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PROGRESS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

By H. D. SINGLETON, *President*
South Atlantic Conference

Now that the records are all in for 1951, we are happy to make a report to the readers of the INFORMANT concerning the progress of the work in South Atlantic during the year. Without any question, the past year brought more blessings to us than any previous year in our history.

Our highest record in baptisms was made last year—850 persons were brought into a knowledge of this message. No conference in the Southern Union has ever made a soul-winning record to equal this one. With one exception, the total of 850 persons added to the faith exceeds the record of any other conference in North America for 1951. We are happy to report that these baptisms bring the number of those baptized and added on profession of faith since the conference was organized six years ago to practically four thousand persons. The conference membership now stands at 5,861.

We had a fine gain in tithe amounting to \$51,395.44. The total tithe for the year was \$224,808.54. The Sabbath school offering amounted to \$59,703.21. We are happy also for the outstanding progress in the publishing work. Faithful colporteurs delivered \$107,330 worth of literature. This was a gain of 21 per cent over the previous year.



H. D. Singleton (extreme right) Presents V. G. Anderson (extreme left) With a Check for \$61,346.56, Total Ingathering Receipts for 1952, While H. E. Schneider, Treasurer of Southern Union, and L. S. Follette, Treasurer of South Atlantic, Look On

We are setting our goal for 1952 for one thousand souls. We are by faith going forward with the hope of making this a reality. In every respect the work is moving ahead. We are calling for an all-out effort on the part of our ministers and laymen to finish the work of God in this section of the vineyard.

Workers' Meeting

ON February 26 and 27, South Atlantic's annual workers' meeting was held at the St. Petersburg, Florida, church. G. E. Peters, general field secretary, and W. A. Scharffenberg, secretary of the Temperance Department, represented the General Conference. V. G.

Anderson, H. E. Schneider, and H. S. Hanson were present from the Southern Union. Dr. and Mrs. C. Dent attended from Riverside Sanitarium.

The 1952 Ingathering campaign was climaxed with a victory banquet at the community center. It was an electrifying moment when Elder Singleton announced that the conference had raised \$61,346.56 Ingathering this year, representing a gain of \$11,145.54 over 1951, and that every district in the conference had exceeded its goal. Elder Peters commented that "reports like these are conclusive evidence that our conferences are a potent factor in the closing work." Elder Anderson of the union informed us that the gain represented the largest gain in the Southern Union for this year's Ingathering and is a great gain over the approximately \$17,000 raised in 1945.

Each district leader reported improvements in departmental promotion and evangelism in his area. It was an inspiring record of faith, work, and accomplishment under God.

Spirit-filled devotional messages were brought to the workers by Elders Peters and Anderson. There was an overpowering consensus of opinion that this is the hour to strike for God. Elder Peters traced the providential growth of the work in the Colored Department from its inception to the present day. He thrilled the workers with a recital of the sacrifices and humble beginnings that made possible the sound work of today.

N. G. Simons, secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments, and his wife had just returned from a two-week vacation in Haiti and Jamaica, where special study had been given to lay evangelistic methods and movements so effective in those areas. Elder Simons reported their findings and expressed the belief that such gigantic evangelistic revivals as are sweeping Jamaica today can also sweep South Atlantic.

Elder Scharffenberg brought the workers an interesting survey of the

menace of the liquor industry and the rapidly expanding counteractivities of the American Temperance Society. Without a doubt Seventh-day Adventists are on their way to take front place in the ranks of temperance agencies.

It was quite evident that the Holy Spirit was present at these sessions. Many of our workers expressed that they had never attended meetings with such marked evidence of the Spirit of God as these. We believe that the spirit of devotion and dedication of the South Atlantic ministry portend for the coming months greater accomplishments for God than heretofore—the beginning of a great movement to finish the work.

N. G. SIMONS,
*Secretary, Home Missionary and
Sabbath School Departments.*

South Atlantic's First Youth's Congress

JANUARY 25-27 was the time set aside for the first youth congress in the South Atlantic Conference. This congress was held in Jacksonville, Florida, in the auditorium of the Edward Waters College. The program was well organized and everything went smoothly. The auditorium was filled to capacity with young people from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Elder F. H. Jenkins, the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, was in charge. Theodore Lucas, of the General Conference Young People's Department; F. L. Peterson, of Oakwood College; and L. M. Nelson, of the Southern Union young people's department, led out in a strong way.

The Vocalaires from Oakwood College were present and gave excellent help. Brother Calvin B. Rock reported on his trip to the Paris Youth Congress. On Sunday most of the individuals attending the congress were taken on a tour of St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in the country. This tour was very educational as well as interesting.

From all reactions, it appears that this was a most successful congress.

ON February 12 the South Atlantic Conference committee met and laid plans for a greater work during 1952. The goal was set for 1,000 souls; and \$7,000 was set aside for new evangelistic equipment. It was planned that about 20 evangelistic efforts will be held during the year. In addition to this, a number of church efforts will be conducted.

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ELDER R. E. TOTTRESS, of the Southwest Region Conference, has been called to the South Atlantic Conference to replace Elder P. H. Morgan, who was called by the Southwest Region Conference. Elder Tottress will locate in the Charleston, South Carolina, district.

Other changes placed Brother M. T. Battle, formerly of the St. Petersburg, Florida, district, in the Savannah, Georgia, district; and Elder L. R. Hastings, of the Charleston, South Carolina, district, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Church in All the World

By G. N. BANKS
Liberian Mission, West Africa

I WAS greatly surprised to find in the mission field much of the effort toward building up the cause of God is similar to that in the homeland. The language may be different and the local surroundings may be strange to the newcomer from across the seas, but the forward moving program of the local church can easily be identified as a part of the great Advent Movement around the world. This is a good thing, and we are proud of our organized work patterned after the plan of God.

Wherever the Adventist missionary goes he knows what the program will be. He knows that some one of our methods must be used to start and develop an interest if there is none already developed. He knows that people must be visited, Sabbath schools started, officers elected and appointed, and a sense of church leadership developed the hearts of talented new converts.

It is sometimes surprising and yet

very gratifying to see how the foreign believer quickly "takes on" or adjusts himself to the general program of the remnant church. As newcomers to the foreign field we watch with anxiety as we introduce for the first time the Missionary Volunteer society's work and wonder how our new-found believers will accept it. In the mission field, as elsewhere, we soon learn that one does not become a true believer until he has discovered that the truth he has learned and loves may be given to another. First of all he must be willing to give himself and then give of his means, however meager they may be. Someone has said that when the home church ceases to give to save its brethren in darkened lands, the church will die. This is true not only of the home church but also of the church around the world. The great plan of salvation was laid in the concept of giving: God gave His all to save the world. The plan of redemption was and is basically a giving plan, in which the giving of one's self as well as what one owns is involved.

We were quite happy here in West Africa when we saw our new believers responding to the plan of Sabbath school giving and rejoicing with great enthusiasm when we overran our thirteenth Sabbath goals. It made us feel good when they responded to our appeals in our efforts to raise funds to continue our evangelism and hold meetings elsewhere to bring light to other souls. But how would they respond to the Ingathering program, which is another part of our world church's responsibility? They have responded well; and though their goals may not be as great as many in the home base, the principle is the same.

The colporteur work was another test, but it is also proving a great success, and the colporteurs are having the same great thrills in giving the message and winning souls as elsewhere in the church's domain. Thus it is the world around.

The church will triumph in the .d. May God help us to triumph with it. (*The Record*, Feb. 6, 1952.)

ALLEGHENY

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Commission and Workers at Pine Forge

By A. V. PINKNEY
MV and Educational Secretary

EXPRESSING the sentiment of the Commission, Elder D. A. Ochs, president of the Columbia Union Conference, said, "The Pine Forge Institute is in better financial shape now than ever before in its history." The principal and manager, E. I. Watson, whose leadership was given a vote of confidence by local and union conference leaders, gracefully passed the praises on to his faculty, saying, "We have a wonderful faculty here at Pine Forge Institute." Incidentally, the enrollment at the school to date has been one hundred and seven—an all-time high.

Elder Ochs spoke during the workers' meeting and said, "God's program is a truly successful and powerful ministry. We have not chosen Him in the realm of the ministry, but He has chosen us, to bear fruit, the kind which remains.

"The Internship Plan," he said, "is a God-instituted plan. It is not to keep a young man out of the war because he is a good speaker; it is not to give him a job, but rather, it is that the Lord has chosen him and ordained him that he should go! The ministry cannot be handled by remote control. You are in it. The honor lies in God's having called you. Constantly we should be thinking, How could God ever call me!

"A Christ-centered message," continued Elder Ochs, "is needed today, but how can you preach a Christ-centered message unless Christ is in you? Christ came to restore the world, then returned to His Father. Let Christ do the putting into the ministry."

Elder W. R. Robinson, home missionary secretary of the conference, presented the Ingathering crusade. He told us that "we have a small

goal easily within reach. Three weeks is all any real Adventist member needs to raise his goal of \$20.49." The secretary announced that four churches had already reached their goals.

A little later in the day the Pine Forge students gave two rousing songs depicting the history of the conference workers' splendid attitude towards the institute. The winning essay on "Why We Need a New Administration Building" went to Mercedese Howard, of Casper, Wyoming. Other prizes were won by Sara Cole, of Delaware, Ohio; Stanley Talley, of Pine Forge, Pennsylvania; and Elizabeth Durham, of Buffalo, New York. An appeal for a new administration building was made by Horace Ray Jackson, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Elder G. E. Peters, of the General Conference, observed that the principal, Elder Watson, has shown great promise and he said, "We are with you, young man, as you keep in close touch with God."

Elder J. H. Wagner pledged support to the program of expansion of Christian education in the conference, brought the audience to their feet with the statement, "Other conferences can build administration buildings for their young people; we can and we will for ours!"

In spite of heavy local responsibilities the workers reported over \$18,000 in cash, and pledges were made for the remainder. Pine Forge Institute raised \$2,000 of this amount. The little Pine Forge church school reported \$200 for the new building and raised \$300 for new seats and equipment in their own building.

Elder D. H. Dobbins, our architect, exhibited sketches of the new building to the committee.

"Fear for the administration building has vanished," said Principal Watson. "God is for it; our young people need it. The local conference, union, and General Conference are leading the way. Our workers and loyal members are supporting it. Let's see it through in '52!"

LAKE REGION

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Lake Region MV Officers' Institute

A VERY successful Missionary Volunteer institute was conducted at the Shiloh church in Chicago, March 7-9, under the supervision of L. H. Davis, Lake Region MV secretary. The institute began Friday evening and closed Sunday noon. All meetings were well attended, and almost every church and company within the conference was represented.

This was the first conference-wide MV institute since 1945, when one was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. From all indications our youth leaders had been hungering for another. Previous institutes were held in conjunction with the regular regional church officers' meetings.

Institute personnel were F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; J. H. Hancock, Lake Union MV secretary; H. W. Kibble, president, Lake Region Conference; J. E. Roache, MV secretary of the Northeastern Conference; T. M. Rowe, pastor of Shiloh church; and C. W. Laurence, Lake Region Book and Bible House manager. Other ministers who attended and gave help were J. P. Laurence, C. E. Howell, D. B. Simons, and Pastors C. A. Higgs and C. F. Warren.

Elder H. W. Kibble delivered the opening and keynote message on Friday evening. Prof. J. E. Roache and Elder John Hancock gave the lesson review and general lesson study respectively in the Sabbath school, which was under the direction of W. J. Kisack. President Peterson gave the morning sermon and Mrs. Alyne Dumas Lee, outstanding concert artist, and the Young People's Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. Robert McKenzie, furnished the music.

At 2:45 Shiloh was again packed for a half-hour concert by the Harmonairs, an excellent quartet from



Elder L. H. Davis, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary

Emmanuel Missionary College. Herman Kibble gave his prize-winning temperance oratorical contest speech. A large number stood to indicate their desire to sign the temperance pledge. Elder Hancock delivered the afternoon message, a short sermon renewing the challenge of the hour to the leaders and believers. Mrs. Esther Lowe, the Detroit-Hartford MV leader, gave a lecture and showed pictures of her trip to Europe and the Paris Youth Congress to close the Sabbath services.

A social was held at the Parkway Community House Saturday night for over one hundred youth leaders and friends.

The officers, along with many interested members in the area, gathered Sunday morning for the devotional message by Professor Roache. Elders J. H. Hancock and L. H. Davis led out in the institute workshop. A panel, made up of all the institute personnel and visiting ministers, was conducted to close the meeting.

The Lake Region Summer Training Camp was announced to be held August 3-10.

We are very grateful to God for the inspirational messages, the messengers, and the support of the local church officers and conference workers that made such a meeting possible.

The Work in Gary, Indiana

THE Gary district is blessed with a group of cooperative local elders, James A. Smith and William Betts, in Gary; Robert White, in Chicago Heights; Samuel Flagg and Charles West, in South Bend. Mrs. Susie Kelly is conference Bible instructor.

Early in 1951 soul-winning plans were made in all churches. Both old and newly baptized members were encouraged to join Light Bearers' classes for the purpose of learning how to win souls. Last year in Gary, Indiana, twenty-eight persons were baptized, and on Sabbath, January 19, six others received the same rite. The tithe increase over 1950 was \$2,406.72.

In Chicago Heights last year fourteen souls were added to the membership by baptism. The members there are faithfully working for their relatives and friends. They are hoping soon to have others ready for baptism. The church is doing well financially.

Because of the illness of Elder T. H. Coopwood, Elder E. S. Dillett was assigned the South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana, area. Soon a well-organized tent effort was launched in South Bend. In connection with the effort the writer had the responsibility of starting a church school. A new heating system had to be installed in the church building, because the effort would have to be brought to a close in the church. The members worked until midnight some nights installing the furnace, and everything was in readiness when the meetings were transferred to the church.

Thus far twenty-six believers have been added to the South Bend church by baptism and others will soon be baptized. This church had a nice gain in tithe last year. In December the largest amount of tithes in the history of the church for any one month was turned in, over \$1,200. We are thankful to God for the sixty-six persons who were added to our district during 1951.

E. S. DILLETI,
District Pastor.

A Reception for the President

ON Saturday evening, January 26, at the Lucy Thurman Y.W.C.A. an overwhelming representation from the Detroit Hartford Avenue and Ecorse churches met and paid respect to Elder H. W. Kibble, president of the Lake Region Conference, and members of his family. Elder J. W. Allison, Jr., district leader and pastor of the Hartford Avenue church, was chairman of the reception.

In the welcome address delivered by Mrs. Esther J. Lowe, MV leader, she assured Elder Kibble that members of the constituency in this area would support him in carrying forward God's program one hundred per cent. This is of paramount importance in these perilous times. Mrs. Lowe pointed out that there was a certain amount of respect due our leaders. She mentioned that when she visited Pope Pius XII last summer in his resort summer home, many of the visitors present, and particularly those of the Catholic faith, bowed down and paid obeisance to him. "But," said the speaker, "Elder Kibble, we know you would not want and expect such honor and tribute paid you. Instead of that, you would rejoice to know that you have members in this constituency who will help carry out the finishing of the gospel in the earth, a task to which we as Christians are committed."

Timely and appropriate remarks were made by Mrs. Bertha Bailey, Bible instructor; Elder James Dykes, assistant publishing secretary; Elder Henry Fordham, pastor of the Flint church; and Brother William E. Clarke, from the Ecorse church.

The Dorcas Federation, under the leadership of Mrs. M. Brown, gave corsages. Mrs. Carrie Caldwell, leader of the Hartford Dorcas Society, made a presentation for the society.

Gift presentations were also made by Elders J. W. Allison, H. J. Fordham, and Brother W. E. Clarke, representing the Hartford Avenue, Ecorse, and Flint churches.

In Elder Kibble's remarks he expressed appreciation for the warm reception tendered him and his family. He assured all that with the help of the Lord and the continued support and cooperation of all the churches, he would give himself unstintingly to carry on the program of finishing the work of God in the Lake Region Conference in these closing scenes of earth's history. Elder Kibble solicited an interest in the prayers of all present for the progress of the work of God in this field.

After refreshments were served all went home having spent an enjoyable evening.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Southwest Region Workers' Meeting

AN outstanding workers' meeting was held in Dallas, Texas, February 27 and 28. The entire group of workers was present. The meetings were held in the beautiful auditorium of the Oakland Avenue church. We were very fortunate to have with us Elder C. E. Moseley, associate secretary of the General Conference. Elder Moseley had just returned from an extensive trip in Africa, and this was his first appointment. His timely messages to our workers were very beneficial. He remained for week-end appointments in Dallas and Fort Worth. On Friday night he showed pictures of the work done in Africa.

Here are some of the high lights of our meeting:

EVANGELISM.—Reports reveal that during 1951 more than three hundred souls were added to the constituency of the Southwest Region Conference by baptism and on profession of faith. Plans were formulated at this meeting to launch spring efforts in every district, and seven tent efforts were voted to be held this summer. We have every reason to believe that this will be a

very outstanding year in soul winning.

FINANCES.—It was also brought out that our tithe was over \$100,000. Our combined mission offerings exceeded \$50,000. Plans were also formulated to complete our Ingathering by April. We have raised to date over \$20,000.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Our new church edifice in Wichita Falls, Texas, is rapidly being completed. Plans are also under way in Kenner and Alexandria, Louisiana, for new buildings. Schoolrooms are to be added to our church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and in Lake Charles, Louisiana, a fine corner lot has been purchased with a two-story building on it. It will be developed into a church home. Improvements have been made on our church property in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Waco, Texas.

CONFERENCE MEETING.—The entire working force of the conference formed a motorcade and traveled to Hawkins, Texas, to view our camp meeting site. Everyone was thrilled upon seeing the grounds. Remember the camp meeting date, June 5-14, on the grounds of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

NEW WORKERS.—A very hearty welcome was extended the following new workers: T. M. Fountain, formerly of the Lake Region Conference; L. B. Baker, also of the Lake Region Conference; and P. H. Morgan, formerly of the South Atlantic Conference.

Elder Fountain succeeded D. J. Dixon in the Lake Charles district. Elder Dixon was transferred to the Oklahoma district, filling the vacancy created by the calling of Elder H. J. Fordham to the Lake Region Conference. Elder Morgan is now in the Tulsa district. He succeeded Elder R. E. Tottress, who has been called to the South Atlantic Conference.

These new workers who have come to the Southwest Region have made an indelible impression upon the officers and believers of the conference. We are very happy to have them join us in labor.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Central States Mission Moves Forward

THE Central States Mission was organized January 1, 1947, with a membership of 798. We closed our fifth year on December 31, 1951. At that time our membership stood at 1,308, a net gain of 510, or an average gain of slightly more than 100 members per year. Our tithe for the first year, 1947, was \$49,535.48. The total tithe received in 1951 was \$85,427.80. For the five-year period the faithful believers have paid in tithe the amount of \$335,249.58.

During this five-year period Central States had contributed to missions a total of \$121,280.14. This amount is principally made up of the regular Sabbath school offering and Ingathering.

Our hearts are bowed in humble thanks to God for allowing us—poor mortal souls—to have such a part in finishing His great work. We realize that our very best, and few of us ever do our best, is but a small token to God. However, He expects us to render this service to Him as a means of preparing us for the eternal reward that He has prepared on high.

F. L. BLAND,
President.

Kicking Against the Pricks

FROM the Denver church comes the following story as told by a couple to Elder Bland, the conference president. For years this family lived in Detroit, Michigan. Among their list of friends were some Seventh-day Adventists who were always a "bother" because of their invitations to attend church, their offers of tracts and other books, and their general conversation about their religion. To get away from this "pressure" was uppermost in the minds of this couple when they decided to leave Detroit and move West.

They settled in Denver. For a while they had "peace." But like

Jonah, these friends found they could not flee from God. They were soon invited to enroll in the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence school of the Central States Mission. They discovered a great joy in the study of God's Word, and in due time they became baptized members of the Denver church.

Today these members are faithful in proclaiming God's truth. They are presently conducting several Bible studies each week and are happy that they ceased "kicking against the pricks."

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ELDER BLAND reports that with his third Ingathering bulletin to the churches, they will find the conference two thirds of the way toward its goal.

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MRS. E. V. PORTER, who served this field for several years as Bible instructor, recently accepted a call from the Northern California Conference to serve them in the same capacity. We wish for Sister Porter God's blessing.

H. T. SAULTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Thanks

THE Beacon Light Dorcas Society of Kansas City, Missouri, wishes to take this opportunity to express hearty thanks and deep appreciation for the very splendid way that the many societies from the East, West, North, and South responded to our S O S during our great emergency. Many flood families were aided because of your generosity and kindness. May God richly bless the donors.

CECELIA WEBB, Secretary.

Church Schools

THE educational work in the Central States field is in its embryonic stage, but the Lord is blessing the efforts that are being put forth by our conference president and his committee in making possible the existence of two very promising church schools in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri.

THE St. Louis school has made remarkable progress under the guidance of Miss Lorraine Edmond, the principal. The school has the most modern equipment and carries the full eight grades. Elder Pryor and his church have given wonderful support to the school, and to them we express our sincere thanks. The school is growing quite rapidly, and it will be necessary to increase our staff within another year.

IN Kansas City the enrollment has gone beyond our expectation. We have over forty in attendance, and the school is growing every month. Miss Ruth Williams, the principal, is doing a very excellent job and must get help very soon. This school also has all the grades from one to eight. We hope to see a Junior academy in full operation in the coming school year.

IN Omaha, Nebraska, and in Kansas City, Kansas, we have bright prospects for two more schools next year.

IT is time for us to put forth a greater effort to see that all of our school children are given a Christian education. We cannot afford to send them to the schools of the world and then expect to prepare them for heaven. We are told by the messenger of the Lord that special care should be given to the education of our children. To this end we solicit your prayers that this goal might be achieved.

D. B. REID, Superintendent.

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Retirement of Educational Leader

PROFESSOR J. L. MORAN, because of illness, has retired from active service after having spent thirty years in the educational field.

Inasmuch as he has not reached the age of retirement, we are trusting that after a period of rest and medical care he will be able to resume active labor once more.

Professor Moran began his work as principal of the Harlem Academy, New York City. This institution grew to great proportions under his administration. Around the year 1932 he was invited by the Oakwood school board to become its president, and in his acceptance of this position became the first Negro in the denomination to hold this responsibility.

During the thirteen years of his administration at Oakwood much progress was seen. Among many improvements was the erection of a new stone administration building.

After resigning his responsibility at Oakwood, Professor Moran was invited to the newly organized Allegheny Conference as one of its officers, holding the responsibility of secretary-treasurer. Later he returned to the educational field to serve as MV and educational secretary.

When the new Pine Forge Academy was started by the Allegheny Conference, Professor Moran was selected to be its principal. His hard work in promoting, organizing, and developing this new enterprise will long be remembered. The after-effects from a fall he received while doing construction work on the new campus resulted in an operation.

On recovery Elder Moran responded to a call to the Northeastern Academy. This was a day school and seemed to involve not so strenuous a program. Unfortunately his health became worse. His physician recommended permanent rest from all responsibilities for an extended period.

Elder Moran will be greatly missed in the field of education.

Our prayers will follow him for a speedy return to normal health and to the work which he loves so dearly.

G. E. P.

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PROF. N. E. ASHBY has been chosen to serve as principal of the Northeastern Academy, succeeding Elder J. L. Moran.

News Notes

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD W. SIMONS and their two children, Shirley and Richard, Jr., left New York, January 17 for Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Brother Simons will serve as secretary-treasurer of the Liberian Mission field.

At the time of his call, Brother Simons was serving as manager of the school store at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. He is the brother of Elder Donald Simons, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Lake Region Conference, who recently returned from serving several years in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Very recently we learned of the Simons' safe arrival in West Africa. Brother Simons has already taken up his responsibilities as secretary-treasurer, and in a few weeks he will be acting as superintendent of the Liberian Mission during the absence of Elder G. N. Banks, who will be returning to the United States on furlough.

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ELDER AND MRS. C. DUNBAR HENRI and their seven-month-old daughter, Berdetta, arrived in the United States on furlough on March 20.

En route to the United States from Liberia, West Africa, where Elder Henri served as teacher at the school in Konola and also as Sabbath school secretary of the mission, the Henris visited Rome, Switzerland, France, and other places in Europe.

They had a most pleasant and enjoyable trip home, and crossed the Atlantic from England on the S.S. *Queen Elizabeth*.

Challenge of the Missions

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most deserving and needy of church enterprises. He is convinced that foreign missions pay a thousand times over, in men and women restored to Christ, in salvaged lives of children and youth. He resolves firmly that his giving to missions hereafter shall be larger, systematic, sacrificial, and at last, purposeful, based on enlightenment and sympathy and love, such love as the Christ must have felt during His sojourn among men. Then only can the words of our Lord live in us, for "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," He says, "ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Northeastern Conference Plans Camp Meeting

PLANS are well on foot for Junior camp and camp meetings on our new campsite. The camp will be on the beautiful thirty-acre estate recently purchased by the Northeastern Conference, which is just seventy miles northwest of New York City on the Hudson River, and easily reached by automobile on U.S. 9W.

A special feature of the lovely mansion situated on the property is two spacious dining rooms with a seating capacity of nearly five hundred. There are also a newly erected six-room building, six cottages, and an old building that was formerly used as a theater.

Of importance is an eight-acre apple orchard, which produces some of the finest apples grown.

Because of the location of this property it is possible that boats can be chartered during the camping season. Other types of transportation can easily be arranged.

The entire membership of the Northeastern Conference is earnestly requested to get fully behind the camp program that has been set by the conference officers and the pastors of the various churches.

L. H. BLAND, *President*.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE MISSIONS

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

TEN weeks of travel in West Africa will leave vivid impressions upon the mind of any visitor. It was wonderful to note the various aspects of an ever-enlarging mission program, and one is easily moved with appreciation for what has been accomplished; yet one is equally stirred by the challenge of what remains to be done to evangelize the vast unentered areas.

Through Sierra Leone and Liberia, across Ivory Coast, into Gold Coast and Nigeria, one sees the thrilling triumphs of the gospel in the nobly enriched lives of once-alienated men, but now lifted to purer and holier living in Christ. On every mission compound, at every clinic, school, and outstation, abundant cause for rejoicing is found. To one who remains on the scene long enough, and observes closely enough, his joys will be sobered by the need for larger services, which everywhere presents itself.

Imagine the thrill of accompanying a paramount chief to a prominent elevation overlooking his village, which he gives to the mission for a new house of worship. Try to sense the joy that comes to one who speaks of Christ and salvation to the chief men of a village where the Bible was unknown and where before now the gospel was never preached. Think of the pleasure of wading into a clear running stream and of burying native converts in Christian baptism. Experience the sheer satisfaction of hearing newly won native believers praising the great God of heaven for sending the missionary with the message of Christ, when you have shared in the support of that missionary family. Then preach the wonderful story of salvation and have it three times interrupted by songs bursting rapturously out of the mouths of deeply moved men and women, while others of their number yield body and soul in surrender to

Christ. Listen to little children singing the songs of heaven in a strange tongue, and hear them join with their parents in prayer to God for greater understanding and help to live the better life. Share the pleasures of a serenade of gospel hymns, which is your welcome to a native village; then follow the believers as they escort you with singing to the place of meeting, and out of the village again, with a musical farewell. Meanwhile they are lavishing their love upon you in kindly words of thanks and simple gifts of fruit and flowers and foods. Then you are not the least bit ashamed if your own joy overflows in thrilling tears. But you will be eternally happy that through the years you have given freely to missions and have helped to make those experiences possible.

But not all that the visitor sees and hears in mission lands is rosy; for like the unsuspected prick of a briar on the stem of the rose, much that one observes on his visit tends to sober the heart if it does not prick the conscience.

Listen to a delegation of men who have walked miles from a remote village to plead for a teacher to come and instruct them and their children in the things of Christ, when you know that no teacher is available. Hear a chief plead with the mission superintendent to continue the operation of his school, and because of lack of funds he is told, "We cannot, for the present at least." See another building on a site that was once set aside for your mission, simply because funds from your home base were not sufficient to carry out the operations as promised. Look at the large number of sick who had to be turned away from your clinic untreated, many of whom you know have struggled over long, rugged miles to this great disappointment for want of better facilities and adequate medications. Regularly they

appear at the clinic, men, women, and little children, with festering tropical ulcers, their bodies eroded by diseases of the skin and wasting away from advanced stages of leprosy. See them needlessly crippled and maimed and hopelessly blind, when in many cases the simplest attentions may have saved all. However those attentions were not available when needed. Hear the mission doctor fretting as he discovers that an infant has expired in the arms of its weeping mother while she waited her turn for the help that came too late, which help also is openly insufficient to attend to even the most needy cases in time.

Add to these the fact that similar experiences are re-enacted many times over in literally hundreds of villages in the vast unentered areas of Africa, and you are sure to feel some of the emotional disturbances that beset the missionary all too often.

When it is remembered that the above cases represent only some of the more common experiences, and only some of the most urgent needs that the missionary faces, then mission operations begin to take on a much different aspect of appeal. No attempt is made here to rehearse the personal inconveniences, privations, and dangers that are the common lot of the missionary. These alone will surely make their appeal to the conscience. But the emphasis here is shaped by things that impress themselves upon the conscience of the visitor and make their appeal to the supporters of missions.

Admittedly, the visitor has a struggle with his conscience when he witnesses the above. His conscience not only chides him, it literally smites him when he considers how little he has done to help and how small have been his efforts in support of foreign missions. Then and there he decides that missions from what he sees of them, are t.

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