

Informant

A Challenge to Ministers and Churches

By THE EDITOR

We are living in a sick and discordant world. In this Atomic Age people are suffering from anticipation of what the future holds—some of them with genuine terror in their hearts. Because the people of our democracy are spiritually weak, we, as God's remnant church, should welcome this vista to bring an explanation of Biblical prophecy, to let each one know he is designing his future now, and that the fortitude of this moment determines the foundation of tomorrow's sturdiness and happiness. Our energies must be doubled, and we must sense the short time we have to work for souls. Surely in a time like this when thousands are facing destruction, going down into their graves without God and without hope, we should accept the challenge to "arise" and "shine" and "make up the hedge, and stand in the gap" before the Lord. Never was there a time when our ministers, as apostles of God to hungry souls, needed more urgently to preach the message with the power and demonstration of the spirit than now.

Our evangelists must answer this need. Our business is to see to it that more are enlisted on the side of Christ. All our ministers must, therefore, strive as never before, with mighty work, study, prayer, and faith, to bring the hungry sin-sick soul to the One who alone can heal and save. This is our supreme task, and we must at once enter upon the greatest work of all times. To do this, we must equip ourselves with

the whole armor of God. Eloquence alone will not bring the lost to Christ. There are experiences which prove to be but "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." As ministers, it is possible for us to use a great wealth of Bible texts, but unless accompanied by the Spirit, the way of God may not be manifest. To me it is quite evident that our sermons must have not a new message but a new ring. We must not only be able to present a proposition or make an analysis of the truth or doctrine, but our main objective must be to bring the truth home to the hearts of those who hear it. In order to win souls the goal must be not merely preaching but effective preaching and holy living. We should remember that fervent prayer must be a potent factor in our program as we go forth to win souls.

I realize that we are confronted with many cares, perplexities, and anxieties, but we must have a consciousness of the magnitude of the responsibility committed to us by the Lord to reach out after souls lost in sin, putting first things first. Our ministers must safeguard the spiritual interests of those who have become members of the body of Christ. It cannot be ignored that among us are those who are warring with internal, domestic, social, and economic problems. To all such, our ministers must give assistance and guidance. It is to be regretted that some have yielded to the influences of wrong sources; and others have become discouraged, perhaps, be-

cause of our coldness and indifference, or from their failure to keep their eyes upon Jesus. As a church, the trust committed to us should be held sacred. Let us endeavor to duplicate the compassion of Jesus as we try to help our fellow men.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation of our churches in projects and plans presented for the development of our work. Evidences in increased membership, goals, and other promotions testify of the loyal cooperation and fruitful labors of both ministers and people. Recognizing there is no royal road to success, let us continue to work faithfully to finish this great task. The measure of success attained in our conferences, both in souls and financial goals, is attributable to God and your loyal support. Let us not rest until our good becomes better, and our better best.

As we face new opportunities to work for God, remember that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." May the Lord in compassion grant us a new perspective. May the still small voice of the Holy Spirit speak to our hearts, saying, "Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel . . . : have not I sent thee?" Judges 6:14.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim
In the light of His glory and grace."

May the Lord preserve each one of you from sorrow, ill-health, and discouragement of whatever kind you are prone to, leaving you able to

devote yourselves solely to the higher things that claim your attention in the work of God. With all seriousness and assiduity, let us address ourselves to the task before us—the task of being ready ourselves, and that of “making ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

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Camp Meeting Along the Manatawny

THE Allegheny Conference closed its annual camp meeting session with a renewed pledge of consecration and devotion to the spirit of the third angel's message in this generation.

About four thousand people encamped along the banks of the beautiful Manatawny for ten days in a series of spiritual meetings which began on June 30 and closed July 10.

The camp meeting planning committee, of which J. H. Wagner is chairman, had provided for the complete comfort of the constituency by erecting a permanent kitchen, a concrete block structure; a new dining tent, which was airy and convenient, giving quick service; a new camp display building, affording ample space for exhibits and sales of our literature; a reception unit with telephone facilities; and a Dorcas room, which was an attraction in itself. Three new tents were in service this year—the big tent, dining, and young people's. Special services were conducted in the children's tent by Sister Jessie Wagner. We have always been proud of the water and a new 225-foot 8-inch well giving an ample supply, although we had not had rain for weeks.

Highlighting the services were the missionaries from the foreign fields. H. F. Brown had just returned from a twenty-eight thousand mile trip to the Congo, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, Nyasaland, and the Union of South Africa. Miss Anna Knight reviewed conditions in India.

Pastor Robert Salau thrilled his audience as he told of the converting power of the gospel. Salau, the son of a cannibal and headhunter, ran away from his father's home to attend the Adventist mission school, where he learned how to give the message to his benighted people. During World War II he personally aided in saving hundreds of American flyers who fell in enemy territory, and the natives risked their own lives in the horrors of Japanese torture to obtain quinine and other medicinal supplies for our flyers. The Solomon islander has been preaching for thirty years, and gives firsthand evidences of the power of the gospel.

G. E. Peters, secretary of our North American Department for the General Conference, gave a sweeping report of the advances of the work on the continent and throughout the far reaches of our world effort. It was moving and thrilling to recognize how the Lord is miraculously blessing and speeding the third angel's message to the far corners of the earth.

President Wagner spoke at the closing session, beginning his message with the words of Kipling, taken from the “Recessional”:

“The tumult and the shouting dies—
The Captains and the Kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!”

The speaker continued, “We must not lose sight of the Source of true power. Success must not be allowed to divert our attention from the true objective. Humbleness before Him must be the experience of each worker for God.”

In response to the speaker's appeal the entire congregation stood as an expression of reconsecration and devotion to the task of greater evangelism to hasten the coming of the Lord. They sang as they clasped hands, “Never Part Again.”

A. V. PINKNEY, Reporter,
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“A HAPPY and victorious Christian is one who enjoys his religion rather than endures it.”

Newspaper Lauds Allegheny Camp Meeting

THE Allegheny Conference camp meeting recently held on the grounds of the Pine Forge Academy near Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was given wonderful press publicity. Many articles and a large number of camp pictures appeared in the Pottstown *Mercury*; and according to A. V. Pinkney, who had to do with the reporting, stories were sent to other large papers. The *Mercury* goes into more than sixteen thousand homes. The information published gave readers of this excellent daily definite ideas as to the work and belief of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Saturday edition of this paper, published on the last Sabbath of the meeting, was headed in bold type across its entire front page: “Special Souvenir Edition of the Allegheny Conference.” This issue alone carried more than one hundred column inches of news stories about the camp meeting, activities on the grounds, and what they represented.

The good will of the newspaper was reflected not only in the amount of space for reporting the news but in an editorial which gave testimony to the very fine feeling that exists in the community toward the school, our educational leaders there, and members generally.

“They brought knowledge-hungry young men and women to drink at the fount of wisdom,” it says, in speaking of the making of an important educational center. Of the camp meeting attendants it reports, “members attended their religious

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and educational sessions with punctuality and regularity." "Their purchases put thousands of dollars into the tills of the merchants of this town," was a further comment. Then the editor goes on to give a general report of the Adventist Church, with extensive figures of medical, educational, welfare, and evangelistic work. Speaking of the attitude of the people of the community, he says with sincerity that "they value the friendship of their institute neighbors; they respect their intelligence and fine moral characters."

Such nice publicity built on a relationship of this type is worth everything to our work as a denomination. We congratulate the Allegheny Conference leaders on this and trust that it will be a stimulus to other groups in their relations with the press.

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THE Missionary Volunteers of the Mission have just concluded a very successful Youth's Council in Kansas City—July 29-31.

The evangelistic meetings at Omaha, Nebraska, are progressing nicely, and additions to the church are being realized. B. R. Spears is planning for a baptism soon.

F. L. Bland made a recent visit to the Sioux City, Iowa, church. He found them all of good courage, and going forward in the work of the Lord. The Sabbath services were very interesting, and the program was carried on in a splendid manner. He next visited the believers in Des Moines.

Recently, evangelistic meetings have been conducted in Denver and Wichita. On the whole, the work in the Central States Mission is going forward encouragingly.

Message Subscription Campaign

THE time has come again for our annual subscription campaign for the *Message* magazine. We have seen some outstanding progress in circulation during the past few months. It is now time to make a decisive forward move in missionary subscriptions. Our goal in this field is forty thousand new and renewal subscriptions.

As you have responded in the past we are confident that you will make a similar response at this time. Our time to labor effectively for souls is short.

Ask the Lord to point out to you what you can and what you ought to do on this important matter of sending out the light through the *Message* magazine.

Make out a list of names and addresses to whom you ought to send the *Message*. Write the names and addresses very plainly, and turn the list over to your church missionary secretary. If you are isolated, send the list directly to your Book and Bible House. Enclose one dollar for each name to which you desire a year's subscription sent. If you do not have a list of names, your dis-

trict leader or your conference office will gladly supply you with names and addresses for the *Message*.

Deferred payments may possibly be arranged for larger subscription lists. In this case, your church missionary secretary or your Book and Bible House manager can offer a suggestion. You will be given until the end of the year to pay for subscriptions if you desire. Remember, the special missionary subscription price is one dollar for the year.

Send the *Message* magazine to:

1. Communities where there are no Seventh-day Adventists.
2. Members of your family.
3. Ministers and teachers of other denominations.
4. Persons who have become interested in the church through business or social contacts with its members.

5. Libraries in both municipal and private schools.

Within a year your one dollar invested in a *Message* magazine subscription will bring the reader fifteen prophetic articles, twelve Bible studies, twenty-five doctrinal articles, twelve interpretative editorials,

thirty-five health and temperance articles, fifty answers to Bible questions, thirty-six doctor's answers to questions, twenty-five devotional articles, and twelve world news digests.

If you are busy, like Martha of old, perhaps, and troubled about many things, you will receive great satisfaction and blessing from sending the *Message* by subscription to others. Thus you will give them the opportunity of choosing that good part which shall not be taken away from them.

Whoever you are, and whatever your calling, the *Message* will help you in your search for a fuller and more abundant life, and to pass on your discovery to others.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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South Atlantic Camp Meeting

THE 1949 camp meeting in the South Atlantic Conference is now history. This camp meeting was well attended with considerably more than a thousand present for the final week end.

Very excellent help was provided by visiting workers among whom were G. E. Peters, J. J. Nethery, L. L. Moffitt, from the General Conference; V. G. Anderson, H. S. Hanson, L. M. Nelson, B. E. Wagner, and R. H. Wentland, of the Southern Union Conference, and A. E. Lickey, who has written the 20th Century Bible Lessons. Especially invited from outside of the conference were J. G. Dasent, former president of the Lake Region Conference; H. R. Murphy, president of the South Central Conference, and Miss Anna Knight. Also visiting were L. B. Reynolds, editor of the *Message* magazine; Dr. Rayfield Lewis, of Riverside Sanitarium; and L. E. Ford, business manager of Oakwood College.

Gifts to missions through the camp meeting Sabbath school totaled \$1,701.99 for the two Sabbaths.

The Atlanta church reported the largest offering, \$344.60, which won for them the big banner. Miami was next with \$260.89. The per capita banner was awarded to Orlando for the high per capita of \$5.19. Runner-up was Apopka with a per capita of \$4.09.

Finals in the first conference temperance oratorical contest were held during the camp meeting on Tuesday, June 7. Before the contest R. H. Wentland spoke on "Liquor's Challenge to Seventh-day Adventists"; and the temperance film "Tragedy of America's Beloved Troubadour," was shown.

Winners of the Dr. E. S. Portis scholarship awards were: first prize of \$100 to Earl Lewis, Jacksonville; second prize, \$50, James McLean, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; third prize, \$25, Arie Davis, Bainbridge, Georgia; and fourth prize, \$5, Billy Jackson, Rome, Georgia.

From the beginning of the camp meeting it was apparent that God was certainly with us, and His blessings were showered upon us. This will go down in history as one of the greatest camp meetings held in the South Atlantic Conference.

20th Century Bible School

The 20th Century Bible Correspondence School has continued to grow until now the amount of work involved is more than one secretary can handle. Very fine interests are springing up throughout the conference as a result of the work of this school.

To date there have been 3,500 applicants, and the present enrollment is 835. The school is under the direction of Miss June Booker.

We are certain that a large harvest of souls will be reaped through the work of this Bible correspondence school.

Evangelism

The South Atlantic Conference is going all out for evangelism during 1949. Four thousand dollars was spent recently for new tents. Altogether thirteen tent efforts will be conducted by regular conference workers for the year 1949. There will be two conference-sponsored lay

efforts also. Already reports of definite results are coming in from efforts which were begun some time ago.

It will interest our readers to know that in his first effort E. E. Cleveland baptized seventy-one persons Saint Petersburg, with another baptism scheduled before he leaves for his summer effort in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

D. E. Davis, of Savannah, Georgia, had baptized five persons and had about five more awaiting baptism before he presented the Sabbath question on June 26.

E. C. Ward and M. T. Battle have a very good interest at Daytona Beach, Florida, and expect to add substantially to the membership there. No baptisms have been held as yet.

D. L. Crowder, of Pompano, Florida, is just now reaching the testing truths, and has a very good following.

Other tent efforts which opened around the first of July were conducted by F. S. Keitts, of Jacksonville, Florida; O. S. White, of Macon, Georgia; C. M. Bailey, Augusta, Georgia; J. E. Cox, Atlanta, Georgia; W. M. Starks, Tampa, Florida; J. B. E. Williams, Florence, South Carolina; L. E. Daniels, Greenville, South Carolina; E. E. Cleveland, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and E. C. Ward, Charlotte, North Carolina.

C. L. Thomas, of Wilmington, North Carolina, is conducting a lay evangelistic effort in Fair Bluff, North Carolina, and reports an excellent following. I. J. Johnson, one of our colporteurs, is to conduct an effort in a small tent in a suburb of Tampa, Florida.

We are requesting the prayers of the believers everywhere as the conference launches into this large program of evangelism in the South Atlantic field.

H. D. SINGLETON, *President*.

ADVICE is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.—COLERIDGE.

SOUTH CENTRAL

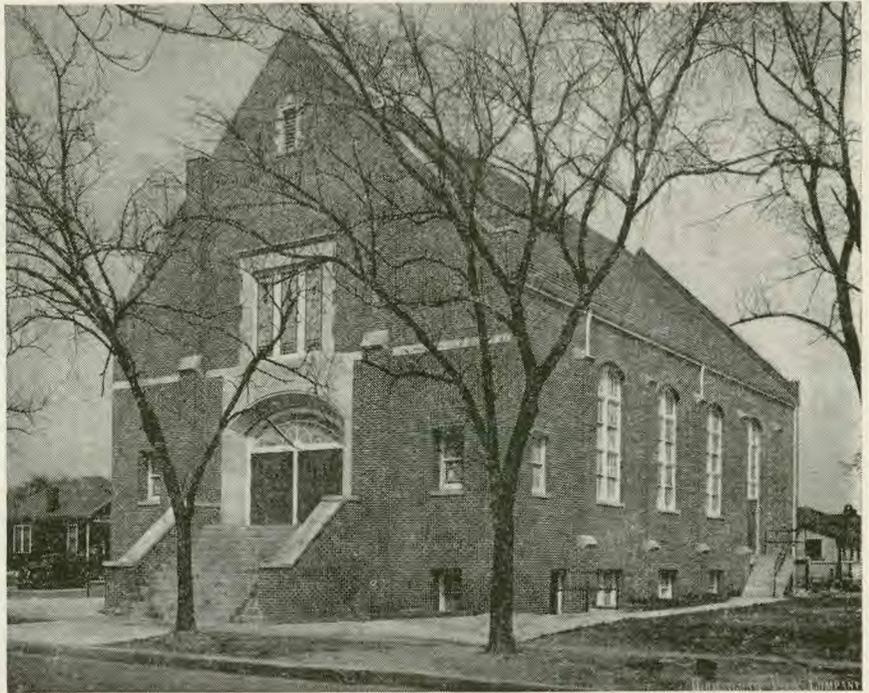
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New Church Edifice

THE South Central Conference is pleased to present a report on the new building which was recently completed in Birmingham, Alabama. This beautiful, spacious building seats more than seven hundred persons, and it has thus far cost \$74,192. This amount does not include the church furnishings, such as the organ and pews. There are three stories to the building: the basement, which has adequate facilities for serving conventions and for Sabbath school classrooms; the main floor; and the balcony. There is also a mother's nursery room which permits the mothers to see and hear the services, but prevents the children from disturbing the church services. The baptistry is above the choir loft, and can be seen from any direction in the church. This building was constructed by a colored architect of the city. It has long been an outstanding need in Birmingham. It is the fourth building of the Seventh-day Adventist congregation in that city. The former church building, which seats about 170, is only one block from the new building.

In 1942 H. R. Murphy went to Birmingham as pastor of the church and secretary of the colored department of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. He conducted four evangelistic campaigns from which more than 250 were baptized and added to the church. During his stay at this church over twenty thousand dollars was raised by the church, and another ten thousand dollars was secured through gifts from organizations. In 1945 he was called to be president of South Central Conference, and J. G. Thomas

was asked to serve as pastor of the church. During his pastorate actual construction was begun on the building, and a splendid work was done in starting the work and raising money for the building fund. Later he was asked to serve as conference



Birmingham Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church

evangelist, and J. N. Richardson was asked to serve as pastor of the church and to continue the building program. During the pastorate of Elder Richardson the church continued to make steady progress, and around ten thousand dollars was raised by the membership. In May, 1948, he accepted a call to serve as superintendent of the Lexington, Kentucky, district, and D. B. Reid was asked to serve as pastor. Under Elder Reid's leadership the construction was completed. He has done a very noble job in carrying this work on to a successful conclusion.

The church is in a very lovely neighborhood, located among some of Birmingham's best citizens. Its construction has enhanced the name of the Adventist denomination in this city. On the first Sabbath that services were held in this building seats could not be found to accommodate the overflowing crowd. People from all walks of life were there. Among the visitors were clergymen of other denominations, editors, schoolteachers, and a number of other representative people. A new day has dawned for our work in Birmingham, where more than 140,000 colored people reside.

In this building program the old

church building, which has been retained, will perhaps be used for a church school plant or be sold, and the funds received from the sale will be used for the construction of a school at some other location in the city. It is commendable that the members have carried forward this big financial program without the sale of the old church property. During this time three young men labored as assistants to the ministers in charge. These men were E. F. Carter, E. T. Mimms, and A. P. McNichols.

As soon as the pews are installed the church hopes to have its dedicatory services. Quite a number of outstanding young people have gone from this church through our schools and into the work of the denomination. We sincerely trust that the future of the work here will be as bright as the past years have been.

As the flower turns to the sun, that the bright beams may aid in perfecting its beauty and symmetry, so should we turn to the Sun of Righteousness, that Heaven's light may shine upon us, that our character may be developed in the likeness of Christ.—*Steps to Christ*, p. 73.

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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News From Riverside

APRIL 18, 1949, marked the first anniversary of activity in the new building at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital. Much progress was made during 1948 and the first half of 1949. Riverside has operated with a greater load than at any time during its history, and it has shown remarkable vitality. Besides organization of activities and current operation during the past year it has been necessary to buy all the equipment and furnishings that are in the building, renovate all the older cottages into adequate living quarters for personnel, begin work on the over-all improvement of the grounds, and maintain a well-organized medical and religious program.

The medical staff is divided into the active regular staff of full-time physicians; consulting staff, composed of specialists who consult on the various clinical services; and a small courtesy staff, composed of men who bring their private patients to the institution.

The clinical services are divided into inpatient and outpatient services. The inpatient service is divided into maternity, surgery, medicine, sanitarium, and pediatric patients. The outpatient service is divided into private, clinic, and emergency patients. The outpatient service has increased four or five times.

The pharmacy is a going department as well as the physiotherapy department. In the physiotherapy one suite of rooms is for women, and the other for men. At present there are three full-time workers. A registered physiotherapist is head of the department. The X-ray and clinical laboratories are efficient departments with a registered technician. A new X-ray machine is the latest, and gives good service. The laboratory's modern facilities are an aid to diagnosis. The medical records department keeps all patients' medical records and statistics of the hospital.

The medical library is maintained for the medical and nursing staffs and for patients. A rolling book cart visits each patient daily. Much religious and scientific reading material and newspapers are kept in the lounge for the patients. A number of patients have become interested in the Advent message by reading the religious books on the cart.

The nursing service has been greatly strengthened. A loyal and consecrated group of nurses are at Riverside to give care to the patients. The religious program, conducted by the chaplain, is well established. A daily religious program over the radio is carried on for the patients as well as personal evangelism. A program is on foot to erect an eighteen-thousand-dollar chapel on the property. About half this amount has already been raised. Worship is conducted for the workers every morning. A social program is maintained for the patients and workers to make their stay at Riverside enjoyable. There are entertainment and recreation provided for both workers and patients. A number of well-wishers have made noticeable donations to Riverside. Two local physicians donated a flagpole. A church member donated shrubbery for the front entrance. A number of rooms have been furnished, and other equipment has been donated. One Adventist church group has instituted an "Endowment Bed Program." The usher board of a certain church sent two hundred dollars to the institution. This is to be kept in trust. When a member of that church comes to Riverside and needs financial aid for sickness, the church board recommends how much of that fund should be used for that member. The usher board then replenishes the amount used in order to maintain the fixed amount of two hundred dollars. The Lord is richly blessing the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital.

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Medical Director.

"A FRIEND is one with whom you dare to be yourself."

Oakwood College

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A Tribute to Oakwood¹

FROM day to day as I study a... work here at Oakwood College I am made to realize more and more the importance of our being here to obtain a Christian education. In the records from the Ellen G. White publications, concerning the beginning and early days of Oakwood, was found evidence that this is God's school, and that He has a job for it to do.

A few years prior to the opening of this school slaves were sold and traded on this estate. Little did men and women realize then that soon on these same premises would be erected a cathedral of learning for colored youth. In the year 1896 our first students came to Oakwood to begin their training. They suffered many hardships during the first few years. Those rugged beginnings were constant struggles for our first Adventist patriots. Now Oakwood has grown from that meager state to a modern and well-equipped institution of Christian learning.

The sweet influence of this college has built a memorial in the heart of every student here and in the heart of every student who has ever been here. We love this place dearly. The spiritual atmosphere that envelops the campus and its surroundings is never forgotten and seems to beckon us back to these hills whenever we are away. God's love is revealed in every tree and flower, and we are constantly reminded of God's great protective power when we gaze above the summits of the surrounding mountains.

Oakwood is different from other schools, and we are glad. Its deficiencies are to us as were the afflictions of David. They even teach us a lesson. As we prepare for God's service here, we hope that our lives will make this a better college—God's ideal school. Here's to Oakwood May she live on and on and on!

CHARLES D. BROOKS.

Oakwood College Wins International Fame

FOR the second consecutive year the students of the Oakwood College commercial department have won first prize in the International Bookkeeping Contest, sponsored by

Business Education World magazine of New York City. A hand-engraved silver loving cup has been received by the college in honor of this great accomplishment. Charles E. Galley, of Washington, D.C., is the instructor of bookkeeping and accounting at Oakwood College.

The bookkeeping contest problem consisted of journalizing several bookkeeping transactions, those which are common in many businesses. The points used in grading the students' papers were accuracy, penmanship, attention to instructions, neatness (careful erasures, no marked-over figures, general good appearance), and correct spelling. Each student whose paper met a certain standard was awarded a

two-color International Bookkeeping Contest Certificate. Thirteen of Oakwood's sixteen contestants received superior certificates for their solutions.

The solutions to the problem were submitted as a single club from each school. The schools were classified according to three groups: public schools division, Catholic schools division, and college and business colleges division.

There were two hundred trophy awards for student prizes. Of the twelve thousand solutions to the contest, two hundred trophy awards were sent to the students who submitted the most outstanding papers. Their trophy awards were Achievement Oscars. Miss Margaret Pendleton, of Inkster, Michigan, held up Oakwood's high standard by getting one of these trophy awards.

C. E. GALLEY,
Instructor of Accounting.

in the midst of a vigorous evangelistic campaign. Efforts are being held in the following cities: Hammond, Louisiana, conducted by Clarence E. Bradford; New Orleans, Louisiana, W. S. Lee assisted by two ministerial graduates from Oakwood College, namely, John Beale and Nathaniel Evans; Shreveport, Louisiana, Leon G. Cox; Corpus Christi, Texas, J. H. Williams assisted by Van Rannels, ministerial graduate; Beaumont, Texas, D. C. Batson and D. J. Dixon assisted by William Jones, ministerial graduate; Lubbock, Texas, C. E. Howell; Stillwater, Oklahoma, Lafayette Williams; Hot Springs, Arkansas, A. R. Carethers; and H. J. Fordham, assisted by C. R. Pritchett, ministerial graduate, has already completed an effort in Ardmore.

Here in Dallas we are in the third week of a large effort; and in spite of the hot weather (yesterday it was 104°), the Lord is blessing in the attendance. We are reaching some of the finest people here in Dallas. Associated in the effort are the members of the office staff, F. F. Fordham, R. E. Tottress, S. D. Meyers, Fred Parker, and one of our local laymen, L. R. Proctor.

We would appreciate very much that during your devotional hour you will remember these efforts in your prayers.

W. W. Fordham, *President,*
Southwestern Mission.

[NOTE.—It is very gratifying to see the upward trend in evangelism under the leadership of W. W. Fordham, president. During the last three years the membership in the Southwestern Mission has grown from 1,423 at the close of 1945 to 1,939 at the close of 1948, showing a net increase of 516 members. To me this appears to be quite large when we consider that the preceding three years show a net gain of forty-three. We are expecting large results from the evangelistic efforts launched this summer.—G. E. P.]

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Progress in Colporteur Work

WE thank God for another good year in the circulation of our litera-



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Evangelism in Full Blaze

[The following encouraging letter was just received from W. W. Fordham, president of Southwestern Mission. We are pleased to share it with our readers.—Ed.]

OUR camp meeting session and youth's congress were the finest that I have ever attended. We had our

largest attendance. The following individuals gave excellent service: F. L. Peterson, H. R. Murphy, L. B. Reynolds, and Dr. Eva B. Dykes. There was also representation from the General and union conferences and Southern Publishing Association; also present was Dr. J. M. Cox, of Riverside Sanitarium. Two of our young men were ordained to the gospel ministry—C. E. Howell and L. G. Cox.

I am happy to report that we are

ture. Our faithful colporteurs delivered over \$105,000 worth of books and magazines during 1948. Fifty-two souls were added to the North-eastern Conference last year as a result of our faithful trailblazers. Only in the kingdom of God will complete results be realized.

The prospects for this year have been very bright. The messenger of the Lord says, "Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. . . . From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come into close touch with the people, and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. . . . They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' . . . With Christ in his heart, he is to go out into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, pp. 31, 32.

The opportunities are here. The people are ready and waiting for the message. The need is urgent. With the ripened harvest so great, with so few laborers in the field, shall we not continue to pray that more workers may enter the great harvest of the Lord?

C. M. WILLIS,
Publishing Secretary.

The Jesus Way

O there's many a thorn in the Jesus way,
Many a thorn, I know;
There is grief and loss and the pain of the cross

Wherever my feet may go.
But the Lord will heal all the wounds I feel,
When the thorns have pricked me sore,
And He's planted a rose where the brier grows,
For He's walked this path before.

There is many a storm on the Jesus way,
Many a storm I see,
When black is the cloud and the wind is loud

And the waves go over me.
But the Lord is in my little ship,
And the storm obeys His will;
At the word He hath said, "Be not afraid,"
My heart and the sea grow still.

There is many a foe on the Jesus way,
Many a foe to fight,
And all the day I must watch and pray
To keep my armor bright.

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

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Adventists Dedicate Auditorium

[The above headline and following article are reprinted from the *California Eagle*, May 5, 1949.—Ed.]

NEARLY 1,000 persons heard David Voth, of Glendale, past president of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, declare that mankind's hope in a strife-torn world "rests in Christian education for youth" Sunday (May 1) at the dedication of the denomination's Los Angeles Academy, 846 El Segundo Blvd.



The dedicatory services of the \$275,000 institution, one of 3,746 operated by Adventists throughout the world, attracted educators from Phoenix, Ariz., and northern California.

Following the invocation by R. H. Robertson, chairman of the academy board, the address of welcome was given by Owen A. Troy, of Pasadena, Pacific Union Conference departmental secretary, who acted as master of ceremonies.

A talk on the church's world educational program was given by A. C. Nelson, educational director of the Pacific Union Conference, followed by a history of the Los Angeles Academy given by J. F. Dent, principal of the school. Following David Voth's dedicatory address, a response was given by C. L. Torrey, president of the Southern California Conference.

Prayer was offered by P. B. Bontemps, pioneer Adventist minister, and the benediction was pronounced by H. A. Lindsay, vice-chairman of the academy board. Musical numbers and comments by civic leaders added to the interest of the program. Organ numbers were played by Malita Phipps, and vocal selections were given by Bernice Peterson, Harvey Huggins and the academy chorus.

Completely modern and located on a 15-acre site, the academy was called "outstanding" by church leaders.

The buildings have 25,000 sq. ft. of floor space, and include a print shop and work shop as well as a garage which is now under construction. The auditorium seats around

1,000 persons, and has forced air ventilation and heating system. The public address system is the latest type.

Graduates of the school are making excellent records.



J. F. Dent, Principal, Los Angeles Academy



High School Students and Members of the Faculty of the Los Angeles Academy

THE new \$275,000 Los Angeles Academy was dedicated May 1, 1949. The auditorium seats more than eight hundred persons. Congratulations to Prof. J. F. Dent, principal.

Sentence Sermons

1. Giving people the "hard way to go" simply makes your garden life more difficult to hoe.

2. The thorns and thistles you sow each day ensnare wanderers' feet and keep good folks away.

3. No one can make it hard for an innocent neighbor, without himself falling into some of his hand-made pits he forgot to cover.

4. Providence sees to it that men pay up some day for the tricks they perpetrated to hurt a brother on his way.

5. Life wasn't given to man to trick a single soul, but for every man to help his brother make his coveted goal.

6. When individuals give in to their "bent to sinning," then everybody around must endure their low level of living.

7. The strong and the weak must live together, but the strong must do the lifting, to help those who are drifting, that the world might become better.

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D. T. Black, Pastor, Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist Church, San Diego, California

A Report From San Diego

OUR work is going along quite well in San Diego. We were kept quite busy night and day preparing for the opening of our church. The Lord has greatly blessed us in our undertakings. The major part of the work on our new structure has been done by our own members. Some days we have had thirty-five and forty members on the job, and everyone received a real blessing. It took us two years to go as far as we have gone on the building, but we have endeavored to keep out of debt. The value has been estimated by some as one hundred thousand dollars. Since we entered the new building God has wonderfully blessed us with souls. We are asking you to remember our work in your prayers.

DENNIS T. BLACK.



Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist Church, San Diego, California

Departmental High Lights

THE total tithe paid by our colored constituency during 1948 amounted to \$1,308,709.03, an increase of \$174,120.31 over the preceding year. Mission offerings through the Sabbath school amounted to \$306,692.40, an increase of \$14,451.41 over 1947. The grand total of mission offerings from the colored work in the United States amounted to \$503,802.68, an increase of \$14,141.01 over the preceding year. The present colored membership of Seventh-day Adventists in the United States now exceeds twenty-four thousand. The estimated value of combined church, school, and office buildings owned by our colored conferences for missions, as reported by our conference treasurers, amounted to \$3,573,165.68. The total baptisms for 1947 were 2,332. This was the highest in our history. Last year the baptisms were 2,115.

THE following licensed ministers were fully ordained to the gospel ministry: at the Lake Region camp meeting, Leon H. Davis and James Mosley; at the Southwestern, Leon G. Cox and C. E. Howell.

MISS GERALDINE S. POOLE is the new secretary to Elder Peters, also the editorial secretary of THE INFORMANT. Miss Poole completed her college training at Oakwood in the class of '49 with a major in secretarial science.

G. E. PETERS filled appointments at the following camp meetings: South Central, South Atlantic, Lake Region, and Allegheny.

AT the Lake Region Conference session T. M. Fountain was elected president of the conference.

THE Allegheny Conference has purchased a large, new khaki tent for camp meeting purposes at a cost of six thousand dollars. At their Sabbath services the tent was filled, with hundreds standing on the outside. Unity and harmony prevailed on the campgrounds.

FREQUENT comments were heard everywhere on the grounds of the South Central and South Atlantic camp meetings: "This is the best meeting we have ever attended."



Los Angeles Academy Graduating Class of 1949 and Sponsors



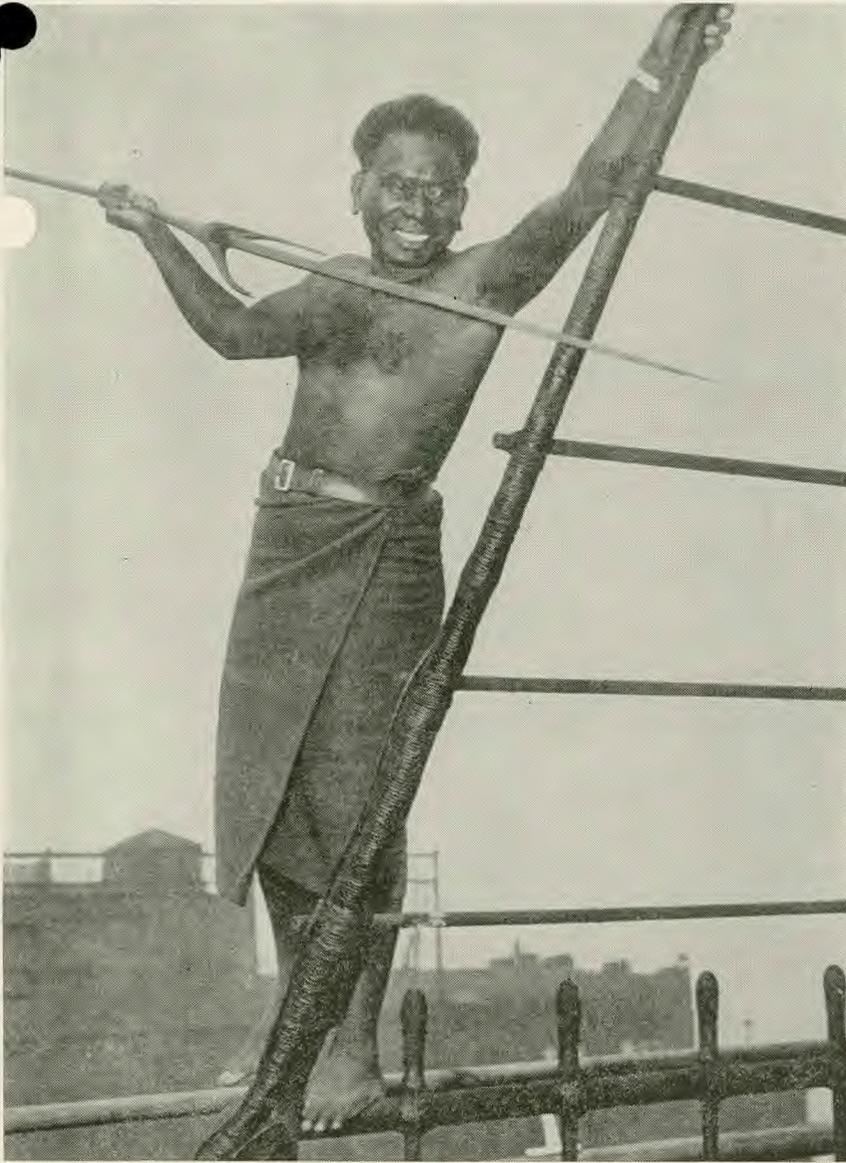
Graduates and Former Students of Oakwood College Who Were Successful in the Publishing Work in Southern California. They are (from left to right): Marian Blevins, Estella Gully, Dorothy Gilbert, Gustavia Raymond, Barbara Maxwell, Paralee Raymond, and Ernest McGriff.

Our Publishing Work in Southern California

THE publishing work in southern California is onward this summer, as it was in 1948, with the assistance given by the students of Oakwood College, shown in the picture. During the summer of 1948 the students of Oakwood delivered \$4,300.20

worth of magazines and books. Three of this number have graduated in the class of '49, and will find their places in the Master vineyard. Congratulations to the Oakwood faculty for the fine training that it gives its students in the literature ministry.

ERNEST MCGRIFF,
Assistant Publishing Secretary.



New York News Photographers Had Pastor Salau Pose for Them in His Native Dress in the Rigging of the Ship as He Held His Hardwood Spear

Pastor Robert Salau

Native S.D.A. Worker From the South Sea Islands

THIS kindly Christian brother is a distinguished guest from the South Sea Islands. He appeared and spoke at several of our colored camp meetings. In coming to the United States, Pastor Salau traveled more than fifteen thousand miles by air. He was accompanied by our veteran missionary, A. J. Stewart. It was stated by the General Conference readers that we have never had a visitor from our mission fields that has attracted more public attention

than Pastor Salau. He has appeared on radio and television programs. Nationally known magazines and newspapers gave hundreds of feet of space and featured him in a very prominent manner.

Upon his arrival in New York he was met by a battery of newsmen and photographers. It is estimated that this unprecedented publicity has been worth more than four million dollars to the denomination. Our mission giving made it possible for our missionaries to enter the cannibal islands of the South Seas and rescue this man and many

others from heathenism. His father was a headhunter, but Salau has never tasted human flesh, because the saving gospel of Jesus reached his life at a very early age. He shows a large spear, a most deadly instrument, that is used by the natives to kill human beings. From these heathen customs and practices Salau has been delivered.

Educated in our Christian schools, he now wears the Christian smile. He dresses neatly, sometimes in native garb, although, since coming to America, he prefers to wear the American jacket, collar, and tie with his customary skirt which he wears instead of pants. He carries his Bible and declares it to be the greatest weapon against sin.

As we listened to Brother Salau, heard his sermons and prayers, we asked ourselves solemnly, "Does it pay to give to missions?" We answer yes! and then say to Pastor Salau that our sacrifices and prayers will not cease but will continue until the work of God in the earth is finished.

G. E. P.



Paramount Chief of Giema

Providence Points the Way in Sierra Leone

[This article is copied from a report by H. M. Blunden, Field Secretary, General Conference.]

SIERRA LEONE is a British protectorate. The native village, Giema, Sierra Leone, is two hundred miles inland from the capital, Freetown, which is situated on a beautiful bay on the coast. Giema is the gateway to a large area of territory which has never been entered by any mission-

ary society. The area is sixty miles square and consists of seven chiefdoms with a total population of about sixty thousand people. In all this area there is no school of any kind, except our day school recently established in Giema, no dispensary, no church, and the nearest government medical unit is thirty miles away.

About four years ago an interest sprang up in our mission in this particular village, and the paramount chief called for a teacher. As an evidence of good faith, he built a school and a teacher's house. He is also constructing a church building. There is a school now operating, with three Adventist teachers and more than sixty children.

The paramount chief of Giema is an enlightened man who speaks good English, and he has responded to the message with genuine enthusiasm. He has not yet been baptized, for he has the usual complex domestic entanglements confronting all African chiefs who accept the gospel. Nevertheless, this paramount chief is in earnest about the Seventh-day Adventist mission annexing this territory. At the close of a gospel discourse given to him and his people in the village courthouse one morning, the chief called upon his secretary to present to the people a memorial. This memorial was presented as follows:

"OUR DEAR ELDERS:

"We, the believers of Giema, Dama chiefdom, Kenema district, do heartily welcome you to our town and chiefdom. We pray that your stay among us may be a happy one, and that it may also be the means of bringing us nearer to one another and to our heavenly Father.

"We sincerely thank the mission for bringing us this wonderful message of salvation, and we rejoice in the liberty and happiness it has brought to us. We hereby renew our pledge of loyalty to the mission, and our willingness to do all we can to further the cause of truth in this part of the country.

"In this area there are seven chiefdoms in which there is no Christian school and no dispensary. We are appealing to you for the establishment of a central school for boys and girls, and a dispensary to be run by a medical missionary.

"We are sorry that owing to some political duties, the paramount chief of Sandaru cannot be with us. He will heartily have joined in this appeal, because he knows that Giema's gain is Sandaru's gain. We are asking that our appeal be seriously considered and that soon these facilities will be

granted us. With Christian love and best wishes we remain,

"Yours in Christ,

"P. C. DASSAMA, *Paramount Chief.*"

After the reading of this memorial the chief was addressed by the superintendent of the Sierra Leone Mission, W. J. Newman; superintendent of the West African union, William McClements; and H. M. Blunden. The audience was made up of the few Adventists present (thirteen in number) and a large number of interested heathen people.

The chief of Giema is prepared to build and equip a dispensary and also to build a house for the worker. This is by far the finest opportunity for an advance move that we have seen anywhere in West Africa during our three-month tour of these fields; and if we are able to meet it quickly, we are confident there is awaiting us a rich harvest of precious souls from this unentered heathen territory.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look upon the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

[NOTE.—It will be remembered that on July 21, 1947, our own Elder and Mrs. D. B. Simons and their two young children sailed from New York to take up evangelistic responsibilities in Freetown, Sierra Leone. God is richly blessing the labors of these missionaries. Your mission offerings are accomplishing great things for God. We earnestly plead for greater liberality for the cause of God.—EDITOR.]

Sentence Sermons

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8. Men then who are strong should thank God for this high assignment and not murmur against Him as one being placed in solitary confinement.

9. For anybody can simply live here from day to day, but it takes a real man or woman to warn careless souls to think and pray.

10. With only 70 years at best to live, a man is mighty foolish who doesn't learn to give, until his time is almost up, in this world to live.—
From the *Kansas City Call*.

Regarding Publishing of The Informant

WE are most happy to announce that, beginning with this month's issue, THE INFORMANT, which has had a recess for several months, will again resume its original format published either monthly or quarterly. The present mailing list of the periodical to each family of the department numbers more than ten thousand. Some months ago it became necessary for the editor, who has carried heavy responsibilities during the years, to take a much-needed leave of absence. Thus, THE INFORMANT, which had been a regular visitor to homes and offices for two years, was discontinued for a season. This we sincerely regret, but we have now resumed full activities, and with the cooperation of conference presidents and workers who are responsible for furnishing news items and reports, THE INFORMANT should be reaching its readers as in the past.

It is important to note that there cannot be an INFORMANT published without information. We are therefore appealing to conference presidents and workers to furnish news items and reports to keep us supplied. All material for publication should reach the office by the tenth of each month. If this is done, we will take care of the rest. We are quite pleased to have as our new editorial secretary, Miss Geraldine S. Poole, a recent graduate of Oakwood College. Miss Poole has been in our office of the general department for almost two months and is rendering acceptable service.

In the past some have failed to receive their papers; perhaps you changed your address and did not notify us. If at any time you fail to receive your copy, kindly notify us by card or air-mail letter.

We sincerely appreciate your patience with our faults of omission and commission. Please be assured that it is the plan and purpose of this office to keep THE INFORMANT coming regularly, but we must have the requisite cooperation of all concerned.

G. E. PETERS, *Editor.*