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## The Challenge of This Final Hour

By the Editor

KNOWING that we have a special message for this final hour, it is requisite that we start the New Year with hope, courage, faith, and devotion to the task. We should be concerned about the start in the race, but it is not enough to begin; we must continue. "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." Eccl. 7:8. Edward Judson said, "To begin is poetry; to continue is prose." We need to begin the New Year with prayer, labor, and consecration, and "hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." This year, 1947, should show distinct improvement over anything that we have ever accomplished in past years.

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating.

They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the

movements will be rapid ones. The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right

upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11.

"Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. . . . God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world, perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened. . . .

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies. . . .

"Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need." —*Testimonies*, vol. 7, pp. 16, 14.

During the year 1946 we doubtless encountered trials and disappointments. There have been victories and failures; joys and sorrows. As we take an inventory of our life,

there may have been some unsatisfactory phases. This we deplore; but with genuine repentance we must not spend all our time at Marah. Let us move forward to Elim.

In my dark hours I like to think of Paul's relation to his varied experience en route to Rome. At "Appii forum, and the three taverns," when he saw the brethren, "he thanked God, and took courage." Brethren, let us take courage! Paul and Stephen were "full men." The former "full of courage," the latter, "full of faith and power." Let us not permit trials great or small to deter us from rendering FULL service this New Year.

I shall mention another matter that is causing me great concern; and that is the quality of life that must be developed in preparation for eternity. A most serious responsibility faces us. The changes must be made in this life.

"Character can not be changed when Christ comes, nor just as a man is about to die. Character-building must be done in this life. . . . A few resolves, a few tears, will never reverse a guilty past life, nor blot out of the books of heaven the transgressions, the willful, knowing sins, of those who have had the precious light of truth, and can explain the Scriptures to others, while sin and iniquity are drunk up like stolen waters. As though written with an iron pen, they may be found lead in the rock forever."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 430.

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**ALLEGHENY**

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**Berea Temple**

THE membership of the Berea Temple of Seventh-day Adventists in Baltimore is nearing the seven hundred mark. At present the building is terribly overcrowded. Since coming to Baltimore in February of 1945 we have baptized 174 new believers, 77 of whom were baptized in 1946. The membership has been very faithful in assisting with all church activities. In addition to the souls won the church has raised, besides conference funds, more than \$8,000 for the new Allegheny Conference school, "The Pine Forge Institute." Of this amount, \$1,000 was reported by the Baltimore Bible instructor, Miss Julia Z. Cooper. We have also acquired a new church school building in the city and have already raised more than \$11,000 towards this project. Surely God has been good to us, and we sincerely thank Him for His blessings, and solicit the prayers of our fellow believers in behalf of the progress of the Lord's work in this part of the field.

W. L. CHEATHAM, Pastor.

**Work in Virginia**

THE work here is progressing very nicely, and we thank God for His marvelous blessings. Since my last report I have baptized two in Petersburg, and we have several in the baptismal class there and also in Richmond. Our tithe and offerings have increased fifty per cent, and we are appreciative of the wonderful spirit being shown by our believers. Both Sabbath schools are grade "A." Recently the Petersburg Sabbath school has developed an interest among the people of Blackstone and Crewe. We expect generous results from this interest.

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**Progress in Detroit**

ON a Sunday night last October, at the close of the preaching service, ten precious souls were baptized in a very impressive ceremony. This brought our total baptisms for the year 1946 to 101. We are very thankful to the Lord for the way He has blessed in this abundant harvest. We prayed that the Lord would give us 100 souls for 1946, and so our hearts rejoice in this answer to our prayers. We have been happy to have associated with us in the work Miss Dorothy Smith as Bible instructor and Mr. James E. Dykes as associate evangelist. Their untiring labors have contributed greatly to the success of our soul-winning program. At our recent conference committee meeting, Brother Dykes was given the responsibility of leadership in our East Side church of 175 members and our Ecorse church of 45 members. We feel confident that the Lord will really bless him as he takes these responsibilities. He is conducting Sunday night services at the East Side church, and reports are that the interest in the meetings is good.

RADIO—Beginning with Sunday, October 14, 1945, the "Bible Chapel of the Air" started broadcasting over station WJLB, a half hour of music and devotional material. In this broadcast the writer has been associated with Mr. R. Childs Smith as program announcer and Mr. Robert Settle as music director. This program is heard Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30. As a result of these broadcasts a number are taking the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence Course, and at least one is reported as being ready for baptism.

On October 13, 1946, we gave our first-anniversary broadcast. We are soliciting your prayers that the Lord may richly bless us with a harvest of souls as a result of these broad-

casts. We are especially fortunate in having been able to secure recently the services of Mrs. Ruby Brown Wilkins to take over the music directing on this program. She comes to us with four years' experience as music director of the Sweet Chariot Hour, conducted by Elder Troy in Pasadena, California. Mrs. Wilkins has already contributed much to the development of a better broadcast. Our radio chorus is considered one of the finest on the air in Detroit, and is at present beginning personal appearances in a number of churches in the community. We are thankful for what the Lord has already accomplished here, and are looking forward to greater achievements in 1947.

R. F. WARNICK.

**Recent Changes**

To Leon Davis, who with M. G. Nunez, has done such an outstanding work in Benton Harbor this past summer, is assigned the supervision of the work in what shall be known hereafter as the Springfield district. It includes Springfield, East St. Louis, and Peoria. James Mosley, assisted by Sister Kelly, will remain in Evansville for the winter.

At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted that Charles H. Moore of Indianapolis, one of our veteran colporteurs, be invited to fill the vacancy made by the departure of C. M. Willis to the Northeastern Conference. Brother Moore has accepted the invitation and is already in the field as assistant publishing department secretary.

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## Victory Week

RECENTLY the colporteurs of the Lake Region Conference celebrated VICTORY WEEK. I can but say, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," for the blessings which attended the efforts of our faithful colporteurs. Truly the Spirit of God is being poured out upon the literature work in no uncertain measure. Just think of it—\$5,939.43 worth of our truth-filled literature delivered in one week into the homes of the people who are sitting in darkness!

We are living in a reading age. In bus stations, in railway stations, on trains, busses, and planes, we see people reading. The books and magazines that some of these people read are molding their minds in the ways of sin, for surely a knowledge of good and evil is found in a vast number of the publications of the present day.

As a people we are gifted with Heaven-inspired, truth-filled literature. Never will we have the opportunity that we now have to present the third angel's message to the thousands who may never go to church or attend any religious service.

The printing press has been used from its beginning to this present time to herald the message of truth. We want to utilize this most efficient means in reaching the multitudes who are in darkness. Recognizing the colporteur work to be one of the most successful methods of reaching the people where they are, we should have a much larger force of workers going from door to door with the printed page.

There are dozens of men and women in our conference who should be engaged in the literature ministry. Today the harvest is ripe and the laborers are too few. Let us pray that God will help those who should be engaged in this work to sense the solemnity of the hour. "It

is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour."—Acts of the Apostles, p. 600.

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## In New York City

THE Home and School Association of the Ephesus Church, on the night of December 15, presented Prof. J. Allen Taffs, pianist of rare ability, in a recital for the benefit of the Ephesus Junior Academy. More than a thousand people heard Prof. Taffs render such classical numbers as "Awake, Beloved Christians," by Bach, "Shepherds at the Cradle," by Liszt, and "Polonaise," by Chopin.

The recital was given in the Ephesus church, corner of Lenox Avenue and 123d Street, New York City. Pastor Adolphus E. Webb announced that the school this year has an enrollment of 250 pupils. Pastor Webb and the Northeastern Conference officials hope to establish this school as a boarding academy in the near future.

For several years a group of lay members, under the leadership of Brother William Thompson, have conducted the Ephesus Layman Mission in the Bronx. God has blessed this group, which has conducted preaching services, Sabbath school, prayer meetings, and so forth, in locations convenient to believers living in that section of New York. On November 1 they moved into a beautiful, well-appointed church building at 1591 Boston Road, rented from the Tried Stone Baptist Church. Plans are on foot for conducting a preparatory church school in the basement of this building. It is expected also that a tent effort will be conducted in this section next summer.

WESLEY CURTWRIGHT.

THERE are lessons that our children need to learn. To the little child, not yet capable of learning from the schoolroom, nature presents an unfailing source of instruction and delight.—*Education*, p. 100.

## Facts of Interest

THE foreign percentage of eight cities in America is as follows: New York, 65%; Chicago, 59%; Boston, 62%; Newark, 62%; Cleveland, 60%; Detroit, 48%; Milwaukee, 53%; San Francisco, 47%.

New York City is unique in its overwhelming predominance of foreign-speaking people. There are more Russians in that city than in Warsaw; more than 800,000 Italians, or 100,000 more than the population of Naples, Italy. From Austria, Hungary, and Germany there are 1,200,000. The foreign white stock counts up to 4,295,000, or a number that is larger than the entire population of Chicago and Boston.

There are 350,000 aboriginal inhabitants of America, divided into numerous tribes. There are at least a million persons of pagan religious beliefs. The Mohammedans number 200,000; the Buddhists, 180,000; the Hindus, 150,000, and the Confucianists, and Taoists, 600,000.

There are 138,000 Japanese in the United States, and other thousands in Canada; 97,000 live in California, and 18,000 in the State of Washington. Of the total Japanese population, 70,000 are American born. . . . In America we have a promising mission field.

—Selected.

## Religious News Service

AN outstanding accomplishment in rural church development in Wisconsin is the "larger parish movement," which has occurred principally among Presbyterian churches. Under the plan a number of rural churches organize into a federation, or larger parish, call a single pastor, and pool their resources in co-operative community religious efforts. One such parish maintains a lakeside youth camp which annually attracts 700 young people from five rural counties.

ALL may find something to do. None need feel that there is no place where they can labor for Christ.—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 104.

RECENTLY it was my privilege to spend five weeks among our churches in the Pacific Union Conference. In this union the colored population has grown surprisingly during the last few years, and now numbers about 250,000. Our membership is 2,076. These believers during 1945 paid in tithe \$134,227.86, and for the same period gave \$50,697.53 to missions. Taking all things into account it is obvious that the colored work in this union is moving forward quite strongly.

#### ARIZONA:

Leaving Washington November 11, I visited first the church at Phoenix, Arizona. J. F. Street, who had labored in Phoenix successfully a little more than two years, had accepted a call to the South Atlantic Conference, and was preparing to leave. During his labors there had been several baptisms, and a very creditable church building was erected. Prospects bid fair for the building up of a strong work in Phoenix. I also visited Tucson, where we held one service. The small membership here is under the leadership of our intern, Thomas Douglass, Jr. Brother Douglass will hold his evangelistic effort as soon as plans are perfected. The conference president, C. E. Andross, has lent his fullest support to our workers in this field. Elder Street reports that Elder Andross co-operated very closely in the building program in Phoenix; and Elder Andross, while conversing with me, assured me of his eagerness to see the colored work go forward in a strong way in Arizona. He also pledged himself to the program of fostering a building for our believers in Tucson. At present the Tucson congregation shares our Indian congregation's building. The Phoenix church was dedicated to the service of God Sabbath, December 14, on the eve of Elder Street's departure for his new field of labor. I regret that a previous engagement in Fresno made it impossible for me to be present at the dedication. The dedicatory sermon was preached by O. A. Troy, the secretary for our

## Pacific Union Tour

By the Editor

work in the Pacific Union Conference.

#### SAN DIEGO:

I spent Friday evening and Sabbath, November 22 and 23, with our church in San Diego. We had a most spiritually refreshing time. There was a great response on the part of both members and visitors to rededicate their lives to God and the finishing of His work in the earth. The pastor, Dennis Black, was away from his church. He had been for several weeks in the sanitarium, where he is now recovering from a serious operation. It was our privilege to visit Elder Black three times while in the Los Angeles area. Although he had suffered severely he was of excellent courage in the Lord and was looking forward with great expectation to the taking up of his pastoral and evangelistic activities again. On each occasion of my visit Sister Black was standing at the bedside of her companion faithfully administering whatever aid and comfort she could give. The believers of the San Diego church greatly appreciate the faithful labors of Elder Black. Miss Justine Reid is Bible instructor in this district.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

In Southern California we have six churches. My first visit was at the Compton church. Harold Lindsey is in charge. There is a membership of some two hundred. The modern and beautiful church edifice was dedicated May 10, 1946. This building is unique in every detail. Elder David Voth, president of the conference, as well as other officers of the conference, gave personal attention to the construction of the building and to the liquidation of the indebtedness. The oak pews, carpets, illuminated sign, and the organ console add greatly to the general appearance and to spiritualized worship. Under the labors of Elder Lindsey a number of new believers have been added to this church.

The Berean church, in the north-

ern section of Los Angeles, is also favored with a very tasty church building. This church is also a part of Elder Lindsey's district, and has a growing membership approaching nearly one hundred. We held a profitable meeting with this congregation.

I found the Wadsworth church under the leadership of R. Hope Robertson, successful evangelist and pastor, moving forward in a very strong way. The membership, which is cosmopolitan, is steadily growing, numbering at present about 650. They are looking forward to a more commodious building. A sizable sum toward this project is already in hand. A large number have been baptized from the tent effort held last year. Sunday night evangelistic services are still being held in the tent with capacity audiences.

#### MONROVIA AND SANTA MONICA:

Wednesday evening, November 26, found us at the Monrovia church. There was a very fine attendance. Elder J. W. Allison, veteran minister, is leading out in our church activities there. The believers are of courage and pressing forward to victory.

Our work in Santa Monica also is supervised by Elder Lindsey. This church was organized December 6, 1941, with twenty members. Since that time others have been added. Dr. C. F. Dent, former medical superintendent of the Riverside Sanitarium, is practicing in this city and is lending strong help to the building up of the work here. Dr. Dent serves as elder of the church. We were able to meet with this church Wednesday evening, November 27.

#### PASADENA:

In Pasadena, Owen A. Troy is carrying on a most progressive work. A feature of his activities is a weekly broadcast by remote control from the church. A large number of both members and friends gather each Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. to enjoy the broadcast. Several conference workers participate in this broadcast. Elder Reynolds was guest

speaker at the Sweet Chariot Broadcast Hour, Sabbath afternoon, November 21, and the writer spoke Sabbath afternoon, November 28. Elder Troy, who is widely known all over the West Coast to leading Negro newspaper editors, secured liberal newspaper publicity of our visits and of our work. At the *Sentinel* (a leading Negro newspaper) broadcast hour, 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 2, Elder Reynolds and I were interviewed concerning our work in the denomination. Elder Reynolds gave a most commendable description of the *Message Magazine* setup at the Southern Publishing Association. He also told of the nation-wide circulation of the temperance number of the *Message*.

#### SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE:

W. C. Webb, district leader of the San Bernardino and Riverside churches, is conducting a well-organized program. W. E. Galbreath serves as pastor of the new and well-appointed Riverside church. Elder Webb is located at San Bernardino. We held a very profitable joint meeting of both churches in San Bernardino. God is abundantly blessing Elder Webb and his associate, Brother Galbreath, in their labor for souls.

The splendid and successful Bible instructors connected with our work in Southern California are Mrs. Myrtis Beaman, Mrs. E. Van Nockey-Porter, and Mrs. Hazel Perkins. Brethren E. Wilkins and Roy Stone lend fullest co-operation to Elder Troy in the Pasadena church. Dr. Rudolph Rodriguez and J. Marion Campbell render valuable assistance to Elder Robertson in the activities of his large congregation, serving in the responsibility of elders. Dr. Rodriguez also is a member of the conference committee.

#### BAKERSFIELD:

We visited the Bakersfield church their Wednesday evening service. There was a large attendance of members and friends. They own their building, which is quite representative. They are without a pastor at the present time, as their

former pastor, R. E. Berry, is now laboring in Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. Brother Berry did commendable work both in Bakersfield and in Fresno during his labors there.

#### SAN FRANCISCO:

We spent Sabbath morning, December 2, with the Philadelphia Church of this city. Here Elder J. E. Cox, Sr., is doing excellent work. During his two years of labor he has more than doubled the membership. In viewing this church we see a most attractive edifice with beautifully stained glass windows, large pipe organ, and well appointed anterooms and pastor's study. The purchase was brought about by Elder Cox shortly after he took up his work in San Francisco. The building was dedicated free from debt May 12, 1945. More than one hundred members have been added to the church during the two years of Elder Cox's pastorate. Miss Marian Warrington is associated with Elder Cox as Bible instructor.

#### OAKLAND:

Sabbath afternoon was spent with the Oakland church. Every seat, including those in the balcony, was filled. A number of students from Pacific Union College were present to listen to our report, which included the progress of the *Message Magazine*, ably rendered by L. B. Reynolds, editor. Arrangements were made for another service the following evening. This was entirely evangelistic. A large and appreciative audience of members and friends was present. Brother R. W. Nelson, formerly of the Lake Region Conference, who has recently accepted the pastorate of the Oakland church, is well liked by his congregation, and is already building up the work here in a strong way. Associated with him are Mrs. R. W. Gully and Miss Veva Knox as Bible instructors. Audrie Johnson serves in the capacity of assistant to Elder Nelson. Dr. V. C. Hamilton, successful physician, lends his influence and support strongly to our work here. For many years he has served in the capacity of elder.

#### FRESNO:

My last visit was with the Fresno church. Here V. A. Joseph is putting over a very fine program. Elder Joseph has been here just about one year and has already added nearly fifty souls by baptism. He has also raised a sizable sum toward the erection of a new and much-needed building. The present building is now entirely inadequate for both Sabbath and Sunday night attendance. The tithe and offerings of this church have also shown a marked increase. I spoke to an overflow audience of members and visitors both Friday night and Sabbath, December 13 and 14. The Bible instructor associated with Elder Joseph is Mrs. Della Richardson. Sister Richardson has given excellent service.

At nearly every church we were accompanied by O. A. Troy, secretary of the colored department of the Pacific Union Conference. Elder Troy had organized our itinerary in a most capable manner. Elder L. B. Reynolds of the Southern Publishing Association was with us also on most of the itinerary. Elder Reynolds brought a great deal of cheer and inspiration to our people as he told of the wonderful achievement and progress of the *Message Magazine*. Our churches were also greatly encouraged to learn of the forward march of the colored work in North America and the organization and development of our colored conferences. Our believers on the West Coast are somewhat far removed from our work in other sections of the field and seemed to have been greatly cheered and edified because of our messages. Their confidence in the *Message Magazine* as a soul-saving factor was demonstrated in their response to the earnest and powerful appeals made by Elder Reynolds. Nearly 1,500 subscriptions were secured by Elder Reynolds during his visits among the churches on the West Coast. We feel that great wisdom was demonstrated by the Southern Publishing Association in arranging this itinerary for our editor at this time.

A feature of our visit in the Pacific Union was the filling of an appoint-

ment at the Los Angeles Academy. Through the years this institution has prospered and grown under the able leadership of Professor J. F. Dent and his efficient faculty. The academy consists of twelve grades, and has an enrollment of 350 students, with a staff of 20 teachers and workers. One can, at a glance, discern that the present three-story building is now inadequate. We are happy to state that the new Los Angeles Academy is being erected. The institution is located in a large acreage. It will have the very latest in school appointments, and will offer full elementary and secondary work. This new institution will exceed \$250,000 in cost. We were profoundly inspired as we visited the new site, spending about two hours. We were thrilled as we watched the work on the structure going forward. It is hoped that all will be in readiness for the opening of school in September. The Pacific Union Conference and the Southern California Conference are loyally lifting a large share of the financial program. Also, the churches of Southern California are responding liberally.

I sincerely regret that I did not get to the Nevada-Utah Conference where there are two colored churches—one in Salt Lake City and the other in Las Vegas. In Salt Lake City we have a neat and inviting church building. The membership is small, but the believers are very loyal. R. E. Berry is at the present time in charge of our work both in Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. God is blessing our brother. In a recent letter he reports an addition of ten by baptism in the Salt Lake church, where an evangelistic effort was held. Brother Berry also plans to hold an effort in Las Vegas.

During the five weeks spent among the churches on the West Coast I was gratified to note the spirit of unity and good cheer that predominates the colored work everywhere there. It was also encouraging to discover the marked interest of union and local conference leaders in the various phases of our work.

## Shepherd's Rod Propaganda

WE have received inquiries at the General Conference office concerning certain advertising matter being sent to our people by "The E. W. Society of America," McGregor, Texas, offering a health booklet for a coupon and six cents. Some who have endeavored to learn by direct inquiry the identity of this "Society" have not succeeded.

Careful investigation has revealed the fact that there is no such society with an office at McGregor, Texas, but this advertising comes from the Shepherd's Rod organization, a small offshoot from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with headquarters at Waco, Texas. Doubtless this promotion is a part of the continuous "name ingathering campaign" carried on by this organization. Certainly our people will not wish to lend their influence to this effort by using or distributing the coupons.

Information regarding the plans and propaganda methods of the Shepherd's Rod has been placed in the hands of our ministers and conference officials, from whom it can be secured on request.

It is well to remember the words of the Lord's messenger that "God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 61.

M. E. KERN, Field Secretary of the General Conference.

## San Francisco News

OUR work here in San Francisco is progressing. At our last baptism sixteen souls were brought in, and this means that our membership is now 171. This represents a rapid growth during the past two years. Our Riverside offering goal is \$300, and we have this amount in hand. Our thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$511. Tithe this past year exceeded the \$10,000 mark, or, was an increase of \$7,000 within two years.

J. E. Cox, Pastor.

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## News Notes

SOUTH Atlantic Conference Sabbath schools have responded with the largest thirteenth Sabbath offering in the history of this area, enabling the conference to maintain its pennant standing of .301.

In total amounts the Atlanta church stands first with \$1,001.01. Others with large offerings on thirteenth Sabbath were Miami, with \$624.37, and Jacksonville with \$313. Thus, for the first time in the Southern Union a church in the colored department has exceeded \$1,000 for a single thirteenth Sabbath offering.

Churches with highest thirteenth Sabbath per capitias were:

Clearwater	\$4.68
Atlanta	3.70
Orlando	3.63
Miami	2.55
Sumter	2.44

RADIO.—Two South Atlantic men are conducting successful broadcasts. E. E. Cleveland and his choral group are heard from 10:00 to 10:15 A.M. every Sunday over station WGBG, Greensboro, North Carolina. Evangelist H. J. Fordham broadcasts from 10:30 to 10:45 A.M. Sundays over WGAC in Augusta, Georgia. These broadcasts have proved an invaluable adjunct to their evangelistic efforts.

SCHOOL INSPECTION.—During the early part of the fall term the conference nurse, Mrs. AnnaBelle Simons, with Elder F. H. Jenkins, inspected the church school children in the Carolinas. Reports on the physical condition of his children were sent each parent.

RALLY.—A thrilling rally for the young people of North and South Carolina was held in Charleston, South Carolina. Elder F. H. Jenkins was in charge, and led the young people in rededicating their lives to God. The program included conse-

cration services, round-table discussions, and in the evenings, motion pictures. "The Birth of a New World," "Luzeiro, the Lightbearer to the Amazon," and "Liquor as the Doctor Sees It," were shown. Most of the Carolina churches were represented. Local arrangements were made by the district leader, Brother G. E. Johnson. The next rally is planned for Miami.

NORMAN G. SIMONS,  
Home Missionary Dept. Secretary.

### Evangelism in the South Atlantic Conference

God was very good to us in our evangelistic program during the year 1946. Thirteen tent efforts were held, as follows:

Belle Glade, Fla.	V. L. Roberts
Lumberton, N. C.	J. B. E. Williams
Charleston, S. C.	G. E. Johnson
Miami, Fla.	J. E. Cox, Jr.
Coconut Grove, Fla.	J. E. Cox
Augusta, Ga.	H. J. Fordham
Greensboro, N. C.	E. E. Cleveland
Columbia, S. C.	S. E. Farrell
Fort Valley, Ga.	C. M. Bailey
Dublin, Ga.	C. M. Bailey
Jacksonville, Fla.	F. S. Keitts
Fort Meyers, Fla.	W. M. Starks
Florence Villa, Fla.	W. M. Starks

A number of our ministers were not able to have tent efforts, but entered fully into the spirit of evangelism with church revivals. We are confident that a very fine harvest of souls will be the result of this evangelistic campaign.

All of our efforts were successful. We might especially mention the one in Greensboro, North Carolina, held by Elder E. E. Cleveland who has added 108 souls by baptism and profession of faith at this writing.

We are looking forward to making 1947 a year of even greater evangelism in the South Atlantic Conference.

H. D. SINGLETON.

### Report of Progress

ELDER and Mrs. J. F. Street and Elder Street's father, lately of Phoenix, Arizona, recently passed through Atlanta en route to their new field of labor in the South At-

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Left to Right: Norman G. Simons, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary; L. S. Follette, Secretary-Treasurer; H. D. Singleton, Conference President; F. H. Jenkins, Educational and Y.P.M.V. Secretary; C. L. Benjamin, Manager of the Book and Bible House; Richard Robinson, Publishing Department Secretary



H. D. Singleton, President of the South Atlantic Conference Dictates a Letter to His Secretary

lantic Conference. Sabbath, December 28, was Elder Street's initial Sabbath in the Miami district, which includes Fort Lauderdale, Homestead, and Key West, Florida, as well as Miami. The South Atlantic Conference extends a hearty welcome to Elder and Mrs. Street.

Elder L. R. Hastings and family recently moved to Columbus, Georgia, to take charge of our church there. He was formerly in charge of the Sanford-Orlando-Deland district in Florida. Brother J. S. Wise

has succeeded Elder Hastings in that district.

At a recent workers' meeting held in Atlanta, our evangelists reported excellent baptisms throughout the field. We believe that when the final reports are all in for 1946, over 500 persons will have been added to the church through baptisms and profession of faith during the year.

The Riverside campaign has been progressing quite well in the conference. Over \$7,000 has been raised among the churches.

J. E. Cox, Jr., has taken over the headquarters church in Atlanta. He has received a real welcome from the church, and already plans are being laid to install an organ.

Brethren Jenkins and Simons and Mrs. Simons have recently contacted a number of the churches and all the church schools in the conference, Brother Jenkins and Mrs. Simons inspecting the schools and Brother Simons promoting the Riverside drive.

H. D. SINGLETON.

### The Literature Work

UNDER God the literature work in the South Atlantic Conference has been making steady advances. As we pause to meditate upon what has been done in this our first year as an organized conference, we lift our hearts to God in praise and gratitude for His guidance and the success He has given us.

We think of the way He blessed a fine group of students who spent most of the past summer's vacation selling our message-filled books and magazines and of the fine individual records made by some: Marian Blevins, not yet out of the academy, sold enough *Message* and *Life and Health* magazines for a full scholarship in the month of August alone; Ed Sumpter, Jr., delivered \$1,360.80 worth of books, thus surpassing the amount needed for two academy scholarships; Estella Gully sold 7,690 *Message*, 3,862 *Life and Health*, and \$232.50 in books in eleven weeks. Fifteen young people earned full and part scholarships in our conference. Sixteen others spent some of their time selling. The total deliveries for the summer were \$17,698.64.

In the first eleven months of 1946 a total of 302,266 copies of the *Message Magazine* were sold in this territory. December 1 we passed the \$100,000 mark in deliveries, and when the finals are in for December we hope we will have reached \$110,000.

On January 5-12 our colporteurs met in Atlanta for their annual institute. As they met, I am sure that the

words recorded by the tried apostle, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," expressed the sentiment of leaders and colporteurs alike.

R. P. ROBINSON,  
Publishing Department Secretary.

### In South Carolina

WE have just completed a six weeks' effort in Summerville, South Carolina. Fifteen precious souls were baptized, and a baptismal class has been formed with other interested persons. We also have a very lively baptismal class in Charleston. In addition, a church school was opened this year, and we have an enrollment of twenty pupils under a well qualified teacher.

G. E. JOHNSON.

### Those "Lost Week Ends"

DANIEL L. MARSH, president of Boston University, today blamed heavy drinking on the part of diplomats for turning recent international conferences into "lost week ends." He said:

"It is time for somebody to call attention to the fact that the members of the United Nations Organization would think more clearly and act more patiently if there were less guzzling of liquor."

"A thoughtful person cannot help being distressed at the reports of drunkenness attending diplomatic and international gatherings. No wonder that so many of the international conferences turn out to be lost week ends."

"One of the first things that had to be done for the United Nations Council on the campus of Hunter College was to set up a private bar for the members."—*New York Times*, May 27, 1946.

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### CENTRAL STATES MISSION

T. M. ROWE, Supt. J. H. JONES, Sec.-Treas.  
Kansas City, Missouri

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### Organization and Progress

THE Central States Mission was fully organized and staffed with the following officers:

Superintendent Thomas M. Rowe  
Secretary-Treasurer James H. Jones  
Publishing Dept. Secretary

Robert White  
Stenographer Ednamae Ellison

Other departmental secretaries will be added as we develop. It was also decided to have the headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, this being the center of the field and nearer to the larger churches we shall serve, plus the fact that Kansas City is railroad center of the Middle West.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—On November 23 the Berean church of St. Louis was dedicated free of debt. Elder G. E. Hutches, president of the Missouri Conference, gave the dedicatory message, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Elder L. J. Pryor had done a splendid job of re-decorating the church from the auditorium to the basement. To add to all this, the aisles of the auditorium were covered with a beautiful carpet that cost the church \$500. The dedicatory service lasted one week, the writer being with them the first three days. All former pastors were invited to attend, and two came—Elder B. W. Abney and C. E. Moseley, each of whom brought new hope and courage to the entire church. Now that this program is finished, plans are being laid for a strong evangelistic campaign probably this coming summer. It is hoped that the Central States Mission will be able to purchase a new tent with a seating capacity of 1,000. One has already been located, and we hope to close the deal early in the new year.

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI — Elder Robert L. Woodfork, who was ordained at the union session held in

St. Louis January 5-11 is doing a very fine work in St. Joseph. The membership is small but very much alive. The present church building is in a rather poor location and is also very much in need of repair, so the green light has been given to relocate. A suitable corner lot has been purchased and paid for, and more than \$500 is already in the treasury for the new church home that we hope to begin building early in the new year. Bible studies are being given in many parts of the city, and a good interest has been aroused.

**DENVER, COLORADO**—Beth Haven church in Denver, under the leadership of Pastor G. Herfin Taylor is really making the city conscious of the importance of the advent message. For the past six weeks the prayer meetings have been devoted entirely to a thorough study of personal evangelism. In the meantime, the members have been systematically distributing 750 Signs of the Times and 4,000 of the World's Crisis Series books weekly, so the city is on fire with the message of the hour. On Sunday night, December 29, six new believers were added by baptism, making a total membership of 98. Nowhere in the union do we find more enthusiasm than in this particular church. Early in the spring Pastor Taylor plans a six to eight weeks' evangelistic effort in the church.

The readers of the INFORMANT are requested to remember our work in the Central States Mission in prayer.

THOMAS M. ROWE.

WE all desire immediate and direct answers to our prayers, and are tempted to become discouraged when the answer is delayed or comes in an unlooked-for form. But God is too wise and good to answer our prayers always at just the time and in just the manner we desire. He will do more and better for us than accomplish all our wishes. And because we can trust His wisdom and love, we should not ask Him to concede to our will, but should seek to enter into and accomplish His purpose.—*Gospel Workers*, p. 219.

## SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

W. W. Fordham, Supt. V. Roberts, Sec.-Treas.  
P. O. Box 6289, Dallas, Texas

### Southwestern Mission Organized

ON Monday morning, December 16, 1946, at ten o'clock the colored constituency of the Southwestern Union assembled in Dallas, Texas, to organize that field into a mission. At this time the executive officers of the mission were elected by the constituency.

Delegates were in attendance from every church in the Union. The attendance of delegates was one hundred per cent. It was phenomenal—none of those elected from the churches were absent. This was very encouraging, and showed a definite interest in this advance step. There were many nondelegates in attendance. The Dallas colored church was filled to capacity, and there was standing room only. The walls of the church vibrated as all raised their voices in singing the adopted theme song, "Give Me That Good Old Mission Spirit."

The officers elected were Elder W. W. Fordham, superintendent; Elder Vincent Roberts, secretary-treasurer; Brother J. H. Jones, publishing Department; and Miss Helen Wiggan, Sabbath school secretary. For the time being the educational, young people's and religious liberty departments will be carried by the superintendent and the Book and Bible House and home missionary departments will be carried by the secretary-treasurer. As the mission grows numerically and financially, these added responsibilities will be placed on others. The members of the mission executive committee are Elders Fordham, Carethers, Williams, Roberts, and Lee. Provisions have been made for two additional members, making a total of seven.

It was the consensus of opinion that with the enthusiasm engendered and the spirit of co-operation demonstrated by the union conference committee it will not be too far in the future before the work

here will emerge into a conference. Also of interest is the fact that the delegates in session pledged to furnish completely the offices of the mission.

The mission headquarters will be Dallas, Texas; and the mailing address is Box 6289.

HELEN WIGGAN.

### S. D. A. Company Organized in Marshall, Texas

**SABBATH** morning, December 28, W. W. Fordham, superintendent of the Southwestern Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, met with us here in Marshall. After preaching a soul-stirring sermon exhorting everyone to build solidly upon the sure foundation of this threefold message, Elder Fordham proceeded to organize this group of nineteen Adventists into a company.

The history of our work began February 7, 1946, when the writer and his family moved to Marshall to engage in an evangelistic campaign. At that time they were the only Adventists in the city of Marshall and in Harrison County, which has a population of 32,000 colored people. A request was made of Frank H. Lindsay, our field secretary, to send us two colporteurs. J. C. Williams and H. W. Turley and their wives, of Beaumont, Texas, answered the call, moved here, and scattered the printed page.

On Wednesday night, May 15, our opening meeting began in the living room of our home. In attendance were our neighbors, who had been invited to see and hear a lecture from the screen. After several weeks our audiences grew to such a large number that our living room became inadequate to accommodate the people. Thus it was necessary to secure larger quarters. Although our effort budget was only \$300, the writer caught the vision, as it were, of a beautiful little tabernacle, and in answer to his prayers, such a building was erected from the ground up.

An enthusiastic evangelistic meeting was opened Sunday night, August 25, in a neatly built taber-

nacle 24 by 48 feet. When our meeting closed November 16, we had won ten precious souls with the help of God.

Recently T. L. DeArman and his family, who are members of our church, moved to Marshall, where Brother DeArman will take charge of the biology department of Wiley College. The families which have moved here, plus the new converts, compose our little company of nineteen.

A. B. HUMPHREY, District Pastor.

### "Thistledown"

AT this writing, we are giving all the glory to our heavenly Father for the many blessings attending our efforts for Him in spreading the printed page hither and yon in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Thistledown, someone has called this heavenly work—divine thistledown. We scatter the printed page and thereby are liberating thistledown carrying precious seed. The winds of the Spirit carry it here and there, over all the world. It settles down and grows and produces its own life in human souls.

One of our workers here, Jeff Young, has been instrumental in bringing five persons into the truth as a result of carrying the printed page in and around Alexandria, Louisiana, recently. Of the five, two are man and wife, and they took their stand one Sabbath when D. C. Batson made an appeal for new believers. This couple has eight children. Let us pray that as a result of their parents' acceptance these children will follow. Of the five new believers, one is now a colporteur.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, D. E. Davis recently baptized three persons. They were the fruit of Sister Barbara Helton's faithfulness in spreading the printed page.

Let us all sing praises to God from whom all blessings flow. It does pay to be faithful workers for the Master. Won't you join us in spreading the divine thistledown?

J. H. JONES,  
Publishing Department.

### My New Year Aim

Not yet attained, but still my feet  
are pressing  
Toward those heights which lie out-  
stretched before.  
That which the past has held of  
heavenly blessing  
Will not suffice; I hunger still for  
more.  
And now as dawns for me one more  
New Year,  
So grant, O Lord, 'twill bring me yet  
more near.  
More near to Thee! Yea, Lord, and  
ever nearer  
Forgetting all the things now left  
behind;  
My aim is higher ground, with vision  
clearer  
To see Thee close, though steep the  
path may wind.  
Forgive, O Lord, the blindness of  
the past;  
Be still my Guide, I pray, and hold  
me fast.  
"One thing I do," my time cannot  
be squandered  
In grieving o'er mistakes of years  
now gone;  
Though in side paths my feet have  
often wandered,  
Yet reach I forward still—Lord,  
help me on!  
And grant this year in mercy given  
me,  
May lead to untrod heights, close,  
close to Thee.

—Selected.

### Erratum

IN the December issue of the INFORMANT, page 8, mention was made of a new health clinic opened in Dallas, Texas, by Anne C. Green, M.D. This ought to have read, Anne C. Green, N.D. Dr. Green is a naturopath physician. We regret this error.

It was not on the cross only that Christ sacrificed Himself for humanity. As "He went about doing good," every day's experience was an outpouring of His life.—*Education*, p. 80.

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### Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

J. M. Cox, Med. Dir.  
H. D. Dobbins, Mgr.  
800 Youngs Lane  
Nashville, Tennessee

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### The New Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital

THE new Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital at 800 Young's Lane, Nashville 7, Tennessee, is a red brick, modern, attractive, fireproof building with a modern elevator. It has a seventy-five-bed capacity for adults, nine beds for children, and fifteen bassinets for babies. The structure is quite imposing. It can be seen for miles around, and much natural beauty is visible from its different elevations. The outside of the building is about completed, and plasterers are at work on the inside. It is a "T" shaped building. The horizontal part of the "T" is three stories high, and is the front of the building—the east-west section. The west side is rounded, and the east side is rectangular. The vertical part of the "T", four stories high, is the north-south section. Space on the east-west roof is for direct sun contact. Adequate provision has been made for a maximum of air and light to all parts of the building. There is unobstructed exposure to prevailing winds that allows for a maximum exposure to sunlight and air. The patient's convalescence and recovery depend much on his surroundings. An environment of beautiful scenery is an advantage, and adds much to his pleasure and comfort.

Riverside Sanitarium is planned for service. Rooms of a specific unit are grouped together and so arranged as to facilitate co-ordination. Units are set apart for administration; accommodation of surgical, medical, obstetrical, and sanitarium patients of all ages; operating rooms; medical staff; nursing department, including nursing education; dietary department; medical records; medical library; clinic; business department; social service department and chaplain; adjunct diagnostic and therapeutic facilities — which include

clinical laboratory, radiology, anesthesia, ear-nose-throat unit, physiotherapy, electrocardiograph, basal metabolism, blood bank, pharmacy, dentistry, and so forth.

The administrative unit is grouped together, and consists of the offices of the medical superintendent, the business manager, the director of nurses, the director of the school of nursing, the social service department, the admitting office, the medical records department.

Patients are accommodated in private rooms, semiprivate rooms, or wards. All occupying floors have an abundance of fresh air and sunshine. The floors are of reinforced concrete covered with asphalt tile or terrazzo.

Dentistry plays an important part in the treatment of many medical and surgical diseases. Consequently, adequate dental care of the average patient is provided for.

The medical record is valuable and necessary on account of the character and complexity of the data gathered in the study of the illness of the individual. It serves the patient. It serves the hospital and medical staff, as individuals and as a group; it has great value in legal defense and public health; it has a definite place in the field of research.

The American College of Surgeons has long been an advocate of the hospital medical library. The purpose of the library is to make easily available to members of the staff medical literature presenting standard procedures, as well as that which is descriptive of the most recent developments in medicine, surgery, and the specialties represented in the service of the hospital. The library also provides adequate reference sources in nursing, religion, and general reading.

The Sanitarium School of Nursing is connected with the Sanitarium. Its object is to link education with idealism—to prepare Christian young men and women, who have in aptitude for nursing, to become skillful in nursing arts and diet therapy. Clinical facilities and well-equipped classrooms are available for instruction in the several nursing fields. Affiliations have been ar-

ranged in recognized schools of nursing for instruction and clinical experience in associated fields of nursing.

The Sanitarium is accessible to good roads and transportation. A bus line runs, on the hour, past the institution directly into the heart of the city. Riverside has city water and electricity, and is the proper elevation for good drainage. There is quiet and an abundance of clear air not contaminated by the vapors of traffic or industry.

J. MARK COX, M. D.

### Latest Riverside Offering Report

Allegheny Conference	\$3,005.21
Canadian Union Conference	2.80
Central States Mission	1,970.02
Lake Region Conference	7,352.50
Northeastern Conference	7,870.67
Northern Union Conference	66.20
North Pacific Union Conf.	78.67
Pacific Union Conference	2,281.45
South Atlantic Conference	8,167.43
South Central Conference	4,314.36
Southwestern Mission	1,290.85
 Total	 \$36,400.16
Balance to be raised	\$23,599.84
Amount required	\$60,000.00

### Urgent!

Unless furnishings for the new sanitarium are ordered immediately we shall delay the opening of the institution. Let each conference see that its churches remit the balance of the allotment, which averages \$3 a member, by February 22.

To the chronic invalid, nothing so tends to restore health and happiness as living amid attractive country surroundings. Here the most helpless ones can sit or lie in the sunshine or in the shade of the trees. They have only to lift their eyes to see above them the beautiful foliage. A sweet sense of restfulness and refreshing comes over them as they listen to the murmuring of the breezes.—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 264.

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### Oakwood College

F. L. PETERSON, Pres.  
Huntsville, Ala.

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### The Ministerial Seminar

THE members of the Oakwood ministerial seminar send greetings to the readers of the NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT, and trust that we may become better friends through the medium of our paper.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

It was with these thoughts in mind that the college ministerial seminar members met to elect officers for the first semester of the present school year.

Elder Moseley, the sponsor, opened the meeting with prayer. Then he reminded the assembly that the purpose of the seminar was to prepare prospective ministers, Bible instructors, and those interested in teaching religion for any difficulties they might meet in the field; also to help solve problems, to iron out and discuss complicated texts, and to clarify mysteries that are thought to surround them.

The following were elected to office. President, Lucius Daniels; vice-president, Charles Dudley; secretary, Edna Rice; assistant secretary, Eddie Mae Robinson; chaplain, Horace Jones; pianist, Joyce Harper; corresponding secretary, Elizabeth Simmons.

Two other groups were later organized as a part of the ministerial seminar. They were the Bible Instructors' Club and the Oakwood Ministerial Association. As the result of an election, the following were chosen to serve as officers for the school year. For the Bible Instructors' Club: President, Elizabeth Simmons; vice-president, Eddie Mae Robinson; secretary, Margie Stephens; assistant secretary and treasurer, Celeste Joy; chaplain, June Booker.

For the Oakwood Ministerial Association: President, Samuel Bond; vice-president, Daniel Beeman;

secretary, Jerome James; assistant secretary, Maurice Battle; corresponding secretary, Clinton Warren; treasurer, Clayton Pritchett; publicity manager, Samuel Paschal.

The main aim and objective of these clubs is to spread the knowledge of the third angel's message throughout the community, thereby hastening the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ELIZABETH SIMMONS, Class of '47.

## Work in Minneapolis

CHURCH planning and building provides a time for the congregation to dream dreams and see visions. *The Reader's Digest* puts it this way: "Religion is something that you ought to pay for like a Catholic, promulgate like an Adventist, and enjoy like a Negro." The Beacon Light group has incorporated all three in its building program.

The estimated cost of the new structure is \$15,000. Situated on a prominent corner in Minneapolis, the new church will accentuate the high standards of our message and buttress the work of the Seventh-day Adventists in Minnesota. With the building of a new church and a strong evangelistic program as carried on by "Prophecy Speaks," it will not be long before a large number of people will be added to the membership of the church.

God willing, by camp meeting time the members of the new church in Minneapolis hope to be well on the way to the dedication of the building free of debt. We ask not the Master to make this task smaller but to enlarge us so that we can do greater things for Christ. With special entreaty we ask the constituency of the North American Colored Department to pray for us.

A. L. KIRK, Pastor.

(Taken from the *Northern Union Outlook*.)

In our work, individual effort will accomplish much more than can be estimated. It is for the want of this that souls are perishing.—*Gospel Workers*, p. 184.

## Our Work in Seattle

DURING the past few months the colored work in Seattle has shown remarkable progress. For several months we have worshiped in our new church recently purchased by the conference. We have seen marked evidences of God's leading in this work. Many not of our faith have worshiped with us from Sabbath to Sabbath.

On a recent Sunday night we began an evangelistic effort in the church, and spoke to a capacity audience. Our meetings are conducted three nights a week, and the interest is very good. At present we are visiting approximately three hundred homes. We solicit your prayers as we labor among our people in this field.

W. J. CLEVELAND.

## The Ways of the Lord

Translation by W. K. Ising

The following experience, which will be of interest, is related by Sister Katherine Unrau, wife of one of our former ministers in Russia.

"With deep humility I would like to relate to the honor of God one of the many experiences of most recent occurrence. At Nuremberg, where a great display has been made in connection with the trial of war criminals, the attention of the world has been directed to this city. Just here at Nuremberg the Lord has quietly performed a miracle that nevertheless is of such vast and deep significance that it surpasses all other events.

"A colored brother of the Army of Occupation had taken upon himself a particular missionary work among the German children, to whom he desired to give expression of his love and devotion to the advent truth. One day he missed one of his little daily visitors. Upon inquiry he learned that the little boy was seriously ill and confined to his bed. He at once hurried to pay him a visit. The mother of the child, however, refused to let him see her son, because the doctor had told her that there was no help for him, and

that he would die. But the brother earnestly pleaded that she let him in to see the boy. She finally consented very reluctantly. He then went to the bed of the sick child, knelt down, and prayed.

"I do not know how long the brother prayed, but the mother, in her anxiety, repeatedly opened the door to look in, and she always found the brother kneeling in prayer. When he rose from his prayer he said to the mother: 'Your child will not die but will recover.' Deeply moved, the mother asked him, 'What faith do you belong to?' The brother told her that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and then gave her the address of our meeting place.

"From that very hour the child was healed. Today the mother is in the baptismal class, and, as she says, she will never, with her whole household, lose this wonderful experience from her heart. One can only say: 'Who can understand the marvelous ways of the Lord?'"

## The Challenge of This Final Hour

(Continued from page 1)

"We are building in sorrow or joy a temple the world may not see, which time cannot mar nor destroy; we build for eternity."

With all seriousness and assiduity let us address ourselves to the task before us this year—the task of being ready ourselves and making ready a people prepared for the Lord.

May this year bring larger achievements in our conferences and in all our churches. May the spiritual life of each worker and of each member be deepened. May our faith become stronger in God, and may there be seen amongst us a manifestation of that blessed tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

Let us pray that 1947 shall be the year of all years in soul winning in our churches. Every goal should end in souls. May we live in such a holy atmosphere that we may be able to say from our hearts, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."