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General News and Comments

MAIL SUMMARIES

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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The response to the nationwide *T.V. Guide* advertisement has climbed to over 56,000 as of Thursday. We now expect somewhere around a 70,000 total response.

During the past year we have averaged about 41,000 letters per week, or 177,000 per month. However, in the month of November we received 247,727 letters. November was the best month of the year with the biggest "white mail" response of all time.

The response to the "special letter" sent to members, co-workers and donors now totals 18,797. As of December 5, 3,656 responses had been received from the donor status, of which 57% or 2,086 had responded with a donation which averaged \$7.59 per letter.

LONDON, ENGLAND

November 22, 1972

British/European Section

In January 1973, the present members of the E.E.C. — Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg — will be joined by the United Kingdom, Denmark and the Irish Republic. The population of the enlarged Community will then be 254 million. Through newsstand distribution and our regular mailing list, each month 330,000 PLAIN TRUTH magazines are circulated in these countries — in the English, German, French and Dutch languages.

If we estimate that 5 people read each magazine,

1.6 million people in the enlarged E.E.C. will be reading the P.T. monthly.

African Section

Despite Africa being known as the "Dark Continent," light is starting to penetrate the blackness of ignorance and superstition. Each month the Mailing Department sends out English language PLAIN TRUTH magazines to 40,000 regular subscribers in this continent. Requests from another 66,000 subscribers in the South African countries are handled by our Johannesburg Office. Following is a breakdown of the number of PLAIN TRUTHS sent to Africa:

COUNTRY	REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS	POPULATION
Nigeria	17,426	55.0 million
Ghana	15,252	7.9 "
Kenya	1,541	9.6 "
Cameroon	1,540	5.0 "
Zambia	1,461	3.9 "
Tanzania	923	12.6 "
Uganda	830	6.8 "
Liberia	334	1.5 "
Sierra Leone	307	2.2 "
Miscellaneous	404	
	<u>40,018</u>	<u>104.5 million</u>

West Indian Section

The West Indies section handles mail from the English-speaking areas of the Caribbean: the former British West Indies (including Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, plus the Windward and Leeward Islands and the Dutch Antilles), Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

The number of PLAIN TRUTH magazines going into these areas increased by almost 25% in the last year. This growth was accompanied by large increases in other phases of the Work in that area. To give a brief outline of the Work in the West Indies and to show the present situation, the table

below compares the figures of this year with those of 1971.

	1971	1972	Increase
PLAIN TRUTH	16,506	20,335	23.2%
CORRSP. COURSE	2,022	3,631	79.6%
CO-WORKERS	401	481	17.8%

JOHANNESBURG, SO. AFRICA November 30, 1972

Mail income looks very good with an encouraging 39.1% increase for the month. The year-to-date income shows an 8.3% increase over last year.

Newsstand/Library Distribution:

Total response to date	4,065	
August issue	1,660	(10.5%)
September/October issue	1,987	(12.5%)

The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast over Lakeland Radio has drawn 21 responses this month. The insert in the November PLAIN TRUTH advertising the broadcast was responsible for 15 of these responses. Advertisement returns for November totalled 466. The advertisement in the November *Reader's Digest* "Why am I here?" has pulled in 250 responses to date.

During the month 3,826 people were added to The PLAIN TRUTH subscription file. Our total list for Southern Africa (excluding Rhodesia) now stands at just over 59,000 — a 27.5% increase. Students on the Correspondence Course now total 6,650 — a 253% increase over last year.

LETTER COMMENTS

GENERAL RESPONSE FROM LITERATURE

Would you please send me a copy of "The Kingdom of God." I was injured in a wreck 15 years ago and had brain surgery, so I am disabled. Mr. Ted Armstrong has helped me more than anyone has since my wreck. I would appreciate it if you would let him know. I am a steady listener now.

— Mrs. Henry S.,
Hickory, North Carolina

I have just gotten through reading your booklet, *Just What Do You Mean, Kingdom of God?* It is a wonderful booklet, and I learned so much from it. I'm glad I have it. It makes everything so clear, as all your other booklets have done. The truth is just amazing.

— Lloyd H.,
Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania

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Ministerial

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Book Reviews

The Age of Discontinuity by Peter F. Drucker, Harper & Row, 1968, \$7.95.

"... and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). The best-seller of 1969, Alvin Toffler's *Future Shock*, took 500 pages to tell us the effects of those five words of the Bible. Drucker's lesser-known book tells it better, more completely, more enjoyably, and more accurately in less than 400 tightly written pages.

His conclusion? There are perilous times ahead. Only *applied* knowledge will save us. Of course Drucker ignores the knowledge of God, viewing religion as another large "institution" to be reformed. But his cogent "worldly wisdom" combined with the knowledge of God we have makes this book a rare find. If you wanted to read just one secular book summarizing where the world stands today, this is it.

Basically, economist-sociologist-management consultant Drucker advances the concept that the "Heroic Age of Invention" was the half-century 1865-1915, but the half-century 1915-1965 only used those old methods in a logical growth pattern. In 1965, he postulates, we entered what may be a half-century (if it lasts) of "discontinuity," this time engendered by *knowledge* rather than techniques. The four major areas of knowledge upheaval are pursued in detail: *technology*, *economy*, *plurality* (institutions and government), and *society*.

Technology: The old industries which built us (agriculture, steel, and automobiles) are fading in

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Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

We've had gorgeous weather the last week or so! It has been sunny, rainy, warm and chilly. But gorgeous because on the sunny days we have almost unlimited visibility. The chilliness reminds me a little of back home.

Everyone is very excited about the San Antonio campaign. With advance publicity, the airing of the Calgary campaign film on television in the local area there, and interviews as well as talk shows — it looks like we should be headed for a full-house again in San Antonio. We are still reaping the harvest from the St. Petersburg campaign. Ron Wallen is working with a number of PMs and has invited quite a few to church and Bible study.

Another important door just opened for the Work of God — nightly TV in Elmira, New York. We are now on in that city at 7:00 p.m. *nightly!*

Ministerial Conference

Mr. Armstrong has set the date for the ministerial conference, starting in the morning of January 16th at 9:30 a.m., continuing through January 24th at noon. This will give us a one-half day longer conference than we had last year.

However, because of the recent financial crisis and cutting back on expenditures, Mr. Armstrong decided that this will not be the appropriate year to bring wives to the conference *on expense*. In the United States field ministry we are planning on having the district superintendents only for the conference. However, if any of them wishes to bring his wife at his *own expense* he may do so. If you are planning to bring your wife, please let us know so that we can take this into consideration when planning for your housing.

Decisions on Tithing

We have had three doctrinal meetings on the subject of tithing which have been very profitable and helpful. The notes are being written up and finalized. Mr. Armstrong will go over this subject with the district superintendents and regional managers of our foreign offices at the conference.

However, I would like to pass along two or three decisions to you at this time. First, I must apologize for not getting this to you earlier, but the Bulletin had already gone out when a last-minute

decision was recently made and announced here in Pasadena.

So, although many of you may already know it, here is what was decided: all full-time employees of Ambassador College or the Worldwide Church of God are exempt from paying third tithe. If we draw the analogy of our work to the Levitical priesthood and Levitical tribe, we realize that there were more than just the priests who were to be benefitted by the tithes. Levites came in all categories. They were teachers, carriers of wood and water, as well as priests. So, it became clearly evident that all full-time employees of the Work should also be exempt from having to pay third tithe.

Another major decision on tithing was that the ministers will be saving their own second tithe to pay their own way to the Feasts. The Levites in the Old Testament were taken to the Festivals by others because they had no inheritance. But all of God's ministers have a salary and receive payment just as all other wage earners in the Church. Therefore, it was felt that it would be good for each minister to save his own second tithe and to use it for his expenses during the Feasts. All ministerial assistants should pay second tithe as well. In a way this will give all the ministers and ministerial assistants more compassion and understanding when talking about financial problems with the brethren.

Along this line, we realize that a number of our men will be hit pretty hard having to deduct another ten percent from their already planned budget. We have also realized for some time that most of our ministers have been underpaid, and so we have been doing a salary study for quite awhile. We hope, God willing, within the next couple of weeks to effect raises for our men in the field.

The next subjects to be gone into during the doctrinal meetings are divorce and remarriage and the doctrine of healing. We have had a number of unanswered questions that have been compiled over the last several years. Mr. Armstrong wants to get all of these cleared up so that we all thoroughly understand God's will on the subjects.

PM Visit Explanations

Over the last several weeks we have been getting a number of letters from PMs who have complained that our ministers are not getting to them as soon as possible. I have been very concerned about this matter. I have wanted to discover where the problem lies and what we can do about it.

First of all, *I am very happy to say* that the fault by and large does not lie with God's ministers!

I have tried to document this by asking for explanations from various ministers about PM letters complaining that they have not received a visit. I have compiled a file on these explanations from our men scattered around the country.

I know that this has been a little discouraging to our ministers. Perhaps some felt that we did not trust them or that they were being called "on the carpet." But now I can give you a full report about why we wanted these explanations from some of you.

In almost every case our ministers have been doing their part and doing it well. Many of the letters written by PMs have actually come from "cranks" and former deletes. However, somehow these people were not put on the delete list and so PCD never did get to know about them.

Another factor that several of you have mentioned is that you did not receive the PM letter in the first place. Therefore, the PM wrote in a valid complaint saying that he was not visited. When we wrote back to check with our minister in that area about the person, we found that he never heard of the individual before.

I feel we have the substantiation we need to show that our ministers have been doing a very fine job of getting to the prospective members in the field. Let's keep that fine job and our standards up — and believe me, I will certainly go to bat to defend the reputation of God's field ministry.

Thanks to all of you for your fine cooperation and patience at this time.

Part of the Problem

I have asked Mr. Raymond Cole to look into some of the entanglements that have produced an avalanche of letters from the field — even from members — to our Personal Correspondence Department. We find that part of the problem has been created by our field ministry. Here's how it happens.

Because many of our ministers feel unsure in certain areas of doctrine, policy, etc., they tend to refer members to Headquarters for answers to many questions. Further, the freedom to employ the services of PCD makes it possible to avoid pressures on their time, relieving uncertainty and responsibility.

However, it seems to me the way to correct this is to be certain our ministers are sure of themselves and do understand all the policies and doctrines of God's Work thoroughly. If you do, you

should then be able to answer all the questions asked you. If you can't answer them, then you should appeal to Headquarters for the answers *yourself*.

It is vitally important that God's ministers be able to answer the questions of the brethren. We want to do all we can to strengthen your confidence and assurance. If you have any ideas how we can do it better, please write your district superintendent who will filter those ideas and send them on to us here at Headquarters.

I'd like to mention, too, that Jon Hill and I have begun working more closely to coordinate information between PCD and CAD so both areas can communicate more effectively in the future.

U. S. Regions

We are working feverishly on the reorganization of the U. S. field ministry and the setting up of the new regions. We feel that it is very necessary to have the proper organizational structure through which to properly and more effectively work. So, if other things are lacking at the moment, please forgive us as we strive diligently to do the very best we can on the reorganization of the field ministry.

There are many attendant issues that must be worked out along with the new regions and regional director appointments. We really would appreciate your prayers that God will inspire us to come to the right and proper decisions.

The Ministry and You

A minister's *example* is of prime importance! The Bible has quite a bit to say about God's ministers setting the right example.

We have all at one time or another said or implied to our children and perhaps to others, "Don't do as I do, do as I say."

But this does not work! A father who smokes may tell his child a thousand times not to smoke — but his example overrides all the power of his words.

So does the example of God's ministers. We find that God's ministers must back up their preaching by right and proper EXAMPLE.

Talking about his own ministry, the Apostle Paul said, "Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed. But in all things approving ourselves the ministers of God..." (II Cor. 6:3, 4).

The Apostle Paul also exhorted Timothy on setting the right and proper example before the brethren. Timothy was told to look to Paul that he might know how to behave himself in God's Church (I Tim. 3:15).

Paul comments on the value of a right example, citing his own example as one to follow: "Brethren, be ye followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example" (Phil. 3:17).

Also, "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you" (II Thes. 3:7).

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1).

"For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness: God is witness: nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, that we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you were dear to us. For you remember, brethren, our labors and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and also, *how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe*" (I Thes. 2:5-10).

Paul exhorted Titus to show himself "a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity" (Titus 2:7).

All through the New Testament we find the emphasis on example as well as on preaching. The Word preached must be reinforced by a right and good example. None of us is perfect. But our *example to the brethren* — our conduct among them — our conduct in our own lives must be an **EXAMPLE** for them to shoot for!

Along this line I would like to quote a poem by an unknown author, which was sent to me by Art Docken in Australia. It expresses the real importance of right example behind good preaching:

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,
I'd rather one should walk with me than
merely tell the way.
The eye is a better pupil, more willing than
the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example al-
ways clear,
And the best of all the preachers, are the
men who live their creeds,
For to see a good put in action, is what every-
body needs.

I can soon learn how to do it, if you will let
me see it done,

I can watch your hands in action, but your
tongue too fast may run,
And the lectures you deliver may be very
wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing
what you do:
For I may misunderstand you and the high
advice you give,
But there is no misunderstanding how you
act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness I am eager to
be kind,
When a weaker brother stumbles, and a
strong man stands behind,
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish
grows strong in me,
To become as big and thoughtful as I know
that friend to be,
And all travelers can witness that the best of
guides today,
Is not the one who tells them, but the one
who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe
what they behold,
One deed of kindness noted is worth forty
that are told.
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold
his honor dear,
For right living speaks a language which to
everyone is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his
eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

Fellow ministers in Christ, let your sermons be
seen as well as heard.

Thanks for your close cooperation with all of us
here at Headquarters. Keep up the good work and
always feel free to communicate! □

BOOK REVIEWS (Continued from page 162)

importance as they grow in importance elsewhere
in the world. The new "knowledge technologies"
(the "information industry" of computers; the
oceans; chemicals; and megalopolitan service in-
dustries) will propel the economy of tomorrow.

Economy: The post-Keynesian economy will
not be nationally oriented ("macro-economic"),
but world-oriented. G.N.P. and its components
will lose their meaning. Gold, silver, and "key-cur-
rency" concepts will lose meaning as economic
borders between nations wither. Many nation
blocs (continent-size) with a new power leading
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Foreign Educational Service

RONALD L. DART

We just returned from a very successful trip to the European offices and the South African office. Things are moving along very well in Europe and South Africa and we were very pleased with the progress that has been made. Mail income has been down in most of our overseas areas in the past several months. However, in November, South Africa saw a good jump in their income, bringing the total increase for the month up to 44.8%, and the year-to-date percentage up to 8.6%. While in South Africa, we inspected the new office site, and held a very successful ministerial conference.

One South African project which we found encouraging was the result of an experiment — that of advertising booklets in our booklets. To date, as you know, most of our booklets advertise other related booklets and the Correspondence Course. In South Africa a random test showed that 2% responded to copy at the end of a booklet suggesting they write for another booklet. When we inserted a card advertising the booklet and addressed to the South African office, we found that 22% responded. Most interesting was the response when we placed the card and a *self-addressed envelope* in a booklet. This brought us a 32% response. Obviously, people prefer privacy and will respond more if we give them the envelope and the card. This project was so successful that Mr. Armstrong has given approval to go ahead with this experiment in other areas.

In Canada, we're experimenting with an ad offering six different booklets to the reader. We're very hopeful the results will be as positive as they have been in South Africa, and we'll report these to you at a later date.

We want to thank all of you men overseas very much for your response to our salary questionnaire. This questionnaire has been very helpful to us in formulating policies for the coming year. We are actively working toward more equitable remuneration of our overseas personnel. As you can well imagine, this is a very difficult problem and one that requires a great deal of thought before we attempt to establish fair policies.

One international management magazine suggests this is possibly the most difficult problem

facing management today. I'd like to quote from their book, explaining the problems facing us as well: "These questions (overseas remuneration) are a compensation manager's nightmare, but they make the point that we can have equal compensation only when we live in an equal world. Until then, companies will continue their present compensation practices and learn to live with the inevitable relationship problems, trying to alleviate them within the framework of multiple policies."

We believe we can eliminate many of the problems that have arisen in the past, and I think you'll all be pleased in the future with the work that has been done in this area. We are taking into consideration all of the factors mentioned in the questionnaire. We recognize that some areas have an unbelievable overbearing tax structure, and thus need to be adjusted. Also other areas have very high housing costs, and we need to help and assist in this regard. We have also found that the cost of living in certain countries is far greater than it would be if our personnel were assigned to their home country. We will thus endeavor to compensate for all these problems. It is our sincere desire to follow what some have called the "cardinal rule" of compensation — "Thou shalt not cause an employee to lose money by transfer."

We are very thankful to those of you who have already sent in your five-year plans. We are taking your projections and plotting them on graphs and we will use these to establish goals for the coming years. We also plan on plotting the actual growth along with the projected growth, making management decisions from this. This will also tell us how many men we will need in the following year, and what type of income we can plan and budget. We hope to be able to have these five-year plans put on slides ready for discussion with you at the conference and subsequent local conferences.

We have some more good news from the French area of the Work. In January, the Belgian brethren will be given the benefit of two Sabbath services and one Bible study a month. These churches will be handled by Mr. Colin Wilkins from the Geneva area. We expect the French Work to really blossom in 1973, and we presently have a campaign for increasing our media in the French area of the world. We expect this to really increase our members, co-workers, and mail response.

In conclusion, I'd like to express my appreciation for the loyalty and the enthusiasm that you men have all over the world. I was very impressed with the responsiveness of the ministers at the

South African conference, and I know this same attitude is present in the entire ministry worldwide. It is good to have a group of men such as you with us in this great Work. □

THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT

You will probably remember the announcement that our Spanish Department was being transferred from Big Sandy to Pasadena. Several months and a lot of work have since passed. The entire Spanish Department is now established and hard at work in Pasadena. Dr. Charles Dorothy says that although he liked Texas, the move to Headquarters was the most logical step to take. The geographical proximity to other related functions of the Work, as well as to Mr. Dart and the whole executive staff, has proved very beneficial. Since his move to Pasadena, Dr. Dorothy has been able to devote his full attention to the Spanish Work. He is presently maintaining his academic interest by teaching one advanced Spanish class.

The Spanish Department's offices, with eight part-time students and eleven full-time employees, are located on the second floor of the press complex. Pablo Gonzalez, voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* in Spanish, is able to use the broadcast facilities here at Headquarters. Now the *WORLD TOMORROW* in five languages emanates entirely from the Pasadena campus.

Ronald Dart, Charles Dorothy, and others are working on plans for the Spanish Work for the next five years and on into the future. There is a great need in the Spanish Work to reach 333 million Spanish-speaking people! But budgetary restrictions present as much a problem in this area as in any other phase of God's Work.

Few realize that we actually have more readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* in the South American country of Colombia than in New Zealand! The Work has an office, ministers and churches in New Zealand. But in Colombia there is neither office, minister nor even a Bible study! Our closest ministers are Robert Flores in far-away Chile and Enrique Ruiz in distant Mexico City. The Spanish Work has neither the finances nor manpower to increase its activities in Colombia at this time. This is just one area of critical need in the Spanish Work.

The Spanish *PLAIN TRUTH*, *La PURA VERDAD*, now has a total circulation of 110,000. It has grown in quality as well. Full-color covers are now used with some color appearing within its 32 pages. Many *La PURA VERDAD* articles are translations from English into Spanish, while some arti-

cles are written by our Spanish editors. But when using articles from English, extreme skill is needed in translating ideas and concepts, not just words, into Spanish.

Supervising the Spanish edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH* is Dr. Charles Dorothy. Pablo Gonzalez is an Associate Editor. Dennis Pebworth is technically on the college faculty, and not employed by the Spanish Department. However, he is a key individual in getting *La PURA VERDAD* out each month. Dennis serves as Managing Editor as well as faculty member. (All foreign editions of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine have the same executive editorial staff, with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as Editor.)

The San Antonio campaign coming up this weekend is of special interest to the Spanish Work. Many do not realize that the majority of San Antonio's population is Latin American — not Anglo-American. The *WORLD TOMORROW* in Spanish had just begun three times a week on KCOR, which is probably the most important Spanish radio station in that area. Dr. Dorothy and Señor Gonzalez recently made some spot announcements in San Antonio about the campaign. Dr. Dorothy has even sent an invitational letter to all subscribers of *La PURA VERDAD* in that region. We hope that Garner Ted Armstrong's appearance will be as successful as it was in Calgary and St. Petersburg. It could be a *great help* to the Spanish Work in that part of the country!

— Les Stocker

BOOK REVIEWS

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them (Brazil in Latin America; Japan in Asia; Germany in Europe) will replace nation states. This latter certainly agrees with the format of biblical prophecy and Drucker's points are telling.

Plurality: Every task of social importance is now trusted to an institution: hospitals, universities, big business, or government. There is very little theory to govern their symbiotic working relationship. Drucker offers such a theory. He sees government as the moribund organization of the Age of Discontinuity. Being a protective institution, it cannot innovate; being the employer of last resort, it cannot abandon; being a regulator, it cannot remove roadblocks from production.

Society: The emergence of a knowledge society is held back by the least-efficient industry in America, *teaching*. The emergence of media instruction has made classrooms obsolete. Long

years of schooling are now unnecessary and even counter-productive. The purpose of education is to tie "job" to "life" and prepare men and women with the tools to make education a life-long process.

Drucker is a master writer and a walking encyclopedia of historical analogies. His main flow of ideas are interrupted nearly every page by indented smaller-type historical excursions which provide a fascinating *tour de force* of Drucker's ideas.

Having read half of his dozen books, and having attended a seminar under him at Claremont Graduate School, this reviewer highly recommends Drucker the writer over Drucker the speaker. His Austrian heritage and 63 years of age have slowed his speech, but he remains one of the most readable and brilliant of modern thinkers.

(Two of Mr. Drucker's practical management books, *Managing for Results* and *the Effective Executive* will be reviewed later.)

LETTER COMMENTS

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I have just finished the wonderful book I requested which you sent me *Why Were You Born?* It is worth more to me than silver and gold.

— Mrs. Clyde S.,
Wewoka, Oklahoma

I just finished reading your booklet *The Real Jesus*, and I'd like to say thank you. It really straightened me out on some things I've been confused about all my life.

— Tina W.,
Lakeland, Florida

In this morning's mail I received the booklet *The Real Jesus*. I have just started to read it. I am almost 73 years old and all my life I have been believing the wrong Jesus.

— Edna F.,
Greeley, Colorado

Would you be so kind as to send me a free copy of your book called, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. I had a copy and loaned it to a nun principal in Parochial School, and I'm afraid it was borrowed and read by so many nuns that they misplaced my book. I'm sorry to have to bother you for another one, but I never got to read my copy.

— Mrs. Elizabeth H.,
Camden, New Jersey

I wish to express my appreciation to you for sending me the lessons on Bible study. I have truly begun to learn what the Bible is about. I've spent most of my life in darkness. And now I am beginning to see the light. Through this study I hope to come to a true experience with God.

— Dale M.,
Evansville, Indiana

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Healing

Mr. Armstrong, I wrote a few days ago and requested prayer for Mrs. Snell, my wife's mother. Mrs. Snell is eighty years old. She had blood poison in her foot. Her foot looked terrible. Her foot, by the use of drugs, had gotten better but then relapsed and looked worse than in the beginning. That is when I wrote to you for prayer. God heard and answered that prayer. The next few days they took her, again, to the doctor and he said the infection was completely gone. I thank you for the prayer offered up and Almighty God for the answer. God has been very merciful to me and to my family.

— Jack H.,
Newton, Alabama

Obedience Does Pay

Not very long ago, I wrote you concerning my job and the Sabbath. After quite a bit of introduction to the effect of my very strong religious convictions, my employer still didn't understand. I also learned that to be a true Christian means that I'm in for a lot of persecution. Well anyhow, I just decided to quit, and I did. After a few days of adjustment, I found myself in a job making \$8.10 per hour. I told God that I'm depending on Him to back up His Word, and sure enough, He did. From \$92 a week to over \$300 a week is, in reality, a miracle to me.

— William A.,
Ferguson, Missouri

From the Telecast

I was in New York City last week attending a very important business meeting held by my company. One morning I switched on TV and caught a small segment of one of your broadcasts. Your words filled a spiritual vacuum which was within me at that time. I listened intently, then thanked God that you were there in that lonely room witnessing our Master's magnificence — only to me, so it seemed.

— L.A.C.,
Cornelia, Georgia