LONG RANGE PLANNING

By G. Eric Jones, President

In order to meet the needs of returning veterans, our Board has thought it advisable to undertake immediately an additional building program. Plans are being drawn, and building materials purchased for the first of three compact, modern, housing units suitable for ten married couples. These are to be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the second semester of this year. In addition to this unit, other apartments are being prepared so that a maximum number of returning G.I's. may be housed.

The over-all plan for the enlargement of the physical plant was started some eight or nine years ago when properties adjoining the campus were purchased, and blueprints were prepared for new dormitories, etc. Since that time, some of those dreams have been realized. Beautiful Rachel Preston Hall has been built fronting Main Street. It is one of the most modern buildings of its kind on any college campus. At the time this dormitory was built, a large frame building was purchased and moved to its new site on the campus, and remodeled and redecorated to serve as Music Hall.

The next large development came in the erection of a new power plant and laundry. This building, fully equipped with boilers and generators, supplies (Continued on page 2)

A BIGGER AND BETTER COLLEGE

By M. L. Rice
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Atlantic Union College.

Several years ago, after much study, it was decided by our denominational leaders that our senior colleges could best serve the demands made upon them if they were accredited with the controlling associations governing higher education in their respective territories. From time to time, different ones of our colleges have secured this coveted recognition.

This accreditation has enabled the graduates of those colleges to enter institutions of higher learning, including our own medical college, without any discount or cut in their credits.

We are pleased to see Atlantic Union College take its place with all accredited colleges. As educational standards are being raised year after year, it speaks well for any college that qualifies for admission into these accrediting associations.

While Atlantic Union College has always been a good college, our aim is to make it bigger and better year by year. At the present time we are in the midst of a large expansion program. Our physical plant is being greatly expanded to care for the many young people who are seeking a college education in the Atlantic Union.
institutional membership, including such schools as Harvard, Yale, Brown, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts College, is made up of an impressive list of nationally and internationally famous educational institutions.

The efforts put forth to meet the standards of the Association were not heralded with a trumpet blast, yet the entire program of the college was subjected to careful study. The first contact of the Association were made in the spring of 1944.

Several months later a small committee was appointed by President Jones to study carefully problems of the college and to make recommendations to the faculty. This group, consisting of G. L. Caviness, R. P. Kilgore, G. B. Paulien, D. C. M. McMillin and G. T. Anderson, worked hard and long at its appointed task and accomplished much. Meanwhile, the librarian, D. G. Hills, with additional appropriations voted by the Board, went about it in a quiet way, making purchases, organizing the library, and in general, preparing this vital part of the college so that it not only passed the subject of much comment and elicited the praise of the visiting committee. The registrar, Miss Dorothy Bartlett, and her assistant, Miss Sarah Slate, to have all the information in their office in splendid condition for the inspection. Members of the Committee on Institutions of Higher Education, in addition to those previously mentioned, were D. E. Van Horne, President Hauck of the University of Maine, Dean Little of Clark, President Bell of Bradford Junior College, Dean Mulcahy of Boston College, and Miss Crawford, Admissions Director of Smith College.

We rejoice at this recognition which has come to Atlantic Union College. In working toward it we have not thought of it as an end in itself, but it is our purpose and determination that Atlantic Union College shall continue to advance scholastically as well as spiritually and physically. With good heart and new spirit we face the future dedicated to the onward march of Atlantic Union College under the blessing of God.

Long Range Planning (Continued from page 1)

The excellent cooperation of all connected with the instructional program of the college made possible a complete and carefully prepared report, which gave to the eight members of the committee an over-all picture of the educational program and policies of Atlantic Union College.

On November 20 a committee consisting of Dean C. Scott Porter of Amherst College and Mr. Dana Cotton of the Harvard Graduate School made an official inspection of the college. Their report, submitted to the Committee on Institutions of Higher Education, together with other information which had been filed with them, was the basis of favorable vote by this group, and later by the Executive Committee of the Association. The final step was the favorable vote taken at the meeting of the Association delegates at the Statler Hotel in Boston on December 7.

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building, sixty-two by one hundred and thirty feet, equipped with locker rooms, a large rostrum, and suitable balcony, will fill a long felt need at A. U. C. It is planned to floor the building with hard maple, thus making a suitable surface for marching, roller skating, and various games and exercises. A strong program of physical education under a competent director is being planned to include every student at A. U. C.

Plans for the next three years, which have been approved by the Board of Trustees, include a new library building, a new and modern dormitory for men, cottages for faculty and staff, a balcony, will fill a long felt need at A. U. C. It is planned to floor the building with hard maple, thus making a suitable surface for marching, roller skating, and various games and exercises. A strong program of physical education under a competent director is being planned to include every student at A. U. C.

To the Music of the Rimac

By R. R. Figuhr, President,
South American Division

Twenty-five kilometers up the valley from Lima, "The City of the Kings," a new and different school is being built to the music of the hurrying, singing Rimac River that ploughs over rocks and tumbles over boulders as it descends from the snows of the highlands of central Peru.

It took months and years of patient searching to find this select and ideal location, nestling against dry and lofty mountains, so characteristic of the Peruvian Andes, and to search month after month and year after year was that if land were found it might not be sold to us. Finally a site was found and decided upon. True, it was not ideal, but after years of looking, one is ready to concede some points and compromise. Negotiations for the purchase were started. Suddenly the deal failed. It was a keen disappointment. "Let us go and look over the site once more, even though we cannot buy it," someone suggested. Standing on the hill that had just slipped from their hands, they literally lifted up their "eyes unto the hills" and looked across the valley. Following the line of their vision, they came upon a place that has pleased all who have since seen it. The deal was easily consummated with the old French Huguenot stock, he drew his Bible from a drawer in his desk during our conversation and spoke of the inspiration the book brought him. The deal was completed in an atmosphere of fullest friendship and confidence. The first great obstacle has been surmounted, for we have the land and a good location. This means so much here. Funds are also in hand to erect some of the needed buildings, but there is not sufficient for the administration building, the chapel, nor for needed industries. It is our earnest hope that as the Sabbath schools during this quarter look toward the interesting country of Peru and consider this great need of the Inca Union Mission, they will respond with a generous offering to assist in the completion of the Lima Training School to which the Adventist young people of Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia look and from which these countries must obtain their future workers.

Worry is the interest you pay on the troubles that don't happen.
Temperance Secretary

At a recent meeting of the conference committee, Elder L. E. Esteb was appointed Temperance secretary for the conference. The temperance issue is now a live one throughout the country, and more and more we will be called upon by deed, word and pen to present to our people and the public the light that we possess on this important subject.

During the coming year, Elder Esteb will have considerable material with suggestions to pass on to the churches. According to our present denominational plan, there should be someone appointed in every church to receive this material and promote the cause of temperance. Therefore, we are asking the churches to make such appointments, and appealing to all of our members to give every support to this good work.

C. M. Bunker.

Winning Souls

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3. Again, Ministry of Healing, page 149:

"Every church member should engage in some line of service for the Master. Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged." We are seeing this counsel wonderfully fulfilled as our churches are determined to follow this instruction given in the blueprint.

The great hope we have of evangelizing New York rests in the laymen. Great things are happening. Every member is scattering broadcast Prove All Things, with the enrollment card for the Bible Auditorium of the Air free correspondence course and other courses in foreign languages.

One couple, new in this message, has secured sixty names. Some very outstanding things are being done by members. Hundreds of names are coming in. Our goal is ten names per member.

Five contacts each week for souls is our weekly service goal. We have set aside our sundown worship for a conference prayer hour for our soul-winning program. Please remember this. Prayer changes things. In every church each week every member will be given five books or tracts with enrollment cards for the correspondence courses or a request for Bible studies in their own homes.

This is a challenge to pray. Won't each member pray that God will lead him to make just the right contacts. The final movements will be rapid ones. The Lord is going before us in a great way. The Holy Spirit will be poured out upon us as we go forth in service.

Let each member be faithful in doing something for the Master each week.

LEWIS E. ESTEB
Home Missionary Secretary,
Greater New York Conference.

Greater New York Academy

With the close of a second six-weeks period, the students of Greater New York Academy can well review the events of the first third of this school year with a measure of pride in accomplishment. During this period they raised over eight hundred dollars toward purchasing new draperies for the assembly hall and for the purchase of a new moving-picture projector. They have helped in the launching of a student sponsored effort, and each Sunday the radio program, "Rays of Sunlight," broadcast over WWRL testifies to their musical talent.

The G. N. Y. A. library has expanded its collection considerably; a valuable donation of a complete set of Fortune magazines was received recently, and have put already by the history department.

Elder R. G. Strickland, who conducted the Week of Prayer, is now holding a series of Sunday night meetings in the assembly hall. The students of G. N. Y. A., under the leadership of Elder Strickland, have handled all the advertising, assisting also, in the meetings and in the radio work.

On Thursday, December 20, 1945 at 7:30 P. M., the annual holiday party sponsored by the student association, Gamma Nu Alpha, will be held. As is customary, all students, present and former, also all alumni, are invited to attend.

In order to make proper preparations, it would be greatly appreciated if those former students who plan to come would send word to the program chairman either by telephone or by mail. The address is: W. A. Sowers, 41-32 58th Street, Woodside, Long Island, N. Y.; the telephone number is NEW-town 9-0799.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE
O. T. GARNER, President
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Telephone 5-4935

Meetings in the Adirondack District

For the past five weeks, weekly meetings were held in each of the following churches: Keene, Canton, Saranac Lake, and West Bangor. These meetings were well attended.

The 20th Century Bible Course was promoted in each meeting. Many responded and are now taking this course.

Holding meetings like these gives one the feeling that Paul had, as he went from church to church preaching the word, that he might encourage and edify the members. I visited nearly all of the church members and it was a real inspiration to talk and pray with them.

Plans are going forward to cover the city of Plattsburg and surrounding area with the 20th Century Bible Course cards and letters. Pray with us that the Lord will give a bountiful harvest in this district.

W. A. Sowers.

News Notes

Over the week end of December 1 Elder R. T. Garner spoke in Niagara Falls. There he met with the Oswego church in a business meeting. Both congregations are raising money for new church buildings. The Oswego church has, to date, over $2,000 in cash. They plan to build in the spring, as soon as weather conditions permit. It will be a real help to the work to have houses of worship in these two centers. Brother J. B. Frank and Brother Personius of Binghamton also were present in Oswego.

Elder B. M. Heald will go on the General Electric television system at 8 P.M., January 16, 1946. His program is announced, "Seventh-day Adventist Missions."
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

R. B. SELLEED, President
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426 Forest Ave. Portland, Maine

We Must Not Fail

A few days ago I received some first-hand information from my brother, G. F. Ruf, who has labored nearly ten years in the Inca Union, concerning the work in that field. It is this field that will benefit from your Thirteenth Sabbath overflow. He writes:

As we come nearer to the close of the fourth quarter, we hope that all our Sabbath school members are becoming more fully aware of the importance and need of the project for which the larger part of our Thirteenth Sabbath offerings goes.

As one who has worked in the Inca Union for nearly ten years, I wish to add a few words to what has already been written. The Inca Union Training School presents the greatest need in that field. We have a school about the size of an academy, in which are being trained workers and leaders for our expanding work in three republics: Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, with a population of around twelve million. Bolivia is the only country into which workers can come from other parts without too much difficulty. It is, therefore, necessary that the youth of these countries be sent to our training school near Lima so as to eventually take care of needs in their own country.

As it is, there are usually three or four places for every graduate available from that school. In order to tide over until such a time as a worker might be available, our brethren in their desperation are forced to take on help that is inefficient and sometimes proves a hindrance instead of a help.

An investment in youth is most desirable and profitable, and investing in future workers and leaders in a mission field is not only profitable but a most glorious privilege. We have an opportunity to make such an investment on December 20. Let's make it big.

The Sabbath schools in Northern New England will do their part to help educate our youth in other lands in order to finish God's work in all the earth. Let us do our part to plan so that each family will have at least one of these books to pass out to their neighbors during the year 1946.

REFLECTIONS

"Some doors have hearts, it seems to me, they open so invitingly. You feel they are quite kind—even to the warmth you find within. You feel you are quite kind—even to the warmth you find within. Some classic doors stand ajar, inviting, gray, swing open. Some doors have hearts, it seems to me, they open so invitingly. You feel they are quite kind—even to the warmth you find within. Some classic doors stand ajar, inviting, gray, swing open. Some doors have hearts, it seems to me, they open so invitingly. You feel they are quite kind—even to the warmth you find within. Some classic doors stand ajar, inviting, gray, swing open."

LONA MACDORMAN, Contributed by Addie M. Vehorn, Lancaster, Mass.

There will be no Gleaner published next week, so this will be the last issue for 1945. Sunset time for January 4 appears in the Sunset Calendar. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.—Editor.
YOUR CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES

take this opportunity to thank you for your loyalty and cooperation during 1945, and pray that 
God's richest blessings will attend your every endeavor in 1946 as we unitedly labor to hasten His coming kingdom.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS

during 1945 made possible, with God's blessing, the following achievements in the Southern New England Conference:

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OUR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

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Card of Appreciation

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the many beautiful cards, flowers, etc., during my recent two months in the hospital, and for the earnest prayers that were offered in behalf of my life and healing when at death's door.

Communications may now reach me in care of my brother, Elder V. C. Townsend, Oxford, Maine.

EELON M. TOWNSEND.
As the Christmas season comes once again to the world, our minds are carried back over the centuries to the little town of Bethlehem and a lowly stable. Civilized men everywhere are once again reminded of the birth of Christ. What an impression His birth has made on the earth! While we do not know the exact day He was born, yet we know that He came, and men and women everywhere are still talking about it.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,” says an eyewitness. The disciple John, who probably knew as much about Christ as any one of His followers, declares that Christ, who had been with the Father in the beginning, laid aside His divinity and came into this world as a little Babe. He became one with humanity. Centuries before His birth, the prophet Isaiah stated:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Only a few recognized Christ as the promised Messiah. The time and place of His birth had been told by the prophets. But most of those who read these prophecies from week to week failed to recognize Him as the promised One. “He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.” To the masses His birth meant little.

“And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” From that very first Christmas, nearly two thousand years ago until now, the reception given Christ by the majority has been “no room.” Like the innkeeper in old Bethlehem, most people have turned Him away.

Evidently, business was good in old Bethlehem when Christ was born. The innkeeper could reply to those seeking shelter, “No room.” Days of prosperity are always dangerous. It is in the days of plenty that men forget God. It is in the rush and hurry of life, when men are engrossed in making money, that Christ is crowded out. There is real danger, in days like these, that men and women shall become so engrossed in business affairs, in making money and “the cares of this life” that like the innkeeper of old, they will be saying by their lives, “No room.”

While we celebrate another Christmas season (and by the very nature of the occasion, turn our minds backward to that great event in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago) let us for a moment take a glance into the future. Just ahead we see another great event. We see the same Christ coming again. Not, this time, as a helpless babe. No stable will be His resting place. He is coming in all His kingly majesty, with all the holy angels. It will be the day of all days. He is not coming to die for sinners, but to take saints to those mansions He has gone to prepare. “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3.

All who make room in their hearts for Him now, will spend an eternity with Him in the world to come. “Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

Greetings

The Atlantic Union Conference workers extend hearty Holiday Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our members throughout the Union.

M. L. Rice, President.
T. R. Gardner, Treasurer.

Atlantic Union Gleaner