the possibilities of our human resources when coupled with divine power. We have not yet begun to capitalize on our possibilities in men and means. We have not yet begun to know the meaning of real sacrifice personally. We have not yet begun to get the most out of our institutional facilities and staffs. Now that the supreme hour has come, we must pre-

pare the way for the Spirit of God. Earth is waiting; heaven is waiting.

Here we are today with all earthly conditions ready to see this great closing work hastened on to a climactic finish. We know it cannot be finished until the church takes its place witnessing and testifying to the sanctifying and transforming power of an indwelling Christ. The mightiest power the world can ever see comes from this witnessing by men and women, who, through faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, have been transformed into His likeness.

Surely now there must come out of all this global turmoil, international insecurity, and widespread maelstrom of wickedness a people who are experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, men and women compelled to go forth conquering and to conquer.

The Work in Vietnam

(An interview between C. D. Martin and Le Cong Giao during the eighth business meeting, Tuesday morning, June 21. Elder Martin, secretary of the MV department of the Far Eastern Division, is now an associate secretary of the General Conference MV Department.)

C. D. MARTIN: Since all of you, I am sure, are interested in news about Vietnam, I will endeavor to give you a glimpse of what is going on in that land. Four weeks ago today we stopped in Saigon to visit some of our men. We have the names of more than 300 U.S. Seventh-day Adventist servicemen. We have reason to believe that there are 350 or more. We are doing our best to reach them as soon as they arrive. As nearly as we can tell, we have eight Korean Seventh-day Adventist soldiers. There are probably representatives from other countries as well. We are endeavoring to reach them also.

We have had four SDA military chaplains in that general area. One, Major Wm. Hall, is there now. Two other chaplains will soon be on their way to that area. I am happy to say that every Sabbath our young men are meeting in groups throughout Vietnam.

In December we had a retreat for the servicemen. We had a fine representation from the Central Highlands, the Delta area, and other places throughout South Vietnam. Unfortunately, because this was the weekend of the anniversary of the Viet Cong organization, Saigon was placed off limits, so that some of the men could not attend.

In spite of these restrictions, about 40 of our young men attended. We had a wonderful time together. The master sergeant of one hospital said, "I wish I had a hospital filled with Seventh-day Adventist soldiers." Wherever we have gone we have found that our young men have been witnessing and have been doing a wonderful work for their church.

I know you are interested in the work of our church as it is carried on in this war-torn country. We are happy that Le Cong Giao can be with us, and I would

like to have you meet him. He is one of our delegates to the General Conference session. Where is your home, Giao?

LE CONG GIAO: My home is in the Delta of Vietnam.

C. D. MARTIN: You mean you were born in that area?

LE CONG GIAO: Yes, I was born in that area.

C. D. MARTIN: In what town or village were you born?

LE CONG GIAO: I was born in the city of —, which is southwest of Saigon.

C. D. MARTIN: Where do you live at the present time?

LE CONG GIAO: Right now I am living in the city of Saigon.

C. D. MARTIN: What is your work, Brother Giao?

LE CONG GIAO: My work is in the publishing department. I am the publishing manager of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Saigon.

C. D. MARTIN: I am sure our folks here would like to know how our people are faring and how the believers are getting along in Vietnam. Could you tell us about this?

LE CONG GIAO: Well, just for illustration, I would like to tell you the story of the church in the Delta where my father is now the pastor. My father is a retired minister, but he is still working, because we cannot send a younger minister into that area. He volunteered to stay by and take care of the church.

C. D. MARTIN: What is the name of this village?

LE CONG GIAO: The village is Vong Yong, a village about 185 miles southwest of Saigon.

C. D. MARTIN: How is your father getting along, Giao?

LE CONG GIAO: My father is having a rough time in that area because it is an active war zone.

C. D. MARTIN: You mean they actually fire shells? The artillery is firing right back and forth across the church?

LE CONG GIAO: Ah, yes, the fighting is

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Southern European Division

By MARIUS FRIDLIN, *President*

The 120,799 faithful and devoted church members, as well as the 2,471 consecrated workers of the Southern European Division, send their sincere brotherly greetings to the delegates and friends assembled here at the General Conference session. They are looking eagerly to this meeting and are praying that God may pour out His Holy Spirit upon His people and give guidance and wisdom.

First of all, in behalf of our division I wish to express to the General Conference and to our generous brethren and sisters in North America our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the liberal financial aid granted to our field, which has proved a real blessing to our many organizations.

In many respects Southern Europe comprises some of the most interesting parts of the world. Long before the dawn of the Christian Era it was the very center of civilization and culture. We find here the remains of ancient temples and arenas, the ruins of royal castles and pontifical palaces. Here are the catacombs and the mountain caves where the early Christians and the faithful believers during the Middle Ages, and at the time of the Reformation, found refuge and had their places of worship.

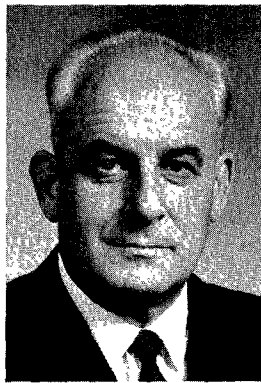
The first Seventh-day Adventists to be baptized in the Southern European Division territory were baptized in Torre Pellice, in one of the famous Waldensian valleys, and last year we had the privilege of commemorating, on the spot, the one hundredth anniversary of these baptisms. In our territory we also have some of the most important cities in the world, such as Paris, Geneva, and Rome. Southern Europe is on the crossroads of the world, and it is imperative that the proclamation of the third angel's message be intensified as we approach the climax of this earth's history.

John Foster, in his review of *History of Christian Missions* by Stephen Neill, speaks of the prospects of Christianity in countries where totalitarian tendencies are prevalent, as well as in heathen and Moslem countries. He says: "If advance has become difficult, no churches contemplate retreat." "On the other hand," he continues, "Latin America and Africa south of the Sahara are the continents where Christian mission work is most encouraging."

He adds that the European continent causes the "gravest anxiety with church attendance, ministry and the whole of 'residual Christianity' declining." That, unfortunately, is the true picture of the prevailing spiritual condition in the fields that constitute our home base. From a human viewpoint Southern Europe is without doubt one of the hardest fields in the world.

More than half of our constituency is

in the Eastern countries of our territory, facing godless ideologies and often suffering bitter hardships. From the Azores in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea we have a solid fortress of Roman and Greek Orthodox Catholicism. North Africa and other of our mission fields on the African continent, as well as some islands in the Indian Ocean, are Mohammedan, while the remaining part of our large mission field is Catholic, Jewish, Mohammedan, and heathen. While we enjoy complete religious freedom in some fields, yet in others we are just tolerated, and in some persecution is our daily lot.



Marius Fridlin

In Angola and Mozambique a good number of our faithful African workers and church members were killed or put into prison during the period of terrorism, which has not yet come to an end. Bush chapels and schools have been burned down in many villages. Our well-known mission station at Munguluni is surrounded by rebels, but our courageous missionaries are still on that station, crying to the Lord that He may protect them in this dangerous time.

Faithful Unto Death

A year ago, one of our devoted African evangelists in Mozambique, who was in charge of an outstation, was preparing his talk for the prayer meeting that evening. While he was studying, some rebels came to his house and asked him, his wife, and little daughter to come out. As he obeyed their request, the rebels told him to abandon Christianity and the preaching of the gospel, as Christianity is the white man's religion, and white men are hated now by Africans. If not, he would be killed instantly. Our brother remained calm and answered that he could in no way abandon the preaching of the gospel, as it is a message that must go to every nation, people, tribe, and tongue.

"Cease to preach," the rebels ordered, "because Adventism is an American re-

ligion. Your headquarters are in Washington, D.C., and we hate American imperialism; otherwise we will kill you on the spot." Our dear worker remained calm and told the rebels that the Advent message is a universal message, and that the fact that the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is in the United States does not remove the marching orders to go into all the world.

Again the rebels ordered our evangelist to abandon Christianity or be killed instantly. Here our faithful worker stood like Luther before the Diet of Worms. He said with complete peace in his heart: "I cannot do otherwise." And the rebels cut him in pieces right before his wife and little girl. We do not understand why the Lord has permitted this, but we know that our movement has its martyrs who would rather die than stop preaching the third angel's message.

In spite of persecution, constant danger, lack of religious liberty, and other obstacles, the work is going forward in a surprising way. While it took 22 years to win the first 200 members in Mozambique, almost 2,000 were baptized during the past 22 months in that most progressive field of our division. At the end of 1965 Mozambique reported 5,646 baptized church members and 13,814 Sabbath school members. As far as this field is concerned the membership has almost doubled during the past four years.

Progress in Angola

In Angola our leaders also speak about victory in a period of great unrest and violence. Since the outburst of terrorism in 1961 the Protestant missions have declined visibly, but the Advent Movement has progressed steadily.

The two most progressive fields of the Angola Union Mission are the Cuale and Namba missions, which are those that suffered most during the time of terrorism when many workers were killed and imprisoned. From many heathen villages now come requests for workers that our church may be established among them. Unfortunately, the majority of these appeals cannot be answered owing to lack of workers. In 1963 a secondary school was opened in Nova Lisboa, where the mission headquarters is located. This institution will be enlarged to provide adequate education that will answer the needs of this time. Seven weekly Voice of Prophecy broadcasts cover practically the whole of Angola. More than 5,000 people were baptized during the last quadrennial period, and at the end of 1965 the membership was 18,123, with a Sabbath school membership of 32,304.

In the Equatorial African Union Mission plans have been made to open mission work in the independent Republic of Chad, and a missionary has been appointed to do pioneer work there. A part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow will be employed in opening a new mission station among the Bamileke tribe in the southwestern part of the Cameroun. A second missionary will soon be sent to the Central African Republic, where right now the possibilities are very encouraging.

In the Senegal Mission on the coast of West Africa work has been opened in the

province of Casamance. We have a new mission station there with a school developing rapidly. A baptism has already taken place. The Portuguese Union Mission reached the 3,000-member mark before the end of 1965. Interesting work has been done here among two groups of a dissipated movement of the Protestant church. Some time ago these groups requested to join our organization. They were informed by our leaders that we do not accept churches as a whole, but that we are ready to instruct them in our message and to accept them as baptized souls who are convinced of the present truth. Public lectures were held, and Bible studies were given to individuals. Five were baptized, then eight, then 30. Now more than 40 have joined our church.

A group of Adventist reformers in Portugal was visited by one of our book evangelists. A district pastor followed up this interest, and last December nine of these people were admitted to the church by rebaptism. Four others are preparing to join us soon.

New Day in Spain

A new day also has dawned in Spain. Official permission for the opening of 13 Seventh-day Adventist churches in that country was granted during 1965. This brings the number of Adventist churches, now authorized to meet, up to 17. One more request for permission is pending, and there is hope it will soon be granted. During the last part of 1965 Adventists in Spain had the joy of knowing that their membership had passed 2,000.

The Franco-Belgian Union Conference, which is one of our strongest home bases, also shows advance in every respect. Membership is nearing 6,000. The financial situation is quite good, and is improving every year. The Ingathering work is progressing. Three old sisters, aged 83, 84, and 85, together collected more than \$1,000 during the last campaign.

In Switzerland, where our division headquarters is located, and where soul-winning work is not easy, our movement is nevertheless progressing. Our largest church, in Basel, has enlarged its chapel. It now has a seating capacity of about 750. The German Swiss Conference has moved the publishing house to a new location, in picturesque Oertlimatt. The dedication service was held in April this year. New church buildings are planned for the cities of Langenthal and Arau.

In French Switzerland a new chapel was dedicated at the end of 1962. The Geneva church has been rebuilt and is now a very modern edifice with a seating capacity of about 550. A new church school building has been opened in the locality of Renens, near Lausanne.

Much could be said about the wonderful work accomplished by our different departments. In 1961 there were 373 schools in our division, and at the end of 1965 the reports showed 527, an increase of 41 per cent. We have 25,210 pupils in our primary schools, which is an increase of 37.4 per cent over 1960. We have 2,458 students in our secondary schools and colleges, an increase of 57.6 per cent. New church schools have been opened in Spain, Italy, and Switzerland.

During the past quadrennial period a

new publishing house has been added. At the end of 1964 the sales of our publishing houses reached the astonishing sum of \$1,126,503, an increase of 107 per cent compared with 1960. The sales of the 289 book evangelists have almost doubled within the four-year period, and have now surpassed the one-million-dollar mark.

Our faithful literature evangelists have an active part in evangelization. They report 833 baptisms for 1962-1965, while during the previous four years they won 443 souls. This shows an increase of 390 precious souls.

During the quadrennium a steady growth has been visible in the Sabbath school department. By means of division-wide conventions emphasis has been laid on the soul-winning potential of the Sabbath school. These meetings are now beginning to bear fruit in stronger and more lovely Sabbath schools, growth in membership, attendance, baptisms, and offerings.

The division accepted the appeal for greatly increased Sabbath school offerings in view of present needs, and our Sabbath schools have responded in a tangible way so that offerings are increasing at a special rate above the usual regular growth. Our members are missionary-minded. Many have sons and daughters in the mission fields of our division, and the churches take a personal interest in the progress of our mission work.

At present we have 2,569 Sabbath schools in our division, with an increase of 177 during the past four years. The Sabbath school offerings for the 12 Sabbaths during 1965 amounted to \$53,414, an increase of nearly \$20,000 compared with 1961. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings have almost doubled within the last four years.

The Medical Work

For certain reasons the medical work has developed slowly within our division, and yet it plays an active part in our missions program. On May 31, 1964, a fine new nurses' home was opened at our Lake Geneva Sanitarium, Switzerland. The former head of this institution, Dr. H. Muller, retired recently after 40 years of service. His place has been taken by two dedicated Adventist physicians, Dr. F. W. Brennwald, who for many years did pioneer work in the Cameroun Mission Hospital at Koza, and Dr. P. Lackner.

The Bongo Mission Hospital in Angola continues to render much-appreciated service under the leadership of Dr. R. B. Parsons. During the four years under review he has been joined by his doctor son, David, who has become a Portuguese citizen in order to work by the side of his father.

When Dr. Brennwald accepted the call to become medical director of Lake Geneva Sanitarium our hospital in Koza, North Cameroun, was left without a physician. Fortunately, Dr. W. E. Westcott, of Florida, volunteered to give us one year's temporary assistance, starting August, 1963. Even though he is now in his sixty-third year, he has become so absorbed in his work that he is still there, and has given greatly appreciated, unselfish service at Koza. In our dire need—for we have not yet been able to find a

replacement—he has extended his stay until the present, but we must find a surgeon to take over the task he has so cheerfully been performing.

We have also an empty hospital in Cuale, Angola. For years we have been looking for a doctor in order that this fine building may fulfill its purpose and bring physical and spiritual healing to the needy population in Northern Angola.

The home missionary department reports progress everywhere. The Ingathering shows an increase of 15 per cent, and the Missions Extension campaign 20 per cent. We hope to reach 1 million Swiss francs in our 1965 Ingathering campaign.

In Vienna, Austria, a 28-year-old invalid, Peter Völker, who was paralyzed by polio as a boy, sells religious magazines from his wheel chair summer and winter, in rain or snow. He hands over his earnings to our denomination. Recently he gave 20,000 Austrian shillings to a mission project in the Cameroun. In 1964 he sold 6,650 copies of our publications. When a prospective buyer needs change he must himself put his hand into the pocket of Peter's overcoat, because Peter's hands and arms are paralyzed.

A good number of church members have had interesting experiences during the Ingathering campaign. I will just mention one of our sisters living on the Madeira Island. Ingathering work here is very hard, and often our members are stoned. In spite of this, one of our courageous sisters collected 700 times more than she would earn by her daily work of embroidering. She only earns 10 escudos per day, when working hard, but she has collected more than 7,000.

In their quarterly reports most of our leaders mention that a great part of the baptisms are due to the missionary work of our faithful church members. In Mozambique, for instance, we have a member, Luis Magnela, who can neither read nor write, but over a period of 20 years has won 563 souls. More than 1,300 persons are members of our Sabbath schools through his activities.

The radio and correspondence school work are mighty agencies in the spreading of the everlasting gospel. Our radio programs are broadcast in four languages, and 16 Bible correspondence schools were operating at the end of 1965.

Thanks to the combined efforts of evangelistic campaigns and departmental activities, 27,618 members were added to the church during the quadrennium ending December 31, 1965. In this number are not included most of the baptisms that have taken place in our Eastern countries from which no reports have come in.

Of the present membership of 120,799, 17.1 per cent live in Western Europe, 50.44 per cent in the Eastern countries, and the remaining 32.46 per cent in the African and Indian Ocean mission territories.

As a result of the loyalty and devotion of our members, our tithe and missions offerings increased considerably during the past four years. They are the largest in our history and represent a gain of 16.24 per cent over the previous quadrennial period.

And now we stand at the threshold of another four-year period, looking over our vast territory with its 318 million souls. Many fields are still unentered and present a real challenge to us. We know that human strength is not enough to meet the present situation, and we cry to the Lord, asking Him to intervene as we meet obstacles and tribulations, and to raise up men and women willing to en-

ter the fields where little or nothing has been done so far.

In Southern Europe we are of good courage. We know that, come what may, the church is ever in God's good hands. Together with our dear members and workers, in a new spirit of entire consecration and unity, we shall earnestly labor to finish the work in order that our Master may come soon.



From Laymen to Ministers via Voice of Youth in Florida

Forest Lake Academy, in Florida, was the scene recently of a reunion of several men who were residents of the Orlando, Florida, area in 1958 and who participated in the Voice of Youth effort conducted by the Highland church of Apopka.

The occasion of the reunion was the 1966 Florida youth congress. An outstanding program at the congress was a presentation entitled "This Is My Life," a dramatic review in pantomime with a recorded narration of the development of the Missionary Volunteer Society and all of its various activities.

Two scenes represented the beginnings of the Voice of Youth plan of youth evangelism that took place in the Orlando, Florida, area. These men were brought together to be featured in one of the scenes (from left): Walter Marshall, W. F. Asher, A. C. Mote, Fred Krall, Al Stevens, Bennie Tillman, Walter Brown, and Bill Clark.

Elder Mote, now pastor of the Boulevard church in Madison, Tennessee, was pastor in Apopka then, and was sponsor of the effort. The other men were lay members of the church, but their participation in successful evangelism so thrilled them that four of them resolved to prepare for service in the ministry. Brethren Marshall and Stevens are now ministers in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference; W. F. Asher in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and Walter Brown in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Brethren Krall and Clark are serving the Southern Union church development service as church builders. Bennie Tillman is still a member of the Highland church, and is still enthusiastic about winning souls for Christ.

CHARLES R. BEELER

The Work in Vietnam

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everywhere around the church. Bullets and shells fall just in front of the church and behind the church and on the roof.

C. D. MARTIN: Now tell me, is the publishing work strong in that area?

LE CONG GIAO: We are so thankful to God that the publishing program is going well in spite of the fact that there is a war, a cruel war, going on in that land.

C. D. MARTIN: Now tell me, why does your father feel a burden to stay by this church and help these people?

LE CONG GIAO: My father feels that the church members in that area need a shepherd; they need a shepherd more than ever. So he feels that it is his duty to stay

by to look after the welfare of our Seventh-day Adventist members.

C. D. MARTIN: Have you visited this church recently?

LE CONG GIAO: Oh, yes, a few months ago I visited the area, but I would never like to visit that place again, because it is too dangerous.

C. D. MARTIN: Tell me what happened recently to the army post near the church.

LE CONG GIAO: About two or three months ago a government post in that area, about two kilometers from the church where my father is, was attacked and demolished.

C. D. MARTIN: What about other denominations? Are they operating in this same village?

LE CONG GIAO: No, although in this area there have been Buddhist, Catholic, and some Protestant churches, all of them

have been evacuated except the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

C. D. MARTIN: Isn't that a wonderful testimony! What about several months ago when your father was sitting in his house reading his Bible?

LE CONG GIAO: A few months ago my father was sitting in his living room one night reading his Bible when soldiers came into the church compound and surrounded the whole church area. After a while he looked up and saw the soldiers all around him. He was worried, so he turned off the lights and quietly went to the bomb shelter that he had made underneath his bed. He expected shooting, but suddenly the soldiers withdrew.

C. D. MARTIN: I understand that two weeks ago your father came to tell you good-by in Saigon. How did he feel?

LE CONG GIAO: Two weeks ago he came to Saigon to try to see me, and he said good-by because he was not sure that he would see me again. He did not know what might happen to him, so he said good-by to me and told me that just the night before he left his village, the soldiers came to the church and visited him and asked his permission to use the drum we use at the church to announce the meeting. My father protested that he had no right to give permission to use the drum; the drum belongs to the church and he is only the chairman of the board. The soldiers took the drum anyway out into the field and beat it, made a lot of noise, and stirred up the people. They left the drum in the field, and went away.

C. D. MARTIN: Now, I understand that our colporteurs recently have had some difficulty with their books. Did they have the books brought in, and what was the result? Do you know? The church that I am mentioning has about 14 literature evangelists.

LE CONG GIAO: One day the enemy rounded up our colporteurs and locked them up for 14 days, demanding that they turn in all their books for inspection. So our colporteurs turned in the whole set, including the books *Steps to Christ*, *Christ Our Saviour*, *The Marked Bible*, *The Prince and the Rebel*, *Reforms on Health*, and educational books.

C. D. MARTIN: Did they finally get permission to sell books?

LE CONG GIAO: The soldiers studied the books we gave them, including *What Is a Seventh-day Adventist?* They saw that we have no political propaganda in our literature. The only thing they found was the message about the coming of our Lord and the hope for the future life. So they turned back the books and said that, although they could not find anything wrong with our books, they still could not give permission to circulate them. Permission would be needed from a higher authority. Well, in about ten days they obtained the permission they needed, but it was only for that village.

C. D. MARTIN: I am sure that carrying on our work, transportation, shipping of books, and other things must be a real problem. Have we had some providential deliverances?

LE CONG GIAO: We have had many, but I wonder if I have time to relate them in this meeting. I will tell you just one story.

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The Australasian Division

By L. C. NADEN, *President*

"For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth" (Rom. 9:28).

This promise of the Lord is being wonderfully fulfilled in the extensive territories of the Australasian Division. Supernatural happenings in our midst, unprecedented growth in membership, with temporal blessings too numerous to recount, remind us continually that God is with us and is indeed finishing His work in the lands that lie under the Southern Cross. Time and time again during the past quadrennium we have been led to exclaim, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23).

As the pioneers entered the lands "down under" they were not overawed by the task of witnessing from Pitcairn Island in the east to Perth in Western Australia. Millions of square miles of ocean—not always Pacific, oftentimes turbulent—could not debar them from entrance to the hundreds of islands that fill the South Pacific Ocean. These noble men and women knew that God was with them and had written centuries beforehand that these isles would wait for His law, and that part of the remnant would be gathered from their inhabitants (Isa. 42:4; 11:11). What can stay the arm of the Lord when He wills to achieve His purpose? God fears no opposition, and what is more, He needs no help. He is the Almighty One. In Him we trust, and His divine leadings we hope always to follow. He has promised to multiply Zion and multiply her according to our faith and works (chapter 51:1-3).

I will now call upon R. R. Frame, the secretary of the Australasian Division, to present the evidence that portrays this multiplying of Zion in the Australasian Division.

R. R. FRAME: From the 16.5 million square miles of land and sea comprising the Australasian Division, 74,431 church members extend their love and greetings to their fellow believers gathered here in Detroit. Of this number, 38,665 loyal Adventists are found in the romantic isles of the South Seas, where from week to week they gather in 406 organized churches. The home base of Australia and New Zealand carries a membership of 35,766, meeting in 369 churches. It will be recognized that for every church and church member in the home base there is a counterpart in the mission field of the division.

The past quadrennium saw 20,000 accessions in Australasia, the highest ever for a four-year period. This number of baptisms is equal to the division membership as it stood in 1943, 58 years after the pioneers from America landed in Melbourne, Australia. A further analysis

reveals that after the first 70 years of labor the division membership stood at 37,000. With the present total of more than 74,000 the astounding fact is that the number of Seventh-day Adventists in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Seas has doubled in the past ten years. This will give some indication of the rapid spread of the third angel's message in our area.

Australasia continues to lead the world field in the ratio of church membership to population, one person in every 223 being a member of the remnant church. The best figures come from the Western Solomon Islands where one in every five has accepted present truth.



L. C. Naden

Five unions, broken down into 11 conferences and 26 local missions, make up the Australasian Division. These fields vary in size and cover states and islands of diverse climes and great beauty. One mission field alone, French Polynesia, is equal in expanse to the continent of Europe, excluding European Russia.

The people of Australasia are missionary-minded. During the past four years one missionary, on an average, left the home base every five days to carry the gospel of Christ to those who know Him not. Our European missionaries are not confined to the 250 in the South Seas but are located in the Northern European, Southern Asia, Far Eastern, and Trans-Africa divisions.

The gospel commission requires that the message of salvation be taken to people of every tongue. We in Australasia, in response to this command, are working in 110 languages and dialects. As pioneers push back the frontiers of heathenism, additional languages will be used. There are few more satisfying experiences than to witness a Stone Age man or woman speak the name of Jesus for the first time.

Turning to the Sabbath school department, we are happy to report a membership of 128,000 as compared with 99,608

four years ago, an increase of 103 members for every Sabbath of the quadrennium. The number of Sabbath schools in Australasia now totals 1,476, a gain of 225 over the 1958-1961 period. A most gratifying feature is the development of the work of the branch Sabbath school. Four years ago 114 were being conducted, but we now have 627 such gatherings where the Word of God is opened from week to week.

This is a propitious hour in the history of God's work in Australasia. The more than 4,000 denominational employees, including institutional workers, are a dedicated band. The size of the task does not discourage them. They recognize that the harvest is standing white in earth's sunset hour, and our aim is to bring an abundant reaping into heaven's garner.

(At this point Elder Naden takes up the report again.)

Publishing Department: Associated with these 4,000 denominational employees is a great army of colporteurs who have faithfully witnessed for the Lord during the past quadrennium. The program of publishing was greatly strengthened by significant adjustments in both credit-selling procedures and selling techniques in the final two years of the period. The beneficial impact of the adjustment program is already with us and will become increasingly evident.

The increased number of literature evangelists—a monthly average for the quadrennial period of 195 as compared with 152 for the previous quadrennium—delivered into the homes of the people a total of U.S. \$2,870,917 worth of literature, which means an increase in sales of U.S. \$504,435.

The student program has increased significantly. A total of 439 students from our colleges earned 327 scholarships by delivering during their vacations U.S. \$193,699 worth of books.

The witness of these workers under the blessing of the Lord resulted in 365 souls being baptized whose first contact with the message of God was through literature evangelists.

Public Relations: Dial-a-Prayer, operated as a public relations telephone ministry, has made a marvelous impact on Australia and New Zealand. Fully accepted by the government post office [which administers telephone service], Dial-a-Prayer is listed in all telephone books in a prominent manner as a public service.

We now operate 51 lines in 22 centers and have had an estimated 5 million calls to this well-identified Seventh-day Adventist community service.

National magazines, newspapers, radio, and TV consistently cover Adventist news, creating a well-informed community on our church aims and ideals.

Temperance Department: The Seventh-day Adventist Temperance program is finding its rightful place in the forefront of the temperance movement. There is excellent coordination with other churches and temperance groups.

Government personnel in the Northern Territory of Australia, in New Guinea, and some island areas have sought the counsel of our division temperance secretary and contributed to reg-

ular temperance programs in these areas.

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has been enthusiastically operated and received over the past three years with more than 200 clinics conducted.

Institutes and seminars of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism have brought our temperance leaders into contact and favor with many authoritative and distinguished medical, educational, political, and judicial leaders.

Department of Education: The educational work, the foundations of which were so securely laid by the messenger of the Lord herself while in our midst, continues to thrive under the blessing of God.

We are happy to report that 19,000 of our young people are in denominational schools, an increase of approximately 3,000 since our last report. These are being led by 863 denominational teachers operating in 466 schools.

Avondale, our senior college, established under the guidance of the Spirit of Prophecy, continues to provide the cause with well-trained workers for both the home base and the mission fields. A new administration and classroom building, with a new dormitory for the young men and an extension to the young women's dormitory, make a pleasing sight as one now enters the campus. Soon a new building to house the kitchen and dining room will be erected.

Religious Liberty Department: Religious liberty matters during the quadrennium have mainly concerned trade union items and national service. While difficulties have been encountered, victories have been gained against severe pressures both by trade union secretaries and by army officers.

Health Food Work: What the messenger of the Lord so aptly described as God's gift to His people is our health food business in Australasia. Operating under the name of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, this business incorporates in its activity 13 factories, 7 wholesale depots, and 38 retail shops.

During the past four years we produced and sold 81,801 tons of food, an increase of 9,590 over the previous corresponding period. In round figures retail sales soared from U.S. \$8 million to U.S. \$11 million, an increase of U.S. \$3 million. Wholesale figures jumped from U.S. \$36 million to U.S. \$45 million, a most encouraging increase of U.S. \$9 million. Total sales for the period were in excess of U.S. \$56 million. From health food earnings a total of U.S. \$2,188,925 was provided for our division budget during the quadrennium.

Medical Department: The appointment of Dr. S. A. Kotz as full-time medical secretary and Daisy Schluntz as dietitian, has brought a great revival of medical activity throughout the division. Medical secretaries are now working right through to the local church level. Evangelists and church congregations are reaping the predicted fruitage as they follow the blueprint in their soul-winning programs.

Conference schools of health with cooking demonstrations at camp meetings are being enthusiastically received. The Sydney Sanitarium with its school of nursing is our major medical institution. With

generous financial help received from the General Conference, and also the expert counsel of H. E. Rice of its medical department, we are about to embark upon a U.S. \$3.5 million project in connection with the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. We plan to build up and remodel this institution from 180- to 300-bed capacity. Ninety graduates from this school of nursing are at present serving in the mission fields of earth.

The new public health program in New Guinea with its associated maternal and child welfare activity is making a tremendous contribution to the over-all program of soul winning in that area. In three clinics approximately 4,000 infants and Stone-Age-like mothers are seen every month and taught the principles of health and hygiene. In addition, 20 branch Sabbath schools are being conducted in these areas, with more than 1,000 people attending regularly. A large number of these are getting ready for baptism.

The new hospital at Malaita, Solomon Islands, the scene last year of the martyrdom of Brian Dunn, will be dedicated later this year to the glory of God.

We appreciate the presence with us tonight of Dr. Joeli Taoui, a Fijian national who is in charge of our hospital in the New Hebrides, the only one in the division completely staffed by national workers.

Radio-TV Activities: Our new radio program, Faith for These Times, is now being broadcast on 47 stations, and the well-known television programs It Is Written and Faith for Today are being beamed this year from ten channels.

With the associated Bible Correspondence Schools throughout this division, the radio-television ministry is gathering a rich harvest of souls. In collaboration with the field workers, this has resulted in 3,500 baptisms in the past four years. Through these media the message has found its way into untold thousands of homes.

Missionary Volunteer Department: The youth department comprises 1,228 societies and 43,847 members, three quarters of whom are found in the Pacific Island territories.

The spirit of youth evangelism has spread significantly with the introduction of the MV Target plan, and 855 evangelistic projects have been officially reported with resulting baptisms of more than 1,000 souls.

During the quadrennium notable youth personalities emerged in the exemplification of MV ideals. In 1964 Graham Mitchell, a Missionary Volunteer and MV Society leader, became famous as the winner of the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem.

Home Missionary Department: Evangelism is the watchword of the home missionary department of the Australasian Division. During 1965 alone 1,088 laymen successfully completed an advanced course in lay evangelism.

Love, the motivating force of all soul-winning activity, is revealed in a more than 100 per cent increase in the welfare activities of our 391 Dorcas Societies during the quadrennium. In addition to meeting the needs of their home districts,

these societies during the past four years have shipped 3,680 grain sacks of clothing to our island missions to meet constant needs and alleviate suffering and hardship caused by several disastrous hurricanes.

We now ask our treasurer, E. J. Johanson, to present the evidence of the temporal blessings of the Lord and of the faithfulness of God's people in support of the church program in Australasia.

E. J. JOHANSON: In evaluating the tithes and offerings of the Australasian Division it has to be borne in mind that the constituency divides itself into two parts, a strong home base and an island mission field in which dwell some of the world's most primitive peoples, who have no economy whatsoever as we know it. Toward the close of the quadrennium, as our secretary pointed out, our mission field membership crossed the line where it is now larger than the home base membership. Our home base membership is fully employed, of course, whereas in areas like New Guinea our people have little except the products of their home gardens to offer the Lord.

During the quadrennium under review our total tithe receipts amounted to the equivalent of U.S. \$12,677,214, an increase over the preceding period of 35.6 per cent, and our nonrevertible mission offerings to U.S. \$2,042,277, an increase of 38.3 per cent. We are pleased to note that over the four-year period the proportion of these mission offerings to tithe has been more than maintained. The total of all mission offerings—nonrevertible and revertible—amounted to U.S. \$3,742,851, or 291½ cents for each U.S. \$1.00 of tithe. Sabbath school offerings amounted to U.S. \$1,697,053, an increase of 38.6 per cent.

In addition, of course, our people made liberal contributions to home missionary activities and to the support of the work of our local churches, including church buildings, of which 224 new structures were erected during the quadrennium.

We operate in the mission field some 25 Diesel-engine boats, ranging from small launches and river boats to seagoing vessels of from 45 to 65 feet in length. The seagoing vessels are subject to maritime laws and must be officered by certificated captains and engineers. Beyond the European missionaries' support, the maintenance and operation of these boats constitute the largest single drain on our mission budgets, costing approximately U.S. \$85,000 annually; and as these boats become older, maintenance costs increase sharply.

The quadrennium saw the arrival of our first airplane, a Cessna 180, which has been named the *Andrew Stewart*, after a veteran island missionary now retired and blind. This plane serves two areas in New Guinea, piloted by L. H. Barnard, a delegate to the General Conference session and with us tonight, and Colin Winch, both excellent pilots and serving as district directors. The plane was donated through the liberality of doctor friends in the United States and has proved its value to our work, enabling our missionaries, European and indigenous, to get into otherwise almost inac-



Nurses' Training at Philippine Union College Expands to Meet Growing Needs

Enrollment in Philippine Union College School of Nursing for the second semester of 1965-1966 totaled 223 students. These students are in a five-year college program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Twenty-six of these students will complete the requirements for the degree this school year. In 1965, 19 of the graduates of this school were serving as missionary nurses outside their homeland. Miss Dioscordes B. Salmin, dean of the school of nursing, writes, "We cannot supply all the needs of the island field much less the mission needs outside the Philippines."

The demands on all schools of nursing are great. The need for registered nurses far surpasses the supply. We are grateful for those who feel that they can serve in our Seventh-day Adventist institutions.

The picture shows not only the faculty and students of PUC's School of Nursing, but in the center, T. C. Murdoch, board chairman.

MAZIE E. HERIN, *Associate Secretary
General Conference Medical Department*

cessible regions at great savings of time and money.

During the quadrennium some U.S. \$4,044,804 were appropriated to island mission work by the division, an increase of 36.9 per cent over the previous period. General Conference appropriations of all kinds amounted to U.S. \$3,805,305, an increase of 23.1 per cent. For these appropriations from the General Conference we have been most grateful, and we are happy to have been able to add to them from our own resources.

(Elder Naden resumed his report at this point.)

Island Mission Program: What have these monies appropriated to the division mission field accomplished?

Last year we celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the arrival of the missionary ship *Pitcairn* in the South Seas. This boat, built with the dimes and dollars of our Sabbath school members in North America, set sail for the South Pacific at midafternoon of October 20, 1890. Thus began a great adventure for God.

Those beginning days in the South Pacific were difficult. By the year 1903, after 13 years, we had a baptized membership of only 149 in all of these islands.

All through the years our mission boats have plowed the waves in the wake of the *Pitcairn* and beyond, carrying missionaries and supplies to isles that have waited so long, and still wait, for God's law.

In the Central Pacific Union Mission, to which the *Pitcairn* carried her original group of missionaries, we have the isles of Tonga. In this group last year our ministerial association secretary, George Burnside, conducted a field school of evangelism. Associated with him were 30 national workers from various island groups, including ten ministerial students from Fulton Missionary College, Fiji. Pastor Burnside, preaching in English, drew 4,000 out to his first great open-air meet-

ing. At the close of his campaign about 200 signified their intention of becoming members of the remnant church. What a change from those earlier days when it took 60 years in the Central Pacific Union Mission to win 2,000 people! This last quadrennium 3,315 entered the church by baptism in this union mission alone.

A great soul-winning campaign is being carried forward by 1,761 missionaries,

European and national, in the mission fields of the South Pacific. Their influence is being felt, and under the blessing of God we are reaping inspiring results. Signs and wonders are following our missionaries as they travel in the wake of the *Pitcairn*. By special revelation to heathen, by thrilling answers to prayer on behalf of these simple children of faith, God is doing mighty and wonderful things in our mission field.

Greater New York Conference Welfare Van

The first welfare-disaster mobile unit of the Greater New York Conference has already made a marked impact on a number of New Yorkers. Thomas A. Boyle, Red Cross disaster relief director for New York City, stated in a recent letter: "We like to work with the Seventh-day Adventists because they know what to do and how to do it. They are well organized."

Directing the operation of the van is G. E. Andersen (right), pastor of the Jackson Heights church in the Queens section of New York City. Assisting Elder Andersen are Brother and Sister Joseph Murphy (left). The unit responds to calls from any of the five boroughs that make up the city. Already numerous families have been outfitted after disastrous fires.

The conference looks forward to the day when an entire fleet of these vans can serve in the nation's largest city.

DON HAWLEY, *Departmental Secretary
Greater New York Conference*



Andrews University

By RICHARD HAMMILL, *President*

Andrews University is composed of three schools: the college, which offers baccalaureate degrees and serves primarily the youth of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, which provides professional post-baccalaureate education for ministers of the North American Division and for many young men from overseas divisions; and the School of Graduate Studies, which offers Master of Arts degrees in the academic disciplines of biology, business, education, English, history, mathematics, music, and religion. New Master of Arts curricula are being added year by year.

All three schools of the university are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college was established in 1874 as Battle Creek College at Battle Creek, Michigan, and has been located since 1902 in Berrien Springs, Michigan. In 1959 the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary was moved from Washington, D.C., to the Berrien Springs campus, and the School of Graduate Studies was added. The campus now comprises an estate of more than 700 acres on a picturesque, shaded plateau on the banks of the historic St. Joseph River.

Teaching in the three schools of the university are 137 faculty members—66 with doctoral degrees and 52 with Master's degrees. Many of the faculty have served as missionary teachers and as administrators in our overseas schools. The cosmopolitan background and experience of the faculty ensure a rich cultural and intellectual environment. The board of trustees is providing tools of learning such as libraries, laboratories, and research facilities that enable the faculty with the students to advance teaching, learning, and research in the climate of serious inquiry.

The James White Library houses more than 150,000 accessioned books, with additions being made at the rate of approximately 12,000 a year. In order that the students may be able to keep abreast of the developments in various academic disciplines, the library subscribes to 1,341 periodicals.

During the 1965-1966 school year Andrews University has had a cumulative enrollment of 2,819 students. Of these, 1,924 enrolled in the college, 517 in the School of Graduate Studies, and 378 in the Theological Seminary. Each year a large number of young people finish their courses of study at Andrews University and enter the organized work of the church. At the spring and summer graduation exercises of 1965, the following degrees were awarded: Bachelor's degrees, 181; Master's degrees, 119; Bachelor of Divinity degrees, 21.

In order that the delegates may understand a bit of the contribution that An-

draws University is making to the worker force of the denomination, note the following data concerning just three of our departments. During 1960-1965, 27 young people were granted Master's degrees from the Department of History and Political Science. A study of the present activities of these 27 graduates shows that 11 are teaching in Seventh-day Adventist work in the United States; seven are employed in overseas denominational schools; five are teaching in non-Adventist schools; and four are currently studying full-time toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree. History graduates are cur-



Richard Hammill

rently teaching on the faculties of the following colleges and universities: Canadian Union College, Pacific Union College, Adventist College of West Africa, Helderberg College of Africa, Spicer Memorial College of India, Taiwan Missionary College, and Purdue University.

During the school year just closed the enrollment in the Master's programs in the History Department was 100 per cent over the previous year. Twenty students are currently studying in the department toward Master's degrees. These students come from the following institutions: Atlantic Union College, Columbia Union College, Southern Missionary College, Union College, Walla Walla College, University of North Carolina, and the undergraduate school of Andrews University.

From 1961 through 1965, 27 young people from the Department of English were granted Master of Arts degrees. Seventeen of these are teaching in denomina-

tional schools, seven in public schools, and three are in other lines of activity. Of these graduates, 15 are teaching on the college level, seven on the secondary level, and for two the level is unknown. During the school year just closed, 22 students were actively pursuing Master of Arts degrees in the Department of English.

From 1960 to 1965, 220 students from the Department of Education earned Master of Arts degrees. Of these graduates 24 are presently working as ministers; 42 are in overseas mission service, mostly in educational activity; 122 are in educational activities in the North American Division; and a number are in administrative work. Among the latter are four college presidents, one division educational secretary, one union conference president, and three local conference superintendents of education.

Thus it can readily be seen that the majority of the young people earning advanced degrees at Andrews University dedicate themselves to service within the Adventist Church and are fulfilling positions of responsibility in the North American Division and the overseas fields, as well. Space does not permit a similar report from the other departments offering graduate work. These three serve to illustrate the fact that the young people who study at Andrews University are deeply committed to the work of the church.

In order that the young men who train for the ministry in the Theological Seminary may gain actual field experience in soul-winning endeavor, Andrews University conducts each year during the summer a number of Field Schools of Evangelism. This present summer eight of these will be held in the States of Idaho, Texas, California, Tennessee, Indiana, Colorado, and Utah. These field schools are conducted by experienced full-time evangelists; the young men from the Seminary receive much inspiration for soul-winning work as a result.

There have been a number of significant developments at Andrews University in the past few years. Space permits mentioning only one. For a number of years we have planned and sought to bring to fruition the establishment of a Department of Missions in the Theological Seminary. This has finally been achieved, and Dr. M. O. Manley, who has spent 22 years as a missionary, teacher, and administrator in the Southern Asia Division, has joined the faculty of the university to lead out in a course of instruction for young people who plan to dedicate their lives to mission service. In the four weeks following the General Conference session Elder Manley will conduct a special orientation institute for missionaries under appointment and on furlough. Assisting him are veteran missionary leaders of the church.

It is a pleasure to be associated with an active, growing, viable denomination like ours. How thankful we are that under the blessing and leadership of God the church is able to maintain an active evangelistic thrust in all the world. Andrews University wants to be a part of this program for extending the kingdom of God on earth. The faculty and students are dedicated to the church and stand ready to serve.

GOD'S PRESENCE

By JESSIE MOON

God has promised to bless
All who truly believe,
And they of His presence
Will daily receive.

Sabbath School Department

By G. R. NASH, Secretary

Our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father as we present this brief report covering the work of the Sabbath School Department for the quadrennium ending December 31, 1965. I cannot find more appropriate words to express my feelings than the words of the "sweet singer of Israel" as recorded in Psalm 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." In our report you will observe continued growth in every activity. For this we are indeed grateful, and thankfully give all glory and praise to the Higher Power who watches over His work and doeth all things well.

Sabbath School Evangelism

For years we have referred to the "soul-winning Sabbath school"; however, during the past few years special emphasis has been placed on the evangelistic potential of the Sabbath school department. It has often been called "our single, greatest evangelizing agency." Ellen G. White says that "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ" and that "the object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 10, 61).

In nearly every church there are those who can testify that their first contact with this message was made when they responded to an invitation to attend a Sabbath school service. Many have accepted Christ and embraced the truth as a result of first being invited by a friend to attend Sabbath school. We realize that out on the streets and in the homes of our cities there are literally thousands of people who, if invited in a proper way, would be more than happy to be visitors in a Seventh-day Adventist church.

The Sabbath school provides a most effective means for gathering in those who can be persuaded to investigate the Scriptures. Warmly welcomed into the Sabbath school class, with Bible and lesson quarterly in hand, with a teacher who sticks to the lesson and makes it plain, applying its principles to our personal life, the visitor is drawn to the Written Word and finds that it is able to make him wise unto salvation.

Approximately three out of every four persons baptized in North America were members of the Sabbath school before they were baptized. In the overseas divisions almost 100 per cent of those baptized were already members of the Sabbath school. It is estimated that there are 670,451 Sabbath school members in the world field at the present time who are not yet baptized members of the church. This is a reservoir from which future baptisms will be realized.

Teacher Evangelism

Teacher evangelism continues to be one of our most important phases of Sabbath school evangelism. Official leadership is important, but it is crystal clear that the evangelistic teacher is the key to the Sabbath school's evangelistic success. The best attended Sabbath school is the one with the best teachers. We are putting forth every effort to improve our teaching staff around the world. This is one of our weakest links and will demand our continued efforts through the years to come. We solicit the full cooperation of all concerned in this important phase of our work. We are also emphasizing



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ing teacher follow-up work in the homes of the members. Especially is this important with reference to missing members and absentees.

While it is true that the largest percentage of church members that has ever attended Sabbath school attended Sabbath school during this quadrennium, nevertheless we cannot rest until our good is better and our better is best. This missing-member problem is one that demands our continuous and constant attention.

Vacation Bible Schools

Our Sabbath school leadership throughout North America and in several of the overseas divisions is fully convinced of the tremendous evangelistic potential in Vacation Bible School work. There is no better method of breaking down prejudice, creating good will, and gaining the confidence of the community. Vacation Bible Schools are a natural forerunner to branch Sabbath schools. Many adults have been baptized as an indirect result of this work.

Available reports of Vacation Bible School work for the 1958-1961 quadrennium as compared with the 1962-1965 quadrennium show the following growth: (See comparison at top of next page.)

We want to take this opportunity to salute our loyal Sabbath school leadership and faithful members throughout Korea. Nowhere else in the world field has the impact of Vacation Bible School evangelism been felt more than there.

Branch Sabbath Schools

The branch Sabbath school idea has become a well-established plan of evangelism in a large part of the world field. The plan has resulted in the organization of thousands of new churches. In many parts of the world our laymen do most of their soul winning through this plan. One conference president in North America wrote as follows: "We are coming to realize that branch Sabbath school evangelism is truly the kind of evangelism that can change the course of our entire soul-winning program. I believe that this new approach is one of the greatest steps forward we have ever taken."

Ellen G. White wrote, "The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath-school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74.

At the beginning of this quadrennium we took as a goal 30,000 branch Sabbath schools. We are happy to report that at the end of 1965 we had 79,523 schools.

A special word of appreciation goes to the Inter-American Division. At the end of 1965 they had organized 40,943 branch schools.

Membership

Our world Sabbath school membership as of December 31, 1961, was 1,814,719. At the end of 1965 we were happy to report that the membership had grown to 2,248,955. At the end of 1961 we had 23,240 Sabbath schools. At the end of 1965 this number had increased to 26,342.

Offerings

	Statistical Analysis	
	1958-1961	1962-1965
Birthday-Thank Offering	\$ 895,162.81	\$ 1,371,107.13
Investment Fund	2,981,692.47	4,750,835.36
Twelve Sabbaths' Offering	21,073,681.16	25,366,760.77
13th Sabbath Offering	6,154,971.71	7,428,297.66
Total S.S. Offerings	\$31,105,508.15	\$38,917,000.92

Looking to the Future

"We quit the goals that we have gained
To seek the ones still unattained.
The records we have made we take
To point to records we shall make."

While there have been significant gains all along the line, we still feel that there is much room for progress. We have hardly touched with our finger tips the tremendous potential of Sabbath School Investment. During the coming quadrennium we should see the Investment Fund skyrocket and go over the two or three million dollar mark. The time has fully come when more and more of our members in every land should put forth greatly increased efforts to increase all Sabbath school giving. The time is here for us to give "as God hath prospered." We must ever be on guard against giving too little too late.

	1958-1961	1962-1965
Vacation Bible Schools held	4,737	as compared with 9,976
Total enrollment in VBS	398,719	" " 948,880
Attended JMV Summer Camps	2,423	" " 753
Enrolled in Junior Bible courses	11,627	" " 22,693
Joined MV Pathfinder Clubs	2,250	" " 1,265
Parents interested in Bible study	9,144	" " 4,245
Enrolled in SDA church schools	2,279	" " 1,700
Enrolled in branch Sabbath schools	16,139	" " 90,994
Joined regular Sabbath schools	26,095	" " 36,694

New Books for Sabbath School Workers

Every successful worker must have the right tools for his trade. The new books prepared for Sabbath school workers during this past quadrennium are as follows:

1. *Evangelism Through the Sabbath School*
2. *Modern Sabbath School Reporting*
3. *Goal Devices for Progressive Sabbath Schools*
4. *Planning Better Sabbath Schools*
5. *Investment—The Miracle Offering*
6. *Vacation Bible School Crafts and How to Make Them*
7. *The Challenge of Vacation Bible School Evangelism*
8. *Christian Storytelling*, Revised
9. *Tips for Storytellers*, Revised
10. *Teaching Tiny Tots*
11. *Sabbath School Special Days*

The Sabbath School Department is pleased to have been able to provide these new books as effective tools for our Sabbath school workers throughout the world field. There are two other books in preparation. One is on outstanding branch Sabbath school experiences and the other is a new training course to train Sabbath school teachers.

Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the sympathetic administrators and devoted and progressive Sabbath school leadership in every division, union, and local field around the world; also to our faithful and energetic laymen in our Sabbath schools, serving as superintendents,

secretaries, division leaders, teachers; to our loyal Sabbath school membership in every land; to our denominational publishing houses that have cooperated in publishing and distributing Sabbath school materials; and, surely not least, to our faithful corps of office assistants, with whom it has been a constant joy to be associated. It is to all these, under God, that credit is due, and we desire to record our gratitude for their leadership and cooperation.

We are confident that the victories won during the quadrennial term are tokens of the soon-coming triumph of the work of God in all the world, and that the hosts of the Lord, with the Master Teacher, will soon gather from Sabbath to Sabbath in the everlasting kingdom to study with Him the glorious fullness of God's great love.

Surely we have come to the time when we should expect great things from God, and be willing to attempt great things for Him. To win souls for the kingdom of God and thus hasten the day of His coming must ever be our Sabbath school objective. We trust that all delegates will consider it a privilege and a responsibility to carry back to their respective fields the challenge of Sabbath school evangelism. The time has certainly come when the church should be called into universal action. In every country, in every land, in all languages in which this message is represented, Sabbath school evangelism must be lifted to a new and higher plane. We must arise and do our full share that the work may be quickly finished so that Jesus can come.



Riding in solid comfort and unconscious of the colorful missions parade, is ten-week-old Judith Irene, carried by her mother in typical Korean fashion, accompanied by her father, Dr. J. Raymond Wahlen, dentist from Seoul, Korea.

The Work in Vietnam

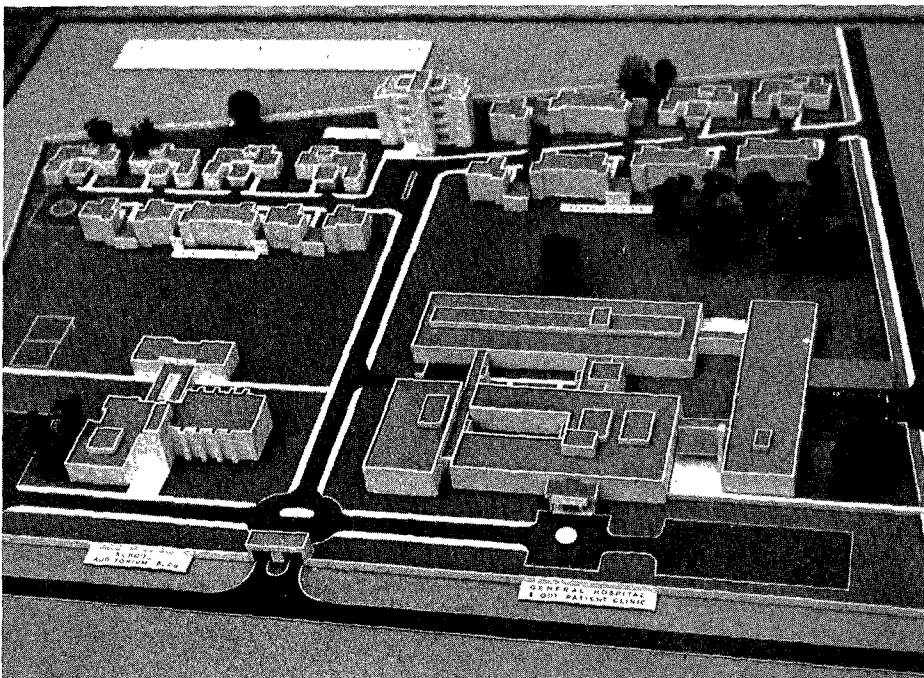
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We had two colporteurs who left the city of Saigon to go about 100 miles south. They left on the bus early in the morning, about 6:00. At about 7:00 they were nearing a town when they met two enemy soldiers in the road. These soldiers stopped the bus, hoping to get a ride. But the bus was full, without a vacant seat. The driver apologized, but explained that there was no room. They insisted that they must go to town, by all means, and promptly climbed up on top of the bus. It happened that these two soldiers had been on early morning patrol, and had found a land mine planted along the road. They had picked it up and brought it with them to the top of the bus. All of a sudden the bomb exploded. The bus was cut in two and many of the passengers were killed or wounded. Our two literature evangelists, fortunately, were in the back seats, and thus survived with minor injuries. These two colporteurs helped the wounded and carried some to the nearby city for treatment.

C. D. MARTIN: Do you have one final word you would like to say here regarding your people back in Vietnam?

LE CONG GIAO: Yes. Just before I left (by the way, I am the elder of the largest church in Saigon), our members wanted me to bring greetings from our brothers and sisters in Vietnam to you at this General Conference. Also they would like you to pray that God will continue to protect His people and that the work may go forward in that troubled area. We don't know what is going to happen, but we trust the Lord, and will certainly appreciate your prayers in our behalf.

C. D. MARTIN: Thank you very much, Le Cong Giao. I am sure all of us will leave this place with a prayer in our hearts for our faithful people in Vietnam who are enduring so much hardship.



A model of the new Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Benghazi, Libya, currently under construction.

Association of Self-Supporting Institutions

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN, *Secretary*

Organized in 1947 primarily for the purpose of serving as a "legal holding Corporation . . . to guard the interests of . . . constituent members of the Association," and restructured in 1951 on a basis of mutual relationship with denominationally owned institutions and enterprises for the purpose of aiding in the promulgation of the third angel's message through the use of Seventh-day Adventist privately owned and operated facilities, the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions has made a place for itself as the youngest of the General Conference departments.

The present membership of the Association approximates 200, and is made up of a variety of enterprises. The major portion are medical and paramedical, such as hospitals, sanitariums, extended care and retirement homes, clinics, medical groups, physical therapy and physical rehabilitation centers, with a total bed capacity of about 6,650.

Other member enterprises include educational institutions of secondary level, youth and child rehabilitation homes, foundations, and missionary industries.

A conservative estimate of the total monetary value of these private Seventh-day Adventist operations is on the upper side of \$100 million. Several thousand Seventh-day Adventist church members are provided employment, some of the larger institutions employing from 300 to 400 workers.

It is interesting to note that in some conferences where the medical work has not previously been developed, Seventh-day Adventist laymen have pioneered in the development of medical facilities through much labor and sacrifice of time and money. In a number of instances some of these institutions, fully equipped and functioning, have been deeded to conferences. Among institutions transferred to denominational control we might mention: Ardmore Hospital, Ardmore, Oklahoma, to the Oklahoma Conference; Corona Hospital, Corona, California, deeded to Loma Linda University, resold to a group of physicians who have erected a modern hospital of merit which is once more a member of ASI; Eternity Builders, a Dr. and Mrs. J. L. DeWitt medical organization, developed a secondary school in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America, and upon the death of Dr. DeWitt the property was deeded to the Honduras Mission; Feather River Sanitarium and Hospital, Paradise, California, to the Northern California Conference; Geer Memorial Hospital, Canaan, Connecticut—obtained and developed by the Fuller Memorial Hospital Group—to the Southern New England Conference; Madison Rural Sanitarium and Hospital, Madison, Tennessee, to the Southern Union Conference; Parkview

Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Maine, to the Northern New England Conference; Takoma Hospital, Greeneville, Tennessee, to the Southern Union Conference; Tempe-Clinic Hospital, Tempe, Arizona, to the Arizona Conference; Williamsport Sanitarium, Williamsport, Maryland, to the Chesapeake Conference. The most recent transfers are the Fuller Memorial Sanitarium, South Attleboro, Massachusetts, to the Atlantic Union Conference; and the Adventist Home, Livingston, New York, to the Greater New York Conference.

Some of these institutions are large; some are small. Enlargement and remodeling have been done in several instances.



Wesley Amundsen

The point is that these properties, with more or less operating facilities included, now function as denominationally owned institutions. Seventh-day Adventist laymen of good faith have been the pioneers, and their works do follow them as these enterprises become representative denominational medical institutions carrying the lighted torch of truth to many communities of America.

The most important factors in the work of the ASI have to do with the impact made upon hearts and minds through Christian ministry. Ministers of churches and chaplains of institutions, uniting their forces with those of doctors, nurses, other medical personnel, and layworkers, are making known through personal and business contacts, and through medical ministry, the good

Courage

By Myrtle Leora Nelson

Courage may be seen in kings,
And in the humble man who brings
His lamp, held high, along a road
Where other travelers bear a load.
It shines above misfortune's way—
Faith's lamp that conquers any day.

news of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; and people come into the church to make ready for that event. But let us not consider only the number of beds or financial outlay; let us look upon the results that accrue from this ministry.

Take for example, _____, a lad whom Brother and Sister Don Lair, of Lariat Boys Ranch in Nebraska, took in when he was about 11 years of age. He was a boy without a chance in the world to improve his status, a boy from a home that was not a home. His mother had never read a Bible, and she spent much time in taverns. His father had abandoned the family. The county welfare was bearing the burden of support. But _____ had something on the inside that responded to loving-kindness. He was baptized after being with the Lairs for a time, then went on to the academy, from which he graduated. He also became a much-desired MV camp counselor.

Brother Lair said to him one day, "_____, you have a mission field in which to work—your own family." So _____ set to work. He brought his own brother to Sabbath school. Later he brought his sisters. The church joined in the soul-saving program, helping to make clothes for the girls. When the church had a mother-and-daughter program, _____'s mother was invited. The Dorcas came to the rescue with a dress for the occasion. This was the turning point.

The story is most thrilling, but too long to be told in detail. Suffice it to say that the brother, three sisters, and the mother of _____ were all baptized. Now they are praying for the conversion of the father. Worth while? Yes, for this, the greatest work in all the world, points up the objectives of the ASI—the ultimate ingathering of souls.

Some time ago I received a copy of a letter written by a former patient in one of the ASI member institutions for mentally confused persons. It was a beautiful letter in which the author mentioned almost every doctor, nurse, or other worker by name—mostly first names. She told of some of the "little things" they had done for her. The letter concluded with this paragraph:

"What I am trying to say with all sincerity and heartfelt thanks is, 'God bless each one for the outstanding way that care, concern, and love are shown on every hand to each and every one that enters your doors.'

"In the Bible Jesus had to command us to love one another. . . . I have found it to be a personal joy and blessing to meet with a group of people like you that did not find it needful to be *commanded* to show love, but do so out of a heart full of love for God and their fellow man."

So the stories unfold, hundreds of them, dealing with all phases of the work done by the self-supporting ministry of the remnant church. Truly, among members of the ASI may be found those of whom Isaiah wrote: "But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves" (Isa. 61:6).

Home Study Institute

By D. W. HOLBROOK, *President*



D. W. Holbrook

Home Study Institute is unique in the school system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It has the largest number of students, yet no discipline problems. It has no campus, no graduation exercises, no campaigns, and no extracurricular activities. Yet its courses range from kindergarten through elementary, secondary, college, and adult education. The Institute is financially sound, yet its courses cost less than the average. Ninety-four thousand students have enrolled during the 57 years of the school's existence, and yet it has no alumni association. Home Study Institute is a service organization offering a broad program of quality work to the entire world church.

Three names stand out like beacon lights in the history of Home Study Institute. Frederick Griggs, the founder, conceived the idea of the Institute in 1909 and convinced denominational leaders of its value just as possibilities of correspondence study began to be appreciated in America. Dr. M. E. Olsen served as president during 23 years of steady growth. He retired in 1946, and Dr. W. Homer Teesdale began 19 productive years in the development of quality work at Home Study Institute. To these three men we recognize a debt of gratitude.

Home Study Institute is a member in excellent standing of the National University Extension Association. This organization of colleges and universities is the most important professional association in the United States concerned with extension and continuing education. Home Study Institute is closely associated with more than 115 universities, including such outstanding schools as the universities of California, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Their enthusiastic approval of the work of the Institute has been a source of real inspiration to the staff. In the words of Dr. Stanley Drazek, University of Maryland, and past president of NUEA, "Home Study Institute is tops—we're proud of you."

We have recently completed a five-month self-evaluation project. Committees delved into every detail, every phase of the school's operation. To conclude the study, educational leaders, ranging from elementary teachers to college presidents, came from all parts of North America to review the preliminary studies and develop recommendations, policies, and guidelines. New goals and areas of work were outlined.

A broad program of expansion is under way at Home Study Institute. These plans include strengthening the already

well-recognized course work, developing a varied program of adult education, providing stimulating courses for aiding denominational workers to stay mentally alert and professionally alive, preparing intensive briefings for mission appointees, developing a program of extension classes in the churches, and adding new courses designed to enrich the curriculums of our regular schools.

We believe that the Institute will fill an increasingly vital role in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as educational problems steadily increase toward the end of time and the flexibility of correspondence studies become increasingly useful to Seventh-day Adventist schools, parents, and students. The staff of Home Study Institute is deeply dedicated and enthusiastically involved in their task of aiding in the spiritual and mental growth of church members at every age level around the world.

Further Partial Report of the Plans Committee

The following recommendations and resolutions were voted at the eleventh business meeting, Wednesday afternoon, June 22, 1966.

Church Manual Revisions

Recommended, That a new section titled *No Wall of Partition*, be inserted on page 24, and that it follow immediately the first paragraph and precede the section, "The Supreme Object of Christ's Regard." The new section shall read as follows:

No Wall of Partition

"Christ sought by precept and example to teach the truth that with God there was to be no dividing wall between Israel and the other nations; that as the Apostle Paul wrote, 'The Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel' (Eph. 3:6, R.S.V.). Nor was there to be among Christ's followers any preference of caste or nationality or race or color, for all men are of one blood, and in the words of Christ, 'Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' The elect of God are a universal brotherhood, a new humanity, 'All one in Christ' (Gal. 3:28).

"'Christ came to this earth with a message of mercy and forgiveness. He laid the foundation for a religion by which Jew and Gentile, black and white, free and bond, are linked together in one common brotherhood, recognized as equal in the sight of God. The Saviour has a boundless love for every human being.'—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 225.

"'No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste, is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to

God. . . . In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free. All are brought nigh by His precious blood.'—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 386." [Voted.]

Recommended, That the section on pages 63 and 64 titled "Conference Church" be revised as follows:

a. The caption of the section read: "Conference or mission church."

b. The paragraph on pages 63 and 64 be revised as follows: "Isolated members should unite with the conference or mission church, which is a body. . . . Such should not be transferred to the conference or mission church; it is not designed to function in the field of the local church. . . . The conference or mission church is not intended to provide a church home for the conference or mission workers. . . ."

c. That the following paragraph be inserted at the close of the section just preceding the section titled "Organized Companies."

"*The presiding elder of the conference or mission church shall be the conference president, or mission, and the work normally carried by the church clerk and the church treasurer shall be handled by the conference or mission secretary. Any business normally conducted by a local church and its board shall, in the conference or mission church for which in the nature of the case there is no board, be conducted by the conference committee, who also shall appoint the delegates from the conference church to attend the local conference session.*" [Voted.]

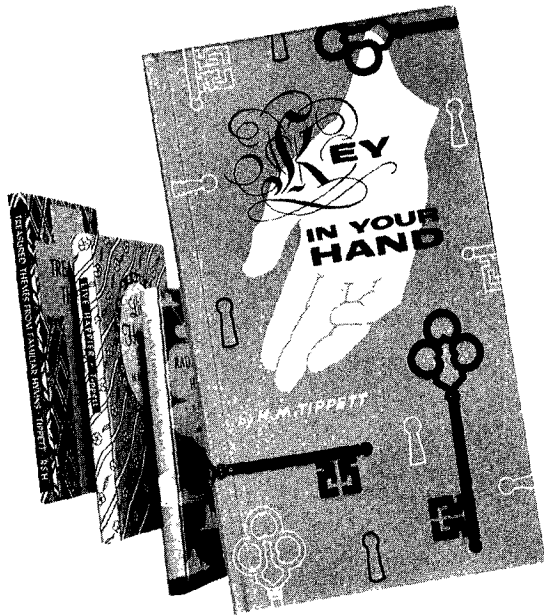
Recommended, That the paragraph numbered 5 on page 225 be revised by the addition of the italicized words below:

"*Adhering to or taking part in a divisive or disloyal movement or organization or persistent refusal to recognize properly constituted church authority or to submit to the order and discipline of the church.*" "(See page 177, 'self-appointed organizations')." [Voted.]

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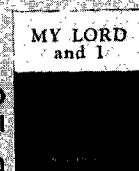
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Fiftieth Session, June 16-25, 1966

Tenth Business Meeting

June 22, 1966, 10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: F. L. Bland.

HYMN: "Trust and Obey," No. 111.

PRAYER: J. D. Smith, followed by the Lord's Prayer in Spanish by Salim Jappar.

F. L. BLAND: During the business session this morning we shall hear reports from two of the great schools of the church. The first is from Andrews University. Dr. Charles B. Hirsch, vice-president, academic administration, will lead out in this report.

[The report on Andrews University appears on page 13 of this Bulletin. The report was interrupted for a further partial report from the Nominating Committee. See page 3.]

R. R. BIETZ: I might say that Elder Aitken, who has been president of the South American Division for eight years and has done most acceptable work, has requested to be relieved of this responsibility. His main reason is certain educational problems. We are sorry for this request. Brother R. A. Wilcox, his successor, was a missionary in South America for a number of years, then was a local conference president, and after that a union president. I think, in all, he has spent some 15 to 18 years in South America. For the last eight years he has been president of the Middle East Division. Going to South America, he is really returning home.

C. B. HIRSCH: The person who has contributed much of his time and direction to the growth of the university in the past ten years is the chairman of the board of trustees, R. R. Figuhr. Brother Figuhr, will you give us a few impressions of this first Seventh-day Adventist university, which you helped to establish?

R. R. FIGUHR: I am glad to speak a word for this rapidly growing institution. We are confident that God has led in its establishing, for the church needs such an institution. If we are to maintain the Adventist emphasis in our work, we must train our workers in an Adventist atmosphere. That is what the brethren are trying to do.

Andrews University is a unique institution. It serves the whole world field through extension courses conducted in the various divisions. As a result, many hundreds of our overseas workers have had the privilege of sitting at the feet of our teachers and of receiving inspiration and valuable instruction. It is unique in another way, in that it is a successful venture in partnership—a special partnership between a union and the General Conference. The Lake Union and the General Conference, working together, have established this institution on the campus of

one of our pioneer educational institutions, Emmanuel Missionary College. I pay tribute to the brethren of the Lake Union, J. D. Smith and his associates, for the fine and understanding way in which they have cooperated with us.

I wish to pay tribute, too, to the dedicated leaders of Andrews University, first to Brother Hammill (I like to address these men as "brother" rather than "doctor." I don't know whether they object to that, but I don't think they do. To my mind "brother" is a higher title). Brother Hammill is a dedicated man who began his service as a minister, loves this work, and is loyal to it. He is also a student of the Word, and a capable administrator. His associate, recently called to serve with him as vice-president, is Brother C. B. Hirsch, formerly of Columbia Union College.

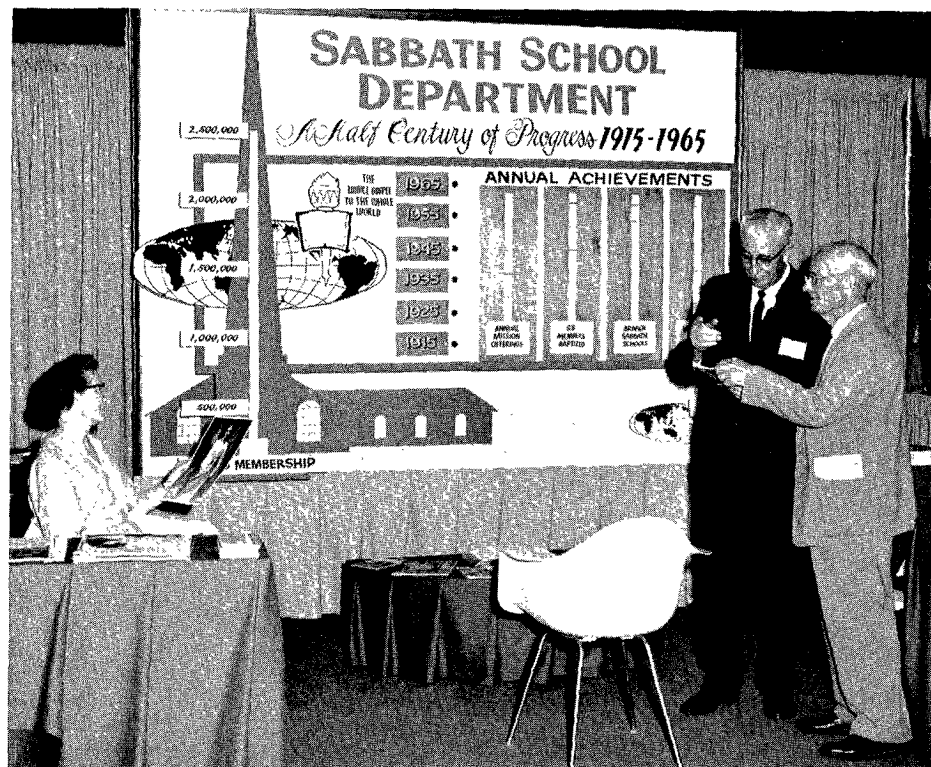
Then there is Brother Garber, the treasurer, and a fine corps of teachers. This institution, I am sure, will occupy an increasingly important role in our denomination as it helps to supply the pressing need for dedicated teachers and workers in this country and in many other countries. If you haven't seen this fine, young, prospering university, I hope you will do so as you leave this great meeting here in Michigan. It is not far from Detroit. A good highway leads there. You will be delighted by what you see, I am sure.

C. B. HIRSCH [introduced several members of the university staff, then said]: It is a real pleasure for me to introduce to you the new chairman of the board of trustees of Andrews University, the incoming president of the General Conference, Robert H. Pierson. Would you step forward, Brother Pierson, and say a word?

R. H. PIERSON: Thank you, Dr. Hirsch. It was my pleasure to be on the campus of Andrews University a few weeks ago. It had been some years since I had been there, and my heart was greatly encouraged by the growth and expansion in the intervening period. I was encouraged by Dr. Hammill's fine report of progress, and of plans for the future. I was impressed during my visit at Commencement time by the worldwide representation among the graduates and the student body.

As I saw young people there from various parts of the world, I felt a deep conviction that the denomination has sound plans for the development of workers to carry this message to every kindred, tongue, and people. The eyes of our youth all over the world are focused on Andrews University. This institution of higher learning is of special import to our young people. Here they can receive a truly Christian education in their advanced educational years. We're looking to Andrews University to help us staff the work of the church around the world.

Naturally, when a new administration comes in there are many who wonder what attitude the new leaders will take toward the various aspects of God's work. I want to tell Dr. Hammill and his staff that all of us who are coming into the General Conference administration are going to be fully behind him for the development of the work there at Andrews, and to see that the good work that has begun will be carried through to comple-



At the Sabbath school booth G. R. Nash, of the Sabbath School Department, explains the tremendous growth of the Sabbath school to a visitor, while Mary Ogle looks on.

tion. We appreciate very much what Elder Figuhr has done in launching the fine development program and what Elder Jere Smith has done to support this program.

Dr. Hammill and Brother Smith, we want to assure you that those of us who are coming in new are going to stand behind you fully. I've known Dr. Hammill for a long time. I believe in him 100 per cent. I've had an opportunity to meet many of the fine faculty members, too. We're going to do everything we can to continue the good work that has begun. Let us all, as members of the church around the world, pray for Dr. Hammill and the staff, and for the university that it may move forward from strength to strength.

F. L. BLAND: At this time we are going to receive a report from another great school of the church of God, the Sabbath School Department. I'm sure that we can agree readily that it has more students than any of our other schools. G. R. Nash, secretary of this department, will bring to us the report at this time.

G. R. NASH: We are happy to be able to highlight the Sabbath school during the quadrennial period. J. A. Stevens, who served this denomination so faithfully as head of the Sabbath School Department for a number of years, says he is praying for us and will be with us in spirit. We have with us on the platform Elder and Mrs. L. L. Moffitt. We would like to have them stand. They did a wonderful work.

Then we have Brother and Sister Eric B. Hare on the platform. Brother Hare served in the Sabbath School Department for 16 years, and has served the denomination for 47 years. We are happy to salute them for the wonderful work they did. You remember he was voted as Mr. Sabbath School at our last General Conference session.

Now we have Elder and Mrs. W. J. Harris. They have joined that wonderful group of individuals who have reached three score and ten. Elder and Mrs. Harris, will you come up? They have served this denomination for 50 years, 25 of which were in the Sabbath School Department. We greatly appreciate the wonderful work that you two have done. I want to tell you it has been a privilege to be associated with these folks, and I know the world field appreciates the work Brother and Sister Harris have done.

[The report of the Sabbath School Department appears on page 14 of this Bulletin.]

F. L. BLAND: Thank you, Elder Nash and brethren, for this thrilling report coming to us from the oldest and largest school of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Now, at this time we are going to receive a statement from one of our Polish brethren. Dr. B. B. Beach will introduce him.

B. B. BEACH: Brother Chairman, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has over the years proved its ability successfully to operate and to prosper in different cultural and social settings and under different political systems. We are happy and proud in the Northern European Division to count the Polish Union as an integral part of our division. We are happy that we have three delegates who have come from Poland present at this session.

At the last General Conference session in San Francisco, four years ago, Elder Dabrowski represented the Polish Union, as its secretary-treasurer. Recently, at a constituency meeting in Poland, he was unanimously elected president of the Polish Union. We have every confidence in the leadership of our church in Poland, and we are happy to present Brother Dabrowski to you today. He speaks very acceptable English, but prefers to speak his own melodious Polish tongue. Elder Klute will translate for him. Brother Chairman, we are happy to present the president of the Polish Union, Elder S. Dabrowski.

S. DABROWSKI (through translator): I am very happy to be present at the General Conference session. All our ministers as well as church members pray for this session here, and I bring you the warmest greetings from all our Polish believers. We are thankful to God that we have liberty in our country. In recent years we have printed about 30 different books—eleven of them by Mrs. White. We have three conferences and a seminary where we train our ministers.

I would like to say that the Advent hope is alive in Poland, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church is growing. Before World War II we were not recognized by the government, but everything has changed since the war. Now we have the same rights as all other churches in Poland. When we arrived in the United States we received a telegram from our treasurer in Warsaw stating that the Polish Government recognizes the statutes of our faith and our organization. Thus the Sabbath is guaranteed.

Every month we print 10,000 *Signs of the Times* as well as books and tracts. We have 70 workers, and all of them are busy in evangelistic work. In addition, a number of lay members are doing active missionary work. The Protestants are taking notice of our program and are pleased

with our organization. We try to take advantage of the times and preach the gospel as best we can. We expound all the prophecies, especially those of the book of Revelation. There is no other paper so well known as *The Signs of the Times*. We believe that the Advent message will make progress in all Eastern Europe. Let us remember that in those countries there are more than 120,000 Adventists. I believe that God will bless us. Thank you.

F. L. BLAND: It is most interesting for us to be informed of God's work in all parts of the world. At this time we are going to have a statement from another portion of the world, by D. S. Johnson.

D. S. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, apparently there was a meeting of workers and leaders in Hungary on June 18. The workers and leaders there recorded an action that they have sent by cable:

"Pastor W. R. Beach
Elders, leaders of the church, and the pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Hungarian Church held a meeting on the 18th June in Budapest. We are congratulating the fiftieth session of the General Conference. We ask our God to bless the delegates and the labor of the session, and the choice of leaders. In the name of the meeting, Odon Szabo, president."

Now, Brother Chairman, we want to record this. I suggest that we in turn authorize the secretary to send an appropriate response. [Voted.]

F. L. BLAND: We are all happy to receive the daily Bulletins of the REVIEW that keep us up to date with what is going on right here at this session. We are surely happy that one of the associate editors of the REVIEW, Kenneth H. Wood, is with us. We are going to ask him to make a statement now.

KENNETH H. WOOD: It is a wonderful opportunity for us to speak to the people who are our audience all the way around the world. We like to think that every week we write a letter to the great Ad-



The Central European Division booth, manned by Ria Tigmann, head nurse in a clinic in Düsseldorf, Germany, and W. Begeman, pastor in Duisburg, Germany.

ventist family. Sometimes the news is good; sometimes it is exceptionally good.

We believe that the REVIEW performs a unique function in keeping all of us together as one great family. We're not just a small family any more; we're a large family; and those of you who have large families know that it is easy to drift apart unless you communicate constantly with one another. We conceive of this as being one of the functions of the REVIEW.

I hope that those of you who are in a position to do so will encourage every Adventist to subscribe to the REVIEW and to read it week by week. We believe that a great blessing will follow.

F. L. BLAND: Thank you, Elder Wood, for this timely statement concerning our church paper.

DEVOTIONAL: Don Gray.

PRAYER: C. H. Lauda.

F. L. BLAND, *Chairman*

D. S. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

W. DUNCAN EVA, *Recording Secretary*

Eleventh Business Meeting

June 22, 1966, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: THEODORE CARCICH.

HYMN: "Draw Me Nearer," No. 150.

PRAYER: ARTHUR KIESZ.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jim McClintock, second bass of the King's Herald's quartet, assisted by Alfred Walters and Brad Braley, singing "Deep River."

THEODORE CARCICH: My, wouldn't you like, someday, to be able to sing like that? Over yonder in the earth made new, maybe we'll take a 1,000-year course and improve these voices of ours. At this time, we have reports from some of our institutions. The first is from the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions. We have in our work a large number of institutions manned by dedicated and consecrated laymen. These institutions are performing a distinctive service to the cause of God. The secretary of this association is Brother Wesley Amundsen of the General Conference. We call him "Mr. A.S.I."—he is deeply interested and deeply involved with these organizations. I'm sure that as he brings the report to us this afternoon, we will be impressed by what God is doing by these dedicated people not on the salary of the denomination, but nevertheless a part of the work.

[The report of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions appears on page 16 of this Bulletin.]

THEODORE CARCICH: Thank you, Elder Amundsen. May God bless you as you continue to develop this important field of service. We now have an item that our secretary will present to us before our second report comes on, and I will ask Elder Tarr to come forward and bring this before the delegation.

A. F. TARR: Brother Chairman, our committee recommends that J. H. Lawrence be seated as a delegate at large on the basis of the 25 per cent provision mentioned in Article III, Section 3, paragraph b, of our constitution. [Voted.]

THEODORE CARCICH: Now we would like to call Don Neufeld and Brother Snider of the Review and Herald to the platform for a moment. We would like to bring something to the attention of the delegates regarding the *Seventh-day Adventist*



Ernest Wendth interviewing the 87-year-old "China Doctor," H. W. Miller, M.D.

Encyclopedia. This is a monumental work concerning which we should be informed. These brethren are prepared to tell us about it—Brother Neufeld first, followed by Brother Snider.

DON F. NEUFELD: Four years ago I stood before the delegates of the forty-ninth session in San Francisco and announced that the Review and Herald had undertaken the publication of a denominational encyclopedia. At that time, you will recall, I solicited your prayers for, and your cooperation in, this staggering undertaking. Today, after four years, I am happy to announce that the task is completed.

More than 700 writers in all have contributed to the *Encyclopedia*. A number of you delegates here this afternoon are among the contributors. I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you writers, each one of you who assumed responsibility to see that the articles were submitted; also, those of you who read the manuscripts or the galleys or contributed in any other way. We know that this was an added burden above your regular responsibilities, but we do want to thank you. I know that in some cases these contributions meant a considerable



Less than 24 hours after the news and business of this world convention happens, printed copies of the REVIEW AND HERALD are delivered to delegates in Detroit. A copy is being presented by an associate editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD to Robert H. Pierson, newly elected president of the General Conference.

expense to you. It might surprise you to learn that the first edition of 20,000 of the *Encyclopedia* cost the Review and Herald nearly \$400,000.

This *Encyclopedia* is designed to be a standard reference volume in the public, university, seminary, and other libraries of the land. Day by day people are coming to us requesting information about Seventh-day Adventists. Now we can refer them to the *Encyclopedia*. The *Encyclopedia* is also designed to be a reference volume for our own people. It is a thrilling story of the providences of God in a movement that is bound to triumph. In one convenient volume we have gathered a wide range of information previously scattered in hundreds of sources, some of which are not readily accessible.

In these days of far-reaching changes in religious thinking, the Seventh-day Adventist Church needs to evaluate objectively its past so that it may understand adequately the present and plan effectively for the future. This *Encyclopedia* portrays the church's rich past, shows God's purpose for the church, and His guidance in its developments. All of us editors have confessed that after working on this *Encyclopedia* we will never be the same again. Repeatedly Ellen G. White's words came to my mind: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." The *Encyclopedia* portrays this rich past.

J. D. SNIDER: I don't need to add very much to what Elder Neufeld has said. It is difficult for many, especially laymen, to understand why a book such as the *Encyclopedia* could cost as much as ten split-level homes. But that is what it cost—nearly \$400,000 for the first edition. Actually, you are getting more value for your money than you think. The book contains 1,472 pages, two columns per page. If you calculate the number of words per page you will discover that you are getting this book, which is bound in a fine buckram binding, for less than the price of an equal number of words in tracts. The *Encyclopedia* gives a summary of what we believe and why we believe it. It gives a history of all our institutions and conferences and contains biographies of men and women who have made significant contributions to the building up of our work.

If you are not convinced that this book at only \$11.95, the introductory price, is worth all we are asking for it and more, we would like to cordially invite you to come over to the bookstand, where we will furnish you a nice soft seat and a copy of the book to examine at your leisure. Notice that if you are traveling by air, or otherwise, and are not able to pack one of these books in your luggage, this \$11.95 prepublication offer, which saves you \$3.00 a copy, is good until December 31 of this year.

I believe that all the nearly 40,000 who have already bought the *Commentary* will, of course, want to complete their sets. I further believe that the tens of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists who as yet do not have the *Commentary*, will want this book because it tells what we believe, why we believe it, and what we are doing all over the world. Thank you.

THEODORE CARCICH: Thank you,

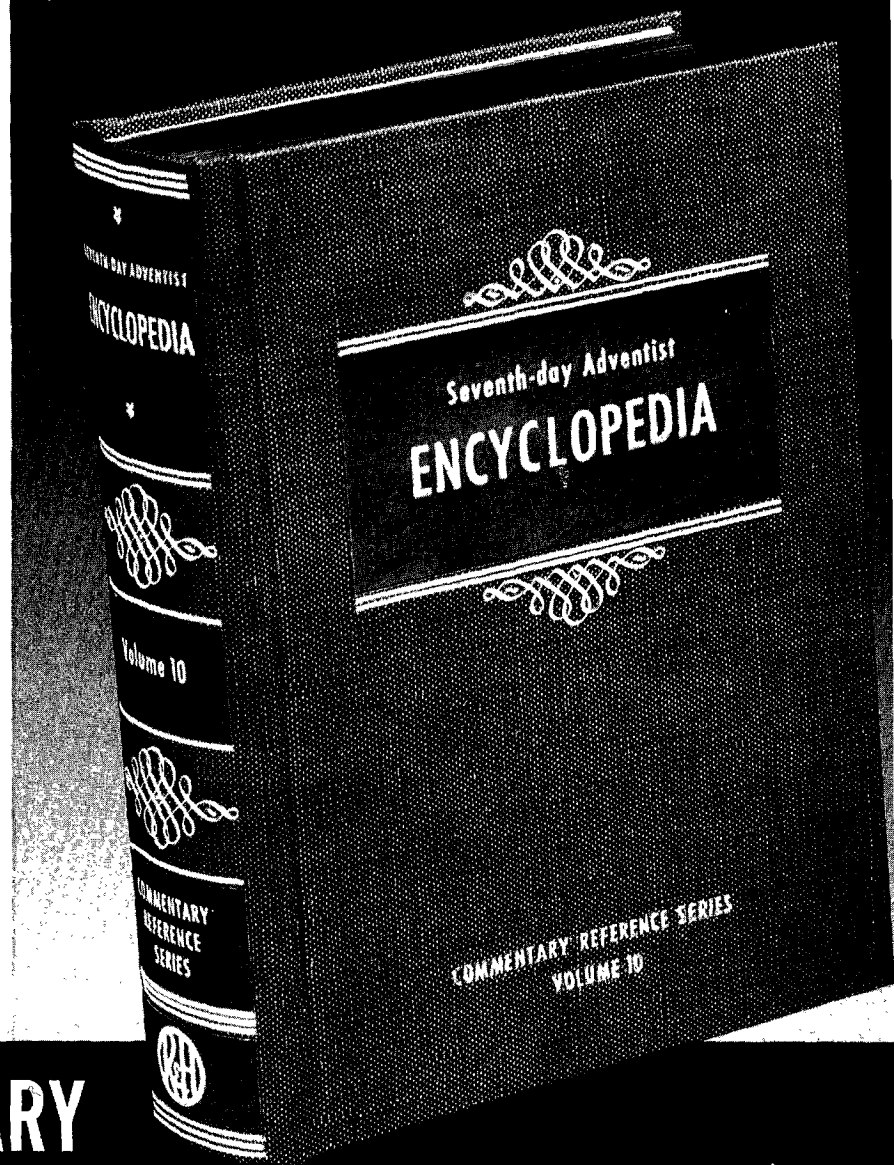
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Brother Snider. I am sure a number of our delegates will go to the bookstand and examine these good books and purchase them. Now we will have the report from the Home Study Institute.

[The report of the Home Study Institute appears on page 17 of this Bulletin.]

R. S. WATTS: It has been my happy pleasure for the past six years or more to be chairman of the board of the Home Study Institute. I particularly enjoyed my association with Dr. Teesdale, who for 19 years served as president of the Home Study Institute. He retired last year after 55 years of service in the cause of God. Dr. Teesdale, would you please come forward. These delegates and friends, I'm sure, know you, but in recognition of your many years of service in the Home Study Institute, your interest in this phase of the work (most of the 55 years in the area of education), in recognition of this, the members of the Home Study Institute want to present you something as a token of our appreciation of those years you spent there and the way you have developed the work.

[A picture of the building housing the Home Study Institute was presented to him.]

THEODORE CARCICH: Thank you, Dr. Holbrook, for your good report. I am sure that there are a number of people here today who will be encouraged to enroll in the Home Study Institute. Now we want to get into some conference business—certain recommendations from the Plans Committee entitled "Church Manual Revisions."

[For these recommendations see page 17 of this Bulletin.]

THEODORE CARCICH: Now we will have a further report from the Nominating Committee.

[This report is on page 3 of this Bulletin.]

W. R. BEACH: We were happy to invite Brother W. L. Murrill to serve as associate secretary of the General Conference. He would have been a very capable, efficient, and loyal servant of the General Conference and the church. Brother Murrill has had a strenuous time in Burma during the past year. Sister Murrill's health has greatly suffered and Brother Murrill came home because his wife required special care and attention, otherwise he would have remained overseas, possibly in a division capacity or in a union capacity. Though he considered his new call earnestly, it was not clear to him that he should accept. He has tendered his resignation.

R. R. BIETZ: Just a few words in regard to some of the divisions and departments that are now almost complete in their report. Yesterday you voted that Dr. Waddell assume the leadership of the Medical Department. Dr. Waddell was medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Dr. T. R. Flaiz asked to be relieved of the heavy responsibilities, and I am sure that we will all miss him. He will still continue to serve the cause of God, but not in full-time capacity. Dr. Flaiz has been not only a good leader in the Medical Department but also a fine example in healthful living and in carrying on a well-balanced program in the Medical Department. I am sure that all appreciate that.



Church Dedication Santa Barbara, California

Dedication services for the new Santa Barbara, California, church were held on March 12 with R. R. Bietz, Pacific Union Conference president, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Cree Sandefur, president of the Southern California Conference, offered the dedication prayer. Former pastor Wilford Goffar, under whose ministry the church was begun, read the history of the church, and Erling Calkins, pastor, led in the Act of Dedication.

The 600-seat sanctuary, youth chapel, and Sabbath school rooms, built on four acres of land, have a present valuation in excess of \$225,000 and were built largely with donated labor. Richard R. Breitigam, formerly "Mr. Sabbath School" of the Pacific Union, now retired, was chairman of the building committee and personally donated more than 2,000 hours of labor to the project.

ERLING E. CALKINS

I think that the Northern European Division report is also complete. We now have a new leader in that field. Elder Roenfelt is accepting lighter responsibilities. He has been president of the Northern European Division for some years. Before that he served as president, evangelist, Bible teacher, and General Conference associate secretary. He is a hard-working man, and we appreciate the fine services he has rendered the church at large.

The Far Eastern Division report is now nearly completed. We have a new leader in that field, Paul H. Eldridge, who was ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Elder Sorensen requested to be relieved of his responsibility. He has put 20 years in the Far Eastern Division and certainly has given able and dedicated leadership in that great field.

In the Ministerial Association we now have N. R. Dower as secretary. Elder Dower was president of the Washington Conference. I am sure we are all well acquainted with R. Allan Anderson, who has given such effective leadership in this department. We have appreciated not

only his preaching but also his supervision of the department.

In the Middle East we now have a new leader in F. C. Webster. Elder Webster was the home missionary secretary of the South American Division, and Elder Wilcox, as you remember, is going to South America.

These changes come. New men are placed in positions of responsibility, and I am sure that we will all remember them in our prayers.

Two field secretaries are stepping aside. The first is Brother H. W. Lowe. Brother Lowe was in the British Union for about 30 years, and spent ten years in mission service. He was managing editor of the *Ministry* magazine for a number of years, and more recently was in charge of the Defense Literature Committee. In Brother Lowe we have a fine, able scholar and student. We hope we will still have Brother Lowe with us to help along this line.

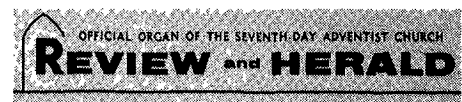
The second is O. O. Mattison who has spent 40 years in the Southern Asia Division. The past few years he has been general field secretary. Certainly it is wonderful that these men have been spared for so many years and that the Lord has given them health and strength to make a fine contribution to the church they love so much. We shall pray that the Lord will continue to bless them with health, for we still need their counsel even though they may not be functioning in full-time capacity.

THEODORE CARCICH: Thank you, Elder Bietz, for these explanations.

PRAYER: R. G. Burchfield.

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