

## Evangelist Cleveland Baptizes 385 in Montgomery, Alabama

By E. E. Cleveland

THE populous city of Montgomery, Alabama, was the scene of our 1954 evangelistic campaign. Though noted for its conservatism in religious matters, we found the city ripe for the operation of the Spirit's power. Meeting in the giant "Canvas Cathedral" tent, the attendance, for a city of this size, was outstanding from the start, reaching as high as two thousand on certain special nights.

Thus far 385 precious souls have been baptized into the church as the result of these meetings, and there will be others to follow.

The Southern Union and the South Central Conference were most liberal in providing worker-assistance for the campaign. The associate ministers were C. E. Dudley, C. R. Brown, R. P. Peay, and J. N. Richardson. The music of the Cathedral Quartet was a real soul-winning agency, drawing many to the meetings who would not have attended otherwise. Members of the quartet are B. Reaves, E. Sheppard, J. Edgecomb, and M. Scales, ministerial students from Oakwood College.

This meeting was conducted with heavy emphasis on home visitation. Those serving faithfully as Bible instructors were: Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, Mrs. S. Mclamb, Miss E. Wiley, Mrs. R. C. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Mrs. R. P. Peay, and Mrs. J. N. Richardson. Because of the working habits of the people, and order to meet them in their

homes, the Bible instructors were often visiting the interested ones as early as 5:30 A.M.

The tithe income for the Montgomery church has increased from an average of \$200 per month to over \$1400 monthly. This church has also been most liberal in building-fund and church-expense contributions, and this despite the fact that Montgomery has very limited sources of income.

Real spiritual victories were gained in this meeting. There were remarkable instances of divine healing. The Holy Spirit revealed Himself to us in many ways.

Perhaps we should mention also

that there were as many as one thousand people present with us in the first Sabbath kept at the tent. On subsequent Sabbaths the attendance varied between eight and nine hundred, until the first Sabbath baptism.

On the Sabbath of the first baptism, eight giant Trailway buses lined up to transport the candidates to an outdoor swimming pool located sixteen miles out of town. They were led through the heart of the city by a motorcycle escort and were followed by forty automobiles. On this Sabbath 206 persons were baptized.

The people are now comfortably



The Cathedral Quartet.



First Sabbath congregation.

housed in their new church building and happy in their new-found faith. In the words of the Psalmist we freely confess, "this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

### The Work in South Central

HERE in the South Central Conference we believe the counsel that was given by God in Joshua 13:1, "and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." In harmony with this counsel, we have enlarged our tents, lengthened our cords, and strengthened our stakes. We who labor in the southern part of the South Central Conference have realized the vast amount of territory still unentered by God's last message to the world.

My wife and I, here in the delta section of the great state of Mississippi, have had the privilege of laboring for the Master for the past four years. In our work we have actually seen how the Lord can clean up the minds and hearts of men and women who are steeped in ignorance and sin. It is nothing short of a miracle to see these people accept this blessed truth and grow in the ways of Adventism.

We first started our work in a small cotton town known as HOLLINGDALE, Mississippi. In this our first

tent effort we faced bitter opposition from other churches, which only served to give our work added publicity. Because no help was available, we labored alone. The Lord added thirteen souls to the membership already established there, and we purchased a church building before our departure.

We next launched a campaign in the city of Leland, Mississippi. Here a new church of sixty-seven members was organized. A church school has been built, and on April 24 there will be a ground-breaking ceremony indicating the erection of a new church building.

We next moved to Belzoni, Mississippi, which is in the heart of the delta. We baptized one hundred five souls and organized a new church. The work in Belzoni is now flourishing under the leadership of Pastor E. L. Howard, and the enrollment of the church school is growing. Mrs. B. B. Rowe is the teacher.

In order to strengthen the church in Indianola, Mississippi, we moved to this city, known as the crossroads of the delta. In addition to the ten members who were already there, we now have ninety others praising God from Sabbath to Sabbath. We have purchased a lot and will soon start building our church and school. We praise God for a part in His wonderful work.

Pray for these new believers in this section of the vineyard, that many more may be added to the fold, that the work may be finished, and that the Lord may soon come.

G. H. RAINEY

Conference Evangelist

### New Church Buildings

IN Montgomery, Alabama, as the result of the evangelistic effort conducted by Elder E. E. Cleveland, a very beautiful and commodious church edifice has been completed, at a cost of \$80,000 including the cost of the lot. The seating capacity of this new church is 750.

In Vicksburg, Mississippi, as the result of a devastating tornado that demolished the old dilapidated church building, we now have a very attractive little church with a seating capacity of 150.

In Louisville, Kentucky, under the supervision and direction of Elder E. T. Mimms, a very modern and practical church edifice is under construction. This building, when completed, will be entirely air-conditioned, with adequate class rooms and a very large assembly room for Sabbath school.

### Progress in the Education Field

MISS DORIS HUNTER, who was teaching in Montgomery, Alabama, is now married and living in South Dakota. Miss Priscilla Kelley is the new teacher in Montgomery. Mr. Boyer Purnell, who was teaching in Clarksdale, Mississippi, is now teaching in Greenville, Mississippi.

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The new Clarksdale teacher is Mr. Joseph L. Follette.

The educational work in this field is progressing. We have had a physical examination of practically all the students in the conference. We plan to finish this work in the near future. We were glad for the services of Miss Gwendolyn Dent, a nurse of the Riverside Sanitarium staff. She did a magnificent job for us.

We have closed the spring Week of Prayer in our schools. Some of the schools had visiting ministers to help out in this important program. We are interested in baptizing all of our boys and girls who are old enough and are not now members of the church.

The majority of our schools have done an outstanding job in Ingathering.

\*\* May 6-8 we are holding a conference-wide Youth Congress in Montgomery, Alabama.

### News Items

DURING the weekend of February 12, a Youth Rally was held at Oakwood College. Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the South Central Conference, gave the key-note address during the Friday evening vesper service. Elder L. M. Nelson, MV secretary of Southern Union Conference, spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath. The messages by both of these men were greatly appreciated, and our hearts were stirred as we listened to them.

The afternoon program was devoted to "Share Your Faith" activities. The following report was made at that time:

The society had given 20 baskets of food and 4 boxes of Christmas clothing during the month of December. During the first two weeks of February, 300 pounds of clothing were given to the needy. A number of Bible studies were being conducted in the community, and 12 persons are brought to Sabbath school each week. A branch Sabbath school is being conducted with an attendance of 25. A group visits the jail and hospital each week, and a ture is passed out.

We appreciate the good work that this society is doing. Mrs. Herbert Alexandar is the sponsor. Mr. Ernest Rudley and Mr. Ralph Franklin are the student leaders, and Miss Edith Sumpter is the secretary.

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### Evangelistic Campaign in Wilmington, N.C.

ELDER E. C. WARD, the evangelist in charge of the campaign held in Wilmington, North Carolina, writes that 306 souls have been baptized. The meetings were ably supported by the church membership through periods of fasting and prayer. The colporteur ministry and the Bible correspondence lessons also are credited with playing a very positive part in the success of the evangelistic campaign.

Associated with Evangelist and Mrs. Ward were the following: Elder N. B. Smith, district leader; C. L. Thomas, local church elder; W. S. Jackson, Brother and Sister L. A. McKinnon, Brother and Sister I. L. Harrell, Mrs. O. M. Harris, Bible instructors; M. Breach, organist; and James McKeller, soloist.

### Itinerating in Florida

FEBRUARY 5-27 was spent conducting revivals and itinerating among the churches in the Orlando and Tampa districts of Florida. For the Orlando revival, representatives from Winter Garden, Apopka, and Sanford packed the little white church building to overflowing from night to night. Several delinquent persons were reclaimed to the church and a few new believers were added, including one of remarkable interest.

A man who had never attended our church or any other very often, "just came by to satisfy my friend

and to have some fun," he confided later. His barber, hearing him promise, warned him not to "waste" his time around those folk or "you will get into trouble." With curiosity high, the man was on hand for the first meeting, and thereafter he "could not stay away." On Thursday night of the series he stated that he had been converted and wanted to join the church. He said that for the first time he felt the power of God in his life, and that the desire for his past way of drinking, carousing, and gambling interested him no more. When his barber friend inquired as to what had happened to change him so completely, his remark was, "You will have to come and see for yourself; it is too wonderful to explain." The next night this joyful man brought with him his aged mother, a sister, and friends.

Mission pictures on East Africa were shown in Winter Park on Monday night, in Sanford on Wednesday night, and at a junior high school (and later at the senior high school) in Orlando to two thousand or more young people at their chapel hours.

"The Sunday evening preaching service at Winter Park was a refreshing experience for all present, as was also the week at Orlando," district leader H. Barker declared. He and his youthful family were excellent hosts.

Mission stories with pictures on East Africa were presented to a grateful audience at St. Petersburg on Friday evening. Elder L. Hastings exacted a public promise of a revival for his district, which under the circumstances was difficult to refuse.

The Tampa revival was begun on Sabbath, and from the very beginning an intense interest was manifested. The attendance increased nightly so that the weekend overflow filled the aisles. During the consecration, which terminated the series on Sabbath, fifteen or more new and returned believers indicated the desire to unite with the church. Elder F. S. Keitts, pastor of the church, and his fine corps of officers expressed great satisfaction

for the meetings and the blessed joy which was brought to the believers.

The travelogue on West Africa at the young people's hour brought the Sabbath to a close, and with it ended the month's itinerating in sunny Florida. C. E. M.

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### Transfer of Workers

At the recent workers' meeting of the Allegheny Conference, president W. L. Cheatham announced the following changes:

Elder F. D. Beatty will have charge of the work in Petersburg, Richmond, and Crewe, Va.; Pastor A. N. Brogden in Akron and Canton, Ohio; Pastor W. L. DeShay in Danville and Roanoke, Va.; Pastor J. E. Farrow in Coatesville and Harrisburg, Pa.; Pastor J. J. Johnson in East Beckley and Eckman-Kimball, W. Va.; Elder W. R. Newman in Youngstown, Ohio, and Titusville, Pa.; Pastor C. B. Tivy in Dayton, Germantown, and Springfield, Ohio; Pastor John H. Wagner, Jr., in Newport News and Norfolk, Va.; Pastor U. S. Willis will have charge of Wilmington, Del., Chester, Pa., and Salem, N.J.; Pastor Edward Dorsey goes to Pine Forge Institute



Winners of the Columbia Union temperance oratorical contest.

as Bible instructor and church pastor.

\*\* The new Pine Forge administration building will be completed by April, 1955, according to H. D. Dobbins, architect and builder. The structure has fifteen rooms and is valued at \$230,000.

\*\* The Spring Week of Prayer with the school family at Pine Forge Institute was a heart-warming experience. Typical of youth, their response to the meeting was spontaneous and wholehearted, and from their personal expressions great and numerous victories were gained. This week of services was closed ap-

propriately with a heartening celebration of the communion, in which almost everyone had a part.

Elder C. E. Moseley, associate secretary, North American regional department, conducted the Week of Prayer. Principal Watson and Elder W. R. Newman gave every assistance to the services, as did the teaching staff of this progressive institution.

\*\* The Columbia Union temperance oratorical contest held in Trenton, New Jersey, drew a mammoth crowd. The event, now an annual one, is developing rare speaking ability in our young people. Miss Marie Mayer of the Philadelphia Academy won the first award of \$30, and with it goes the privilege of delivering the oration at the Cleveland Youth Congress where she will receive another check for \$30. The second award of \$25 went to Herbert Broeckel of Shenandoah Valley Academy. The third award, a check for \$20, was made to Elaine Smith of Pine Forge Institute. The speaker for the judges said the decisions were close, the contestants were all excellent.

\*\* Temperance secretary, Addison V. Pinkney, of the Allegheny Conference, has just returned from a trip through Virginia and West Virginia where he has been showing the A.T.S. picture "One in Two"



Ebenezer converts holding baptismal certificates. W. A. Thompson, pastor.

Thousand" to more than 2,600 high school pupils. Pastors Danny Davis and C. B. Tivy made the appointments.

A. V. PINKNEY

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## LAKE REGION

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### Shiloh Junior Academy Reaches Ingathering Goal!

At 11:30 Wednesday morning, February 9, the Shiloh Junior Academy students and teachers celebrated their 1955 Ingathering victory. The total amount of money raised by the pupils to date is \$590.18.

Dramond Child, a tenth grade pupil, raised the largest amount of money, \$26.10, followed closely by a 7th grader, Tyrone Johnson, who raised \$26.01.

Elder E. S. Dillette, pastor of the church, complimented the boys and girls for their fine promotion of this year's Ingathering campaign at the school.

The students and teachers did not reach their goal without having some problems. It was called to our attention that while Mrs. Ruth White and her pupils were out Ingathering, they were picked up by the police and taken down to the police station for questioning. Mrs. White, who believes in the cause she represents, defended it adequately, and all were released.

The Ingathering celebration ended with a free meal to all the pupils who participated in the campaign. Mrs. Ida Johnson, principal of the school, and the faculty are to be congratulated for their achievement in the Ingathering campaign of 1955.

### Ecorse MV Society

AN impressive candlelight installation service was held Sabbath afternoon, February 12, at the Ecorse S.D.A. church, 10th Street and Francis Avenue, Ecorse, Michigan. It was most inspiring to see all

the MV officers marching down the aisle with their candles burning and singing, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," as the congregation stood at attention. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Sally Lash Simms, leader; Mr. George Moses, assistant leader; Miss Annie Mae Prince, assistant secretary. Committee chairmen installed were Mrs. Mattie Prince, social; Mrs. Denese Soares, educational; Mrs. Gladys Hall, program; Mr. Jefferson Watkins, music; Mr. Richard Bell, current events; Mr. Thomas Hall, devotion and welfare; and Mrs. Violet Hall, pianist.

Three other churches cooperated with the Ecorse young people to help make their program a success. They were the Sharon MV Society of Inkster, Michigan, the Oakwood Boulevard church, and the Tabernacle Baptist youth. Elder T. M. Rowe, pastor, administered the charge to the officers and young people. Mrs. Sally L. Simms, leader of the society, plans to conduct a strong Share Your Faith program in 1955. Your prayers are solicited for the officers and members of this society as they assume their responsibilities for the year.

J. E. ROACHE

*Educational Superintendent  
and MV Secretary*

### Lake Region News Notes

It has been a great privilege to watch the activities and achievements of the Lake Region Conference during the past four years. It has also thrilled our hearts to be associated with this work which is glowing and growing. Our hearts well up with praise to God for His bountiful blessings upon the zealous efforts of our fine group of conference workers and our faithful lay members.

During this period we have witnessed the prospering hand of God at work through our evangelists, pastors, and laymen resulting in 1,218 precious souls being added to our churches by baptism and profession of faith. We plan to organize three more new churches by the

time these news notes appear in print. Our conference membership is now 3,884, which is a net gain of 793 over the last quadrennium. While we rejoice over this gain, we realize that it is only a fraction of what it should be, and we are dedicating ourselves to God anew for an all-out program of soulwinning in this the sunset hour of the world's history.

\*\* Our workers and laymen have bought, built, or completed the building of nine new church homes during this period. We have bought the following church buildings: Chicago Shiloh church properties consisting of church, parish hall, and parsonage; the Fort Wayne, Indiana, church; our church building at Dowagiac, Michigan; and our beautiful East Side Detroit church. We built churches at the following places: Battle Creek, Michigan; East St. Louis, Illinois; Flint, Michigan; and Muskegon, Michigan. A new church at Belleville Heights, Michigan, is under construction at the present time. In the city of Detroit, Michigan, negotiations are going forward toward purchasing a new church home for our Hartford Avenue church congregation.

\*\* During this period the Lake Region Conference received from its constituency \$1,027,009.45 in tithes alone, and \$352,622.94 in mission funds, making a grand total of \$1,379,632.39 given for conference and mission work.

\*\* Elder J. P. Winston of Atlanta, Georgia, recently joined our group of workers and has taken up his duties as pastor-evangelist for our Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, church district.

Elder W. G. Mills, of Phoenix, Arizona, will join our staff the latter part of May in exchange for Elder C. E. Howell, pastor of Milwaukee-Evanston district.

Elder Richard Robinson of the Southern California Conference has accepted our call to serve as assistant publishing secretary of the Lake Region Conference. He will take up his duties in the State of Indiana.

\*\* Our many friends who have visited our camp meetings will be interested to know that we are holding them early this year, from June 17-25, in order to have an uninterrupted evangelistic tent effort season.

In spite of our problems, handicaps, and the world situation, we face the future with courage and with determination to do a greater work for the Master than ever before. To this end we solicit the prayers of the readers of the INFORMANT.

H. W. KIBBLE  
President

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### New Campsite

THE Northeastern Conference has purchased a beautiful new camp site near Hyde Park, New York. It has 105 acres with approximately 60 acres of woods and nature trails. The grounds are generally level. There is a beautiful lake that is fed by a fresh running stream. It has a large dining hall that will seat about 200 persons. In addition to the two large buildings, there are a number of cabins that will care for approximately 250 persons.

We feel that God has directed the brethren in the selection of this new site where our constituency can gather for spiritual uplift and refreshment in God's great outdoors.

### Ephesus Youth Church Organized

ON March 5, 1955, the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, the Ephesus youth church, New York City, was officially organized.

Several hundred enthusiastic youth assembled for their first meeting in the recreation hall of the church, looking forward to the time when the newly renovated youth chapel will be finished. Youth services were conducted by Pastor S. A.

Hutchins, the new assistant to Elder W. S. Lee. At the same time the regular service was in progress for senior members in the main auditorium.

The youth church is fully organized with its own church officers, from pastor and local elders to ushers and junior usherettes. Ephesus youth are proud of their youth chapel and their own church organization. We are praying that these will give new impetus to youthful endeavors to live for Christ and win others to Him.

How appropriate that such a forward step should have been made at the beginning of the Week of Prayer. God grant that the Ephesus young people of New York City will consistently lay hold of the privilege of prayer. Praying youth are victorious youth!

S. A. HUTCHINS

### Annual Summer Junior Camp

THE annual Northeastern summer camp will be conducted on the new camp site July 1-17, 1955. The fee is \$35 for the entire period or \$16 for each week. The \$35 includes insurance coverage for each camper, and room and board. A great deal of enthusiasm has been stimulated because of the new camp site, and the camp pictures that Elder L. H. Davis, the MV secretary, has been showing at the schools and churches. Applications are already being received. Young people between the ages of 9 and 16 should write to the MV department for application blanks and further details.

\*\* Dr. E. Goode, our conference medical secretary, is the proud father of a baby girl. This makes three girls for Dr. and Mrs. Goode.

### Changes in the Field

THE Northeastern Conference committee in a recent session made the following changes: Elder James J. North, who served as the conference home missionary and Sabbath school secretary since the organization of the conference, will devote

all of his time to his churches in Brownsville, Brooklyn, and Babylon, Long Island. The congregation in Brownsville are negotiating now to build a new church home.

Elder F. E. Roy Jeffries, who has served as pastor of the City Tabernacle church in New York City for approximately eight years, has accepted the responsibilities of conference home missionary and Sabbath school secretary.

Elder E. A. Lockette, the former pastor of the Berea S.D.A. church in Boston, is the new pastor of City Tabernacle. Elder Thaddeus Wilson, Sr., who pastored the Buffalo, New York, church for eleven years, is the new pastor of the Boston church. Elder Wilson is succeeded by his son, Elder R. T. Wilson, who has been the pastor of the White Plains church. Pastor Robert Carter, assistant pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City, is now pastor of the New Rochelle church. Pastor Samuel Stovall, formerly of New Rochelle, has become the pastor of the White Plains church. A new intern, Brother S. A. Hutchins, has been called to be the assistant pastor to Elder Lee of the Ephesus church. Elder Frank Fletcher has moved to the Springfield, Massachusetts, church as their pastor, and Brother Everett Alexander, a graduate of Oakwood, has charge of the New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut, districts. Elder J. S. Greene, Jr., is with the Mt. Vernon congregation, and they are preparing to complete their new church edifice which was started a few years ago.

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### SOUTHWEST REGION

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### Southwest Region President's Report

THE four years that have passed since the last union session have been eventful ones. The Lord has blessed the work in the Southwest Region Conference in every dep-

ment of endeavor. The activity of our members in missionary endeavor has demonstrated their deep and abiding love for the Advent message. The consecration of our working staff has added inspiration to the work and demonstrated itself in greater achievements for God year by year.

Faithfulness in tithing for the period made a grand total of \$474,848.17 for the four years covered, and our people, during the same period, gave \$250,570.99 for missions. Each year except one our Ingathering has been outstanding. In our present campaign we have already passed last year's total and this year we will raise the highest amount in the history of the conference.

Many outstanding evangelistic meetings have been held in various parts of the conference. Both large population centers and small villages have heard our evangelists. Many of our ministers have carried on evangelistic efforts in our churches, lasting several weeks. These meetings have been well-attended, and not only did a large number of baptisms result, but the members themselves have been strengthened.

The laymen of the conference have carried on a good campaign. A large number of our churches have held lay workers' meetings. These have had a good attendance and a large number of new converts have been won.

A very encouraging feature of our work has been the follow-up results connected with the Voice of Prophecy graduates. We have had many baptisms as a result of this radio work.

Some of our ministers have carried on an extensive radio evangelism. In several of these cases the programs have been broadcast from the church. A number of the pastors have been conducting community Bible schools in their churches. A few weeks ago it was my privilege to speak to a graduating class of over forty persons who had finished the Bible course in one of these church-norsed schools.

Several churches have either been built or purchased in the last few years. A number of the churches have had extensive remodeling.

We feel that the future of the conference is bright. There is much unworked territory. Our population is about three million. This presents a challenge. We solicit your prayers for the spiritual and financial resources that will be needed to meet the challenge.

H. R. MURPHY  
President

### **Ephesus New Orleans Church Reached \$10,000 Minute Man Goal**

ON Friday, March 11, 1955, the president, H. R. Murphy; treasurer, A. R. Carethers; home missionary secretary, L. B. Baker; office workers Lona-Nell Lea, Mrs. Helen L. Turner, and Mrs. Peggy Baker left the conference office at Dallas, Texas, for New Orleans, Louisiana, with plans to help New Orleans over the top with the Minute Man goal. We found the pastor, R. F. Warnick, and the church very eager to raise the \$3,800 needed to complete the goal. A meeting of the plans committee was held that evening with the pastor and church officers. Everyone pledged to work until the goal was reached. Sabbath morning the keynote of the campaign was sounded by H. R. Murphy. Many hearts were touched and inspired. L. B. Baker gave the appeal, requesting everyone to arise and finish the task. The response was gratifying.

Several of our ministers joined us in New Orleans and gave excellent assistance. Pastors Van Runnels, J. R. Wagner, J. C. Smith, and M. M. Young headed the automobile brigade. There were others among the laymen who joined this group in transferring members to and from their territory. Everyone was blessed as a result of the active work of this special group. The street corner solicitation group was staffed by Miss Lona-Nell Lea, Mrs. Peggy Baker, and Mrs. Helen Turner. This trio worked in the down-

town area daily. Mrs. Birdie McCluster, conference Bible instructor, was one of the many who worked from door to door. She raised the highest amount of any worker during the week.

Many of the citizens of the Crescent City met the singing band each evening and said, "You are doing a good work, please keep it up."

On Sunday, March 13, 1955, the Berean church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who reached their Minute Man goal of \$3,500 in six weeks, responded to our appeal, and sent twelve persons to help us. Their coming helped in a real way to encourage all workers. After hearing of the New Orleans' Ingathering program, three of our faithful members, and the pastor, W. J. Cleveland, of the Oakland Avenue church of Dallas, Texas, which had recently reached their Minute Man goal of \$4,918.40, brought with them a burning zeal to help finish the work. Their help and encouragement gave the needed lift at the right time.

A. R. Groves and the Ephesus church school teaching staff, Mrs. Kathryn Grove and Mrs. Viola Robinson, lead the children in an Ingathering field day. They reported \$107 as a result of their day's work.

After working from Sunday to Friday, we had received \$2,000. Only two days were left before the campaign would close and we needed \$1,800 more to reach the goal. This was a decisive hour.

Elder Cleveland preached a soul-stirring sermon on Sabbath morning. We called on the heavenly Father for guidance. If we were to reach the goal, the church members must report \$1,000 today. The Spirit of God touched one of the faithful sisters of Ephesus church, Sister Susie Gaiter, to inspire the church. She stood and in a very calm manner told how she was impressed to give her full week's salary for Ingathering. She said: "Since I could not go out and solicit funds, I am going to sacrifice my week's salary for Ingathering today." After she had spoken, the ladies of the church placed \$608 on the table and the

men gave \$401.43 making a grand total of \$1,009.43. A. R. Carethers gave a soul-stirring message admonishing all to work before it is too late.

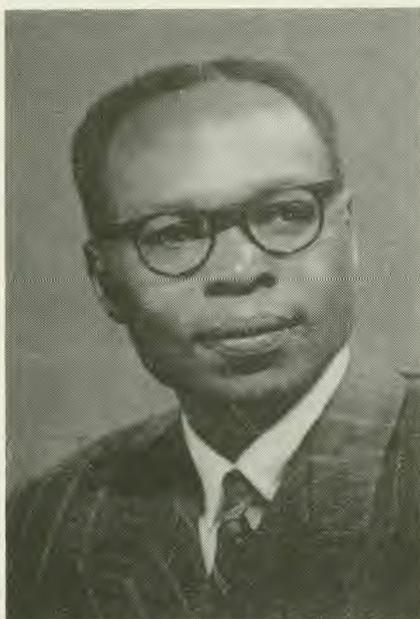
Sabbath afternoon Pastors Wagner, Smith, Young, and Van Runnels inspired all who were present with timely messages in keeping with the times in which we live.

At the Sunday night's service the final appeal was made, and the full amount of \$10,000 was accounted for. The congregation stood and sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

For the first time in the history of the church, a Minute Man goal of \$10,000 has been reached. God's promise is: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power" (Psalms 110:3).

L. B. BAKER

*Home Missionary Secretary*



Nathaniel K. Abbey.

### Thank You!

Nathaniel K. Abbey

I HAVE tasted the cup of bitterness in this fair land of yours. I have had to a large degree the experiences of Naomi, but I will not style myself "Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me." I will say, "He understands." He knows why He called me out of this world of sin into this glorious message. He

knows why He paved the way for me to come to America, and He has His reasons for allowing the enemy to touch my body.

I am disappointed, yes, but not discouraged. Although I could not accomplish what I came here for—to obtain a Master's degree—I know that if I humble myself with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I can accomplish much for Him. I am under the impression that the good Lord we serve has something for me to do over in my homeland NOW! Let the devil do his worst with you or with me, his so-called fatal arrow is like a pin in the flesh of an African elephant. We shall vanquish the devil in this great warfare. Paul says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword [or leukemia]? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:35, 37).

Before I say good-by to you and fair America, I wish I had a better phrase to use than "Thank you," but my handicap impels me to use the same old phrase—THANK YOU. I thank you, my brothers and sisters, for your sympathy; I thank you for your counsel in my behalf; I thank you for your donations, making it possible for me to go home; I thank you for your unceasing prayers in my behalf; and I thank you for your love. I am convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt that you believe what you preach and you practice what you advocate. I came with open eyes, and I assure you that I am going back to Africa with a good report.

It may be impossible to meet you here again on this sin-stained planet, but I shall look for you around the white throne of our blessed Redeemer. He is coming soon, sooner than most of us think. The signs are speaking—strikes, floods, earthquakes, political unrest, and many other upheavals are sermons in themselves. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

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Concluding I would say, "If thou shouldst never see my face again, pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

### Missionaries Depart for West Africa

MR. AND MRS. THEODORE CANTRELL left New York City on March 20 by Pan American Airline to join the workers in Liberia. Brother Cantrell was born in a Seventh-day Adventist family. He is a nephew of Elder F. S. Keitts, a well-known evangelist among us, now pastor of the Tampa, Florida, church in the South Atlantic Conference.

He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and taught biological science one year at Oakwood College. It was there that he met Miss Frankie Mitchell, who finished her college work with an emphasis on pre-nursing. These young people were married, and they both matriculated at the College of Medical Evangelists from which institution they were graduated, he from the School of Physical Therapy and she with a B.S. in nursing. While working at the White Memorial and the Los Angeles County hospitals these young people were anxiously waiting for the time when they could cast their lot with our missionaries in other lands. For this cause they trained and to it they dedicated their lives.

When visiting in Washington to finalize their plans before leaving for Liberia, Brother Cantrell led out in one of the morning worship periods for the General Conference family.

We are glad that Brother and Sister Cantrell are privileged to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Africa.

Let us pray for the health and happiness of these young people and that they maintain their Christian witness and face constructively the opportunities for serving the cause of God in their new environr