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SDA RECEIVES OVERSEAS APPOINTMENT

By A. V. PINKNEY

Thomas J. Anderson, resident of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, has received an overseas appointment from the U.S. State Department after a short retirement from his office as principal of Adams Community School.

The widely known educator and civic leader will report to the headquarters of the International Cooperative Administration in Washington, D.C., on February 18 for two weeks of orientation, after which he will fly to Ahwaz, Iran, the first week in March.

The two-year appointment is in conjunction with the four-point program originated by former President Truman and extended by President Eisenhower. Mr. Anderson will be known officially as Provincial Teacher Education Administration Advisor, and his specific duty will be to set up an over-all educational program on the elementary and secondary level. He will also instruct native assistants who will be prepared to take over the job at the expiration of two years.

"T. J.," as he is best known to his friends and associates, will receive a salary of \$11,405 annually. Travel and cost-of-living allowances are extras. It has been revealed that one out of every two hundred persons named for such a position is actually appointed.

The rigid qualifications for the position were met when the former principal submitted his record of



Elder W. L. Cheatham (left), Allegheny Conference president, and Prof. T. J. Anderson.

training and professional career. A graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C., he received his M.A. degree from Columbia University and did graduate work at the University of Nottingham in England on a Carnegie Foundation scholarship.

He has served as assistant director, Department of Playgrounds, Washington, D.C.; principal of the Adams Community School; prin-

icipal of Attucks High School, Indianapolis, Indiana; assistant professor, College of Education, Howard University; assistant superintendent, Department of Recreation, Washington, D.C.; editor of *The Hilltop*, Howard University's student publication; correspondent for *The Amsterdam News*, New York; business manager of *The Journal of Negro Education* at Howard University; editor of *Concern*, an organ of the

Greater Coatesville Interracial Committee; and radio commentator for "The Voice of the Negro" on the Coatesville local radio station.

Speaking at his church, the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, of which Elder John Farrow is the pastor, the educator said: "Finding a technique of getting on the level with the people you are sent to serve is tantamount to getting off to a good start. As I see my job, it is geared to changing the relationships of people according to the principle of love." He told his audience that "Bloated vanity must be watched in rendering service to others. Only once," he went on, "did the Master allow Himself to hear the praise of the multitude, and that was just before His last supper. Your greatest assistance to me," he declared, "will be to keep me in your prayers, that I will carry out my duties in the spirit of Christian humility."

Mrs. T. J. Anderson, the former Anita Turpeau, is an English teacher at the Adams Community School and will not accompany her husband on the initial trip. She expects to join him later.

The Andersons have three children who are all married. A son, Thomas, is completing work on a Ph.D. degree in music composition at the University of Iowa. Ilanita, wife of Thomas Prince, is a first-grade teacher in the public schools of Chicago, Illinois. Jean T. is the wife of William Morris, health director of the YWCA in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Conferences Hold Joint Workers' Meeting

A joint meeting of the workers of the South Atlantic and South Central conferences convened in Atlanta, Georgia, January 8-9. This included the church school teachers and some lay leaders.

The conference administrators, ministers, Bible instructors, and lay leaders met in the newly constructed South Atlantic Conference office building while the teachers held their meetings in the new school building.

J. H. Wagner and N. G. Simons, president and secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, and W. W. Fordham and L. E. Ford, president and secretary-treasurer of the South Central Conference, had made excellent preparation for this gathering of their workers, both for their spiritual help and their physical care.

The first sight that greeted the eyes of the workers and greatly pleased them was the two well-constructed buildings. The office building is made of Eisenhower Victorian red Roman brick. Each one is a single story and of contemporary design. The school building has ample playground space for all the children.

In addition to the conference leaders, others who gave counsel and brought inspiration to the ministerial force were V. G. Anderson, Southern Union president; S. S. Will, union home missionary secretary; E. L. Cardey, director, union Bible school. From the General Conference were C. E. Moseley, Jr., associate secretary, North American Regional Department; R. Allan Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association; F. D. Nichol, editor, *The Review and Herald*; and the writer.

With C. C. Cunningham and F. H. Jenkins, superintendents of education in the South Atlantic and South Central conferences, were G. M. Mathews, associate secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference; H. S. Hanson, superintendent of education

of the Southern Union; Miss Anna Knight, former assistant superintendent of education in the Southern Union; President Garland Millet, Oakwood College; Dr. F. W. Hale, professor of speech, Oakwood College; Dr. E. B. Dykes, chairman, division of humanities, Oakwood College; Dr. R. A. Underhill, Dean of Southern Missionary College; and Miss Myrtle Maxwell, a specialist in elementary teacher training, Atlanta, Georgia.

H. D. Singleton, president of the Northeastern Conference and the first president of the South Atlantic Conference, was a special guest at this meeting. His expressions and congratulations on the wonderful progress that is being made and his encouraging remarks to the workers were well received.

Other familiar figures in attendance at the meetings were Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, who is known by all who have passed through the portals of Oakwood as "Mother Cunningham"; Brother Thompson, one of the first students to enroll at Oakwood in 1896; Mrs. Ruth Stafford, director of nursing education, Oakwood College; and Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, president, Christian Benefit Association.

One of the purposes of the meeting was to climax the Ingathering. There was keen and satisfying interest shown as the reports of the South Atlantic workers were given, with Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary, leading the forces. Their \$85,000 goal was reached. The church in Atlanta was the first in the conference to reach its goal of \$6,624.

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Left to right: J. H. Wagner, N. G. Simons, F. L. Peterson, R. A. Anderson, C. E. Moseley, Jr., L. E. Ford, W. W. Fordham.

N. A. Lindsay, home missionary secretary of the South Central Conference, called the roll, and the workers reported that they had gone more than \$2,000 over their goal of \$55,000. The total amount reported by the two conferences was more than \$140,000.

One who has lived long enough to witness the growth and development of the Advent message among the colored people in North America cannot but say as he sees what is now being accomplished, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:23, 24). Presidents Wagner and Fordham and their associates are leading out in a strong way in their respective conferences, and God is wonderfully blessing.

The fellowship dinner and social climaxed the first day's work. The workers, their wives, and the church school teachers were together in Christian fellowship and unified purpose to return to their separate fields of endeavor to make the year 1957 a more fruitful year in Christian service. This was South Atlantic's annual Ingathering victory banquet.

On the closing day the ministers and teachers met together. The union auditor, K. C. Beem, gave counsel and information on Social Security. The teachers presented resolutions that had developed from their meetings. These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The ministerial section closed their session by standing, and with clasped hands intoned, "The line will not break where I stand," and a prayer of dedication, consecration, and benediction was offered.

The ministers and Bible instructors left this meeting for their respective fields of labor inspired to raise up new companies, to build new churches and schools, and to live knowing that heart power, thorough godliness, and humble fidelity will make their influence for God irresistible.

The lay leaders were conscious of the large place they must fill in the finishing of God's work and the importance of working in unison with God's program.

The teachers also left with a passionate and consuming love for the "nicest work" to which God has called them, and a will to do it better.

F. L. PETERSON

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Teachers' Convention

Twenty-five teachers from the South Central Conference and thirty-six teachers from the South Atlantic Conference recently gathered in the capital city of the "Peach State" for an important meeting. Along with a staff of competent

counselors, these teachers spent January 7-9 in convention, studying the problems of Christian education. The convention theme, "They that be teachers shall shine," was emphasized throughout the convention. The devotional messages as well as the professional counsels were directed thoughtfully to the objective of preparation for service that the Master Teacher can approve.

The presidents and treasurers of the two conferences, Elder W. W. Fordham, and L. E. Ford, of South Central Conference, and Elder J. H. Wagner and N. G. Simons, of South Atlantic, made the meeting possible through their enthusiastic and tangible support.

The very efficient staff and guests made significant contributions to the convention. Religion, reading, nature, and speech were the areas of greatest concentration during the convention. The teachers expressed themselves as having been greatly benefited by the lectures and discussions on these as well as other topics.

The convention was held in the new school building of the Berean Junior Academy. This well-designed and well-constructed six-classroom unit has been a dream of the Atlanta church and school for some time. Now it has become a reality. We believe that the influence of the meeting in this building will be seen in new buildings and improved facilities in some other schools where changes are needed in the physical plant. The success



General, union, and local conference personnel, workers, and teachers in attendance at the joint workers' meeting and teachers' convention.

of the meeting was further enhanced by the delicious food that was prepared and served in the school building.

While the teachers were in session in the school building, the other workers of both conferences were having a joint workers' meeting in the conference building about a block away. This building has just been completed, and gives the office staff of South Atlantic a new incentive for increased devotion and labor in the Master's service. The closing meeting of the convention was a joint meeting with the conference workers so that all the workers could be together in a discussion of some of their mutual problems and responsibilities in Christian education. Several lively discussions preceded the acceptance of some specific resolutions that will benefit our educational program and thus help the entire field.

Another high light of the convention was the banquet and victory celebration held Tuesday night, January 8. All the workers of both conferences, and some of the laymen who had made outstanding contributions to the Ingathering campaign, were present. It was a victory celebration in every sense of the word, for both conferences had already reached their entire conference goal. We thank God for this achievement and for the part that the teachers had in making it possible.

The teachers left this convention with a renewed determination to let the influence of the Master Teacher shine out in their lives and actions, so that they and those whom they have influenced may shine in the kingdom of heaven when the Master Teacher returns.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM
Educational Superintendent

Joyce Bryant Presented in Concert

On October 28, the Calvary's Call radio group presented Joyce Bryant in concert at the Wheat Street Baptist church.

Miss Bryant's artistry and conver-



Calvary's Call radio group and Joyce Bryant at reception held in her honor at the Waluhaje Hotel. Miss Bryant is seated third from left.

sion reacted favorably for Seventh-day Adventists in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Calvary's Call radio group is completing its third year of regular broadcasts, beamed primarily to the quarter million Negroes in metropolitan Atlanta. Elder N. G. Simons, secretary-treasurer of the South Atlantic Conference, is the speaker, and the chorus is directed by Irene Miller.

According to Pulse, a national radio rating service, "Calvary's Call" enjoyed the top rating for a daytime religious broadcast in Atlanta during the greater part of 1956.

"Calvary's Call" is heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 on radio station WERD.

Building Program Progresses Rapidly

Several building projects have recently been completed as part of a conference-wide program promoted by Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the South Atlantic Conference, and designed to transform, by the grace of God, the physical face of the conference.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Open house was held early in January of this year for two buildings just added to the facilities of the South Atlantic Conference—a new junior academy and the new conference office.

Both buildings are on a five-acre wooded plot in one of Atlanta's most exclusive residential areas,

fronting on Chickamauga Avenue and West View Place. The architectural style is contemporary. They were designed by the secretary-treasurer and constructed by J. A. Simons. These buildings were valued at more than \$150,000.

Shortly after the South Atlantic Conference was organized in 1946, operations were set up in the dining room of Elder R. P. Robinson. Later a larger room was rented in a downtown office building. A couple of years later the conference purchased an old home for temporary quarters. The wisdom of this purchase under Elders H. D. Singleton and L. S. Follette, the first president and secretary-treasurer of South Atlantic, was evinced when a year ago those quarters were sold for twice their cost.

The attention of the brethren was then providentially directed to the present location. Although vigorous protest was registered by the community at first, we thank God that many of those same parents are sending their children to our new junior academy.

The Berean Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy is a six-classroom, brick-and-glass building with kitchen and utility rooms. The six-teacher staff is headed efficiently by Mrs. J. H. Wagner. She opened the second semester with an enrollment of 275 pupils. Atlanta's academy is unusual in that the school pays its own salaries and operating expense.

A low, long line greets one first approaching the new conference of-

fice. On the main floor are all offices and the chapel. In the basement is found the cafeteria, workroom, storage rooms, and assembly room.



Office personnel, South Atlantic Conference. Front row, left to right: Elder S. Thomas, Mrs. C. M. Bliss, Mrs. Marjorie Cantrell, Elder J. H. Wagner, Irene G. Miller, Mrs. Laura F. Meredith, Elder Silas McClamb. Back row: Elders W. A. Darby, N. G. Simons, and C. C. Cunningham.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

During the course of highly successful evangelistic meetings held in Wilmington, North Carolina, Elder E. C. Ward, Southern Union Conference evangelist, let his faith envision a new congregation and a new church.

God gave him both. The Wilmington, North Carolina, church is now the largest in the South Atlantic Conference, and the new church is one of the most representative.

The Castle Street Seventh-day Adventist church is on the principal street of the city, and, under God, has entirely changed the popular conception of Seventh-day Adventists in that community. The congregation and the community are proud of it. The church was built at a cost of sixty thousand dollars, but it is appraised at well over one hundred thousand.



New office building for the South Atlantic Conference.



New Berean Junior Academy in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Elder H. M. Barker and Pastor I. Harrell shared the responsibilities with Elder Ward in the completion of the church, which seats about eight hundred comfortably and houses a three-teacher school now headed by Brother Harcord Rahming.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

The new Bethany Junior Academy was recently dedicated in an all-day service at which Elders J. H. Wagner and N. G. Simons were the principal speakers.

The completion of this modern building is a tribute to the vision of the present pastor, Elder C. S. Myles, and the work of the Miami membership.

Much of the work was done by craftsmen of the church. The school is now valued at \$65,000. It is built on a corner lot in a most desirable section of town. The lot was purchased during the pastorate of Elder J. E. Cox, Jr., and construction was



Newly constructed church building in Wilmington, North Carolina.



The recently dedicated Bethany Miami Junior Academy.

carried on under his labor and that of Elder D. L. Crowder.

The South Atlantic Conference has 90 churches and companies with a membership of 6,512.

N. G. SIMONS
Secretary-Treasurer

News Notes

★ Fred W. Parker conducted a crusade for Christ in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Pompano Beach, Florida. These meetings were held six nights a week for six weeks. The Spirit of God attended the meeting each night. Brother Parker, a self-supporting worker, traveled twenty miles each night to conduct the meetings. Handbills were given out each week in the city by the faithful members of the church. Every member played a definite part in the crusade. The radio was used to announce the meetings daily. At 7:30 A.M. on Sabbath morning, November 17, 1956, eight cars filled with God's children left the Pompano church and traveled forty miles to West Palm Beach where the district pastor, D. E. Davis, baptized sixteen new believers.

Already the new members are in the field Ingathering for the mission program. The tithe and offerings are also beginning to swell. We thank all the members of the church for their cooperation, also Mrs. Mildred Parker and Mrs. Thomas, of Fort Lauderdale.

★ One of the outstanding social events of the holiday season in Savannah, Georgia, was the Ingathering victory banquet and church building kick-off drive held at the YMCA.

Headed by H. L. Cleveland, pastor, the church had successfully completed its goal of \$3,760 and was ready to launch the drive to erect an edifice on the lot that was purchased several years ago. At present services are held in the school auditorium, which is woefully overcrowded. To celebrate these two events a banquet was given. Elder Samuel Thomas, home missionary secretary, gave the keynote address. Substantial pledges were made not only by church members but by the director of the YMCA and a prominent funeral director.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Welcome General Conference Brethren

We are always happy to welcome the visits of our brothers from the General Conference who somehow find time in their busy schedules to spend some time in our field.

Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., who is always appreciated for his spirit-filled messages, brought encourage-

ment to the hearts of our believers in the following places: Mobile, January 11-19; Jackson, January 20-26; Meridian, January 30; Tuscaloosa, January 31; Montgomery, February 2-9.

Our believers in Montgomery were once again privileged to hear Elder E. E. Cleveland in Montgomery on February 9-16.

W. W. FORDHAM

Evangelism in Chattanooga

Elder E. C. Ward has done outstanding work in the Southern Union. We know that God has given our evangelists a special message for this day and hour. Year after year Elder Ward has baptized hundreds of people, and God has richly blessed in his Chattanooga effort. We here give some of the experiences as he related them.

"Mr. W. had threatened his wife in severe tones and positive language, and warned her not to be baptized by those men out there at the tent. When the time and hour for baptism came, Mrs. W. was not only baptized but in the meantime, by love, she had led Mr. W. into helping the church to finish its 1957 Minute Man goal by house-to-house solicitation.

"Mrs. S. called up her pastor, a minister of a prominent city church, and requested that her two teen-age daughters be baptized at the end of a revival being held at the time. But while waiting, mother and daughters by chance attended our tent meetings. Now mother and daughters are baptized members of the remnant church and are awaiting Jesus. These girls have raised four to five Junior Minute Man goals to date.

"Mr. and Mrs. M. had been studying in the School of Bible Prophecy for many months and were faithfully paying tithe into their church as a result of the Bible lessons. When they first attended our public meetings they noticed a marked similarity between the studied word and the spoken word. Needless to say, they were both baptized, and their tithe is now channeled to carry the everlasting gospel to all the

world. Brother M. is now the assistant home missionary leader of the church and is conducting weekly Bible classes. Sister M. will greet you as a faithful usher on Sabbath mornings.

"Local Elder C. and wife have stayed up until 2:00 and 3:00 A.M. giving Bible studies to the two D. sisters. The two D. sisters were baptized and are now faithful members of the church. Brother C. went to his rest some weeks before this fulfillment of his labor.

"Mr. and Mrs. R. are well-thought-of property owners in their community. Mr. R. returned from a vacation and found the tent in his neighborhood. Mrs. R. had requested that we labor hard for Mr. R. to join some church, for he had not attended his church for fifteen or more years. Mrs. R. cooperated even to the preparing of her husband's baptismal items. Mr. R. was in the next baptism and is now the assistant church clerk.

"These are only a few of the varied experiences that possibly every team of workers in the gospel vineyard has as they work for souls.

"Elder and Mrs. J. R. Wagner (Elder Wagner is the pastor of the Chattanooga district), Elder and Mrs. R. C. Brown, Sr., Elder and Mrs. A. L. Lindsey, Lois Yates, Mrs. P. D. Simmons, Brother and Sister T. R. Smith, Elder and Mrs. E. C. Ward, with many of the faithful laity, constituted the working force. The results of two distinct efforts in Chattanooga during the summer of 1956—45 souls baptized. Ten or more are preparing for baptism in several weeks. A total of 131 have kept the Sabbath during the year and we hope these will, during coming months, decide to follow the Lord all the way. The prayers of God's people for this area of Christ's vineyard are appreciated."

Departmental Changes

W. M. Starks, who has served in the Southern Union for approximately ten years, has accepted a call to be pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, church. In more recent years—from 1954 to the present—he has

been the Sabbath school and home missionary secretary of the South Central Conference.

Elder Starks came to us from the pastorship of the Atlanta, Georgia, church in the South Atlantic Conference. He has done a wonderful work in his field, and we are sure that all who worked with him in the Sabbath school, home missionary, and Dorcas departments will miss him.

We wish Elder Starks and his family Godspeed as they go to the Allegheny Conference.

N. A. Lindsay, graduate of Oakwood College and former pastor of the Nashville Meharry Boulevard church, will succeed Elder Starks.

We welcome Elder Lindsay as the Sabbath school and home missionary secretary of the South Central Conference. We know the members of the churches in this conference will be happy to meet him as he visits the various churches. He will give consecrated leadership to the work in this conference.

W. W. FORDHAM

News Notes

★ L. G. Newton, of the Lexington, Kentucky, district will replace Elder N. A. Lindsay in Nashville. Pastor R. P. Peay, of the Greenville, Mississippi, district will go to Lexington, Kentucky, and W. J. Mitchell, former field representative of the Southern Union Bible School, will replace Brother Peay. We know the churches will be happy to meet the new district leaders and their families, and we pray that God's blessings will follow them in their new fields of labor.

★ A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Riverside chapel when James M. Vines, associate publishing secretary, was married Sunday, December 9, 1956, at 7:00 P.M. to Rosalyn W. Ravanel, a graduate of Glendale Sanitarium. Elder W. W. Fordham performed the ceremony.

★ Joyce Elva Saulter became the bride of Dr. Ernest P. Daniels in a candlelight ceremony at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital

chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, Sunday, January 6, 1957.

The bride is a graduate of the New England Sanitarium School of Nursing, and is serving as the Assistant Director of the School of Practical Nursing of the Riverside Sanitarium. The groom is a practicing optometrist in the city of Nashville, Tennessee.

CENTRAL STATES

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"Thanks"

Yes, "thanks" to our kind Father in heaven. The blessings we daily receive make us so very humble. We can never thank Him enough for His goodness to the children of men. The year 1956 was a good year for the members of the Central States Conference. True, many of us suffered individual losses, but we all see God's hand guiding our daily lives.

Here in the office we take the tithe income as a gauge of God's blessings in our financial income. Our tithe increase of \$9,851.77 over the previous year tells us that our people are being rewarded of God for their faithfulness. Our mission offerings also show an increase.

Our membership has not shown the net increase that we had hoped for, but we enter into this year with renewed courage to do our bit, each of us, in winning a soul to God's kingdom.

H. T. SAULTER

News Note

★ We are glad to announce that Elder and Mrs. C. A. Lynes have arrived in Lincoln, Nebraska. Elder Lynes is now serving as pastor of our Lincoln church. They moved to our field from Springfield, Ohio. We solicit the prayers of our people for Elder Lynes, that the blessing of God will be his in the winning of souls in Lincoln.

F. L. BLAND

PACIFIC UNION

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Elder J. E. Cox, Sr., Retires

After forty-two years of active service Elder J. E. Cox is retiring from his active ministry. He spent the last twelve years in San Francisco, where he began his ministry August 10, 1944.

When he took the pastorate of the San Francisco church, the membership was forty-four. They were meeting at that time in a small frame building. In seven months Elder Cox and his members raised more than \$35,000, and it was not long before they entered the present church building. Individual members raised as much as \$1,600. During this twelve-year period more than \$400,000 in tithe and other funds have been raised by this church. The membership has grown to more than three hundred.

Elder Cox preached his farewell sermon Sabbath, December 8, at 11:00 A.M. A special program was given the following Sunday night. Illustrated pictures of his life were presented at this program. A number of outstanding citizens were present and spoke well of the work that has been done in the city of San Francisco by Elder and Mrs. Cox. Although they are retiring, they still seem to be young and very active. They have not completed plans as to what they will do in the immediate future. The church did a magnificent job in presenting this last program for the Coxes.

Elder Cox acted magnanimously in preparing the way for the incoming pastor, Elder W. C. Webb, of Southern California, who preached his initial sermon on Sabbath, December 15. Elder D. E. Venden, president of the Central California Conference, was present and took an active part in the services. We wish for Elder Webb and his family success and happiness in their new field of labor.

Local M.D. Wins Award

Eligible to Teach at Any Medical School in U.S.

(From story appearing in the San Diego *Observer* of October 20, 1956.)

Dr. John R. Ford was awarded the degree of Fellow of American College of Surgeons this week in San Francisco. Dr. and Mrs. Ford flew to San Francisco for the occasion.

The brilliant young medic became, in January of 1954, a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Ford is the first of his race to pass the American Board of Surgery on the West Coast. These are the two highest possible degrees in the field of surgery in America.

Dr. Ford is a staff member of eight city hospitals and chairman of the Tumor Board at Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital.

Staff members of the *Observer* extend congratulations to Dr. Ford, and San Diegans have much cause to be proud of the honor brought back to our fair city by this outstanding physician and surgeon.

(Dr. Ford is a Loma Linda graduate, and was formerly medical superintendent of Riverside Sanitarium. He and his wife are active in the Thirty-first Street church where he is a local elder.)

News Notes

★ Herman L. Kibble is conducting a series of successful meetings in the Monrovia church. Featuring the life of the apostle Paul by pictures in conjunction with the series, he is conducting evangelistic meetings. Assisting him is a male quartet from the local church, and they are doing a superb job.

★ During the year 1957, the Berean church members in Los Angeles, under the leadership of Elder D. T. Black, plan definitely to enter their building program. Let us pray for them as they work on this project.

★ We rejoice with the members of Sharon who have begun their building program and are moving

along rapidly. This is a long-hoped-for and much-needed building. With this new building real evangelism can be carried on in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the Sharon church and Elder and Mrs. Middleton and family as they continue their work.

★ An elaborate and interesting Investment service was conducted at the San Bernardino church, Sabbath, December 1. An array of fruit and other articles appropriate for the occasion were beautifully displayed on a table at the front of the church. The program was conducted after the same manner of the Sabbath school program—even to the lesson study and the review. The Investment lesson study was given by Dr. Owen A. Troy, associate secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Pacific Union Conference; the review was given by Elder W. S. Lee, Regional Department secretary. There were musical numbers and other numbers that will be long remembered. Brother A. J. Bailey, the Investment secretary of the San Bernardino Sabbath school, introduced the program. More than \$500 was raised. Special thanks go to Mrs. Flossie Toddy, who did the major portion of the decorating and arranging for the occasion.

★ The Capitol City Missionary Volunteer Society, of Sacramento, California, sponsored a musical concert Saturday, November 24, at 8:00 P.M. Participants were Hazel Curry and Robert Williams. There were also other sacred selections given by various groups. The guest artist for this evening was Jaqueline Woods; the pianist, Mrs. Summers.

★ Claudia Dent, the daughter of Professor Joseph A. Dent, was capped in the service held for the nursing class at Loma Linda, September 30, 1956. Much success to this fine young woman!

★ By this writing, the roof on the Stockton church will be completed. Elder G. N. Banks and member are working earnestly to complete this building.

★ December 16, at Perris, California, the Dorcas Society sponsored a yearend program. Many beautiful articles that were made by the Dorcas members were placed on sale. Elder J. W. Allison, of Wadsworth, was the guest speaker. Sister Alfred and her co-workers have done a very excellent job!

★ The Los Angeles young adult choir and male group and the Los Angeles Choraliers, of Wadsworth, went to Oakland, California, the weekend of November 24. This was a return visit to the young people of Oakland. The director for the Wadsworth group was Omar Berry; the accompanists were Melita Phipps and Claudia Dent. The Choraliers' director was Elbert Henderson and the accompanist was C. Skinner.

★ Five persons were added to the Berean church by baptism on September 29. Fifty-eight members have been added to Berean's membership—seventeen baptized—since the first of the year.

★ On Saturday evening, December 1, Capitola D. Henderson and John T. Brown were presented in recital in Los Angeles at the Lewis Metropolitan CME church, 4900 S. Western Avenue, temporary meeting location of the Berean SDA church. This was a building-fund project sponsored by the usher board. Various departments of the church are engaged in several projects for the building fund.

★ Mrs. Pearl Bailey, of Detroit, Michigan, has arrived and is connecting with the work in southern California as Bible instructor. She has already begun her work with the Wadsworth church. A warm welcome is extended to her as she begins her work in this field.

★ Oliver Davis, music education major and senior at Pacific Union College, was one of fifteen students of this nine-hundred-student college to be honored in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Brother Davis assists the Vallejo church each week as its choir director.

★ Dr. Ruth Temple, assistant health director of the Los Angeles Health Department and originator of the annual Health Week, will be the subject of the cover feature of the February issue of the *Message Magazine*. There will be an article telling of her great contribution to the health and welfare of the people of California and the nation. Dr. Temple is a member of the Berean church in Los Angeles.

★ Pathfinders of the Vallejo church under their leaders are busily engaged in gaining honors. Ten boys under the direction of Brother Mack and Pastor Troy are earning honors in model trains and model airplanes. Fifteen girls under the guidance of a group of young women are working for an honor in sewing. Both groups have drill teams.

★ The first fruits from the effort that began in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, September 19, were baptized in the Beacon Light church, December 23, Elder Major C. White, chairman of the Bay Area Evangelistic Company, reported this week. They have a baptismal class of forty persons who have accepted the message thus far. Evangelist Spears will continue to bind off the interest with meetings in the Beacon Light church. An unusually fine class of people have accepted the truth. Following the close of these meetings, Elder Spears is slated to conduct a city-wide effort in Fresno next spring.

★ Elder A. E. Webb launched a series of evangelistic meetings in the fall, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed.

★ Elder R. E. Berry has just concluded a successful Sunday-night series of meetings in San Bernardino. The Lord has blessed in this endeavor.

★ Elder W. S. Lee reports: "I was thrilled to meet with the students at the Los Angeles union school during the Week of Prayer. I have never before seen such a fine spirit in young people who were as anxious about the things of God. The questions they asked, their attitude,

their reverence, their support, the entire week of activities, were marvellous. We wish to express our appreciation for the fine work that Principal Mills and his co-workers are doing in looking after the mental and spiritual welfare of the pupils. A very fine school spirit indeed was observed. A number of young people accepted Christ for the first time. There were many who re-consecrated and rededicated their lives to God, and there are those both from Adventist and non-Adventist homes who expressed their desire to become Christians and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Let us remember our young people in our prayers."

LAKE REGION

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Jeffersonville in New Church

On Sabbath, November 3, the members of our Jeffersonville church went into their new building. This was indeed a high day. Elder Xavier Butler taught the Sabbath school lesson, Elder J. P. Winston preached the morning sermon, and Elder F. N. Crowe gave a spirit-filled message at the three-o'clock hour. The music for the service was rendered by Brother James Garrett, and a choral group from the SDA Temple of Louisville, Kentucky, led by Elder E. T. Mimms.

The work in Jeffersonville was actually begun, as far as conference help is concerned, about twenty months ago. Samuel Flagg was sent to the city as a result of a letter written by Brother Harry Castetter of our sister church in that city. In response to the letter Elder Kibble and Elder Crowe organized this group into a company. A short time later Elder Crowe returned and organized this company into a church.

In July of 1955 a tent effort was held in Jeffersonville. The tent company consisted of Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Flagg, Sister Chris-

tine Thompson, and Brother Paul Bridgeford. A number of precious souls were added to the church as a result of the effort.

Through much prayer, hard work, and sacrifice on the part of our members two lots were purchased in January, 1956, at a cost of \$1,625 as the site on which to build the church. The conference permitted us to begin the construction of the house of worship in June. Along with the word to go forward came a sizable gift from the conference, for which we were thankful.

The church is a 26- by 80-foot cement-block structure with a brick front. The masonry work was done by Brother Jesse Irvin, of Flint, Michigan. Brother G. McKenzie and a group of men from our Indianapolis church helped to erect the rafters and roof the building. Ninety per cent of the work on the interior was done by Brother Harry Castetter, Pastor Flagg, and the members.

We are exceedingly grateful to God for the services of Brother Castetter, who helped us from start to finish. For nearly two months he worked almost every day, and all of his service has been free. His help has been invaluable to us.

The church was decorated by a group of men from the Capitol Avenue church and our local members. It is said to be one of the nicest churches in the city. A beautiful electric organ, pews, and the new church furniture made by Brother Castetter were installed.

Both the members and pastor wish to thank the following: Elder D. M. Winger and members of our sister church of this city; Elder J. P. Winston and members of our Indianapolis church; Pastor Billy Ward and members of the New Albany church; Elder Cox and members of the Scottsburg church; and every man, woman, and child of the Lake Union for their prayers, service, and gifts. Finally we wish to thank Elders Kibble, Crowe, and the members of the conference committee for the counsel and help received.

This church is a monument for the truth in this area. It is our prayer

that this new church will serve and bless the men, women, and children of the cities of Jeffersonville, New Albany, and Charlestown.

We solicit the prayers of all our members that this church might ever grow and that the people in this area will have the opportunity of hearing and accepting God's last message to this doomed age.

SAMUEL FLAGG, *Pastor*

New Workers

Two new workers were added to the Lake Region Conference in November, 1956, for evangelistic and pastoral work. Brother Benjamin Reeves, of New York City, who assisted Elder E. E. Cleveland in the Chicago evangelistic meeting as a member of the Cathedral Quartet, is now assisting Elder E. S. Dillett at the Shiloh church, Chicago, Illinois. They are to follow up the large interest of the E. E. Cleveland effort. Brother Earl Moore, of Brooklyn, New York, is pastor-evangelist for the Ecorse and Belleville Heights, Michigan, churches. Both of these young ministers are from our Theological Seminary. We welcome them and their wives to the conference family of workers.

We are also happy to have with us as office secretary Miss Katie Walker, who came to us from the Allegheny Conference.

Our newest addition is Miss Lucy M. Thompson, of Chicago, who has just begun her work as Bible instructor for the Gary and South Bend, Indiana, district, filling the vacancy left by Sister Susie Kelley. Sister Kelley was sent to Detroit to replace Sister Pearl Bailey, who was called to the Southern California Conference to do Bible work in Los Angeles.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President*

The Chicago Evangelistic Campaign

The Chicago evangelistic campaign of 1956 resulted in two hundred baptisms with twenty-five souls reclaimed.

This meeting was held on Chicago's conservative South Side just

three blocks from the Seventh-day Adventist church. The commodious 50- by 110-foot tent was pitched at the corner of 69th and State Streets.

Attendance was excellent throughout the meetings, for which we thank God. The members of the four churches in the Chicago area gave strong support to the meetings both in finance and attendance. Their sacrifice to the cause of God is written in the book of God.

An evangelistic workshop was conducted two hours each day in connection with the meetings. Ministers supplied by conferences other than Lake Region were Pastors Herman Kibble, Southern California; Aaron Brogden, Nelson Bliss, and their wives, Allegheny Conference. From the Lake Region Conference were the following ministers: E. S. Dillett, Russell Bates, John Wright, and Harold Kibble.

The musical program of the campaign was highlighted by the singing of Miss Joyce Bryant, the Cathedral Quartet, and the piano support of Mrs. Celia Cleveland. Members of the Cathedral Quartet are William Scales, James Edgecombe, Benjamin Reeves, and Elbert Sheppard.

Serving faithfully and efficiently as home counselors were Miss D. Smith, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Ruby Smith, Mrs. Bailey, and Mrs. Gladys Hampton.

A welfare program that greatly enlarged the influence of the meetings was conducted in connection with the campaign.

The administration of the Lake Region Conference cooperated fully in supplying the financial needs of the campaign. The liberality of the audiences and the employing organization made the venture painless to the local administration (financially).

The newly baptized believers alone have contributed more than four thousand dollars in tithes and offerings since their baptism. With the psalmist we too can say, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

E. E. CLEVELAND, *Secretary*
Ministerial Association

Spot News

Chaplain and Mrs. J. T. Powell were among recent visitors to the Regional Department of the General Conference. Chaplain Powell had returned to the United States on a 30-day furlough. He will be stationed in Germany until December, 1957, at which time he will return to the States for reassignment. Mrs. Powell, the former Alice Pettiforth, and 20-month-old Cynthia Rene have been visiting with Mrs. Powell's mother in Marion, Indiana, since the first of December. They plan to remain in this country until June, when she and Cynthia will rejoin Chaplain Powell in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Elgin, Texas Ground-breaking Ceremony

The newly organized Seventh-day Adventist church of Elgin, Texas, held a ground-breaking ceremony recently. The church purchased a three-acre tract at the intersection of the Houston and San Antonio highways in Elgin.

L. C. Evans, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, who delivered the main address at the ceremony, stated that the location of the church will be worth \$10,000 a year in advertising to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. More than \$2,000 was raised at the ceremony, and V. L. Roberts, president of the Southwest Region Conference, marveled at the spirit of giving that was manifested, in spite of this area being strongly hit by drought during the past summer.

The church plans to erect a brick building that will house the church, a school, and a welfare center. This newly organized group is the result of the evangelistic effort conducted by Evangelist L. B. Baker and his *Heralds of Bible Prophecy*. At the close of the meeting sixty-six were baptized into this truth.

At the present time the new church, called Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist church, meets in a building that housed the first Adventists in this section more than fifty years ago.

The servant of the Lord wrote: "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 46, 47.

C. M. BAILEY

News Notes

★ The Lord has been blessing His cause here in New Orleans, and we are of good courage. We were not able to conduct a public effort this year, but with the assistance of our Bible instructor, Sister Berdie McCluster, we baptized forty-three persons. The church has made a tremendous gain in tithe and mission offerings. We have spent nearly \$4,000 for material and labor in remodeling our church school.

The church did exploits this year in the Ingathering drive. Our Ingathering goal for 1957 was \$9,000. We raised \$9,076.15 in ten weeks, averaging more than \$900 per week. The conference brethren tell us that this is the first time in the history of the church that this has been done.

The Lord has been good and we give Him all the praise.

R. L. WOODFORK, *Pastor*

★ The Christmas holidays found the Dorcas Society of the City Temple Seventh-day Adventist church in Dallas, Texas, Elder J. E. Cox, pastor, wide awake and on the go. Under the tireless leadership of Sister Pearl Bell the society was able to make many hearts happy. Sixty-six baskets were filled to capacity with an assortment of shoes, clothing, and food. In each basket a Good News tract was included.

The baskets were delivered on time with a wish for a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

SOME people are like rivers. Whatever is in them comes out at the mouth.

NORTHEASTERN

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1956—A Banner Year in Northeastern

1956 was a year in which great strides of progress were made in the Northeastern Conference. First of all, over three hundred persons were baptized. This is the second year in succession that our baptisms exceeded the three-hundred mark. Never before in the history of this conference have we come near to three hundred baptisms per year, but now it has been done for two years. We thank the Lord for this and appreciate very much the hard work of our workers and laymen in making this record possible. We are currently planning a major program of evangelism for 1957, which we hope will be our best year in soul winning.

Financially, the Lord was very good to us in that our tithe increase was \$54,000 over the previous year, which we understood exceeded the increase of our sister conferences throughout this territory. This speaks faithfulness on the part of our dear believers.

Another evidence of the faithfulness of the membership is found in the excellent giving commissions. We were outstanding in our mission offerings and Sabbath school per capita during last year. By way of comparison, we stood right up at the top among other conferences.

We were fortunate to be able to purchase in 1956 a very fine church plant in Buffalo at a cost of \$75,000. The church is very spacious, and seats about eight hundred persons. There are a very large school, a recreation building, and a parsonage. The believers in Buffalo are very much encouraged with this acquirement and have plans for growth and expansion in that great city. Elder R. T. Wilson is pastor and responsible for leading out in obtaining this plant.

Other church buildings that are now under construction include

those in Hartford and Ellenville. We are happy to report that in Mount Vernon, New York, the members have completed their \$75,000 church project and are now worshipping in it. Pastor A. R. Goulbourne is in charge there. Also, a complete remodeling of our office was carried out in 1956. More information about this is given in another article.

H. D. SINGLETON

Changes in Personnel

Last fall, after V. L. Roberts was called to the Southwest Region as president, Elder F. L. Jones, who was then home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, was asked to take up the work of secretary-treasurer. To fill his former office, Elder W. R. Robinson, pastor of the Cleveland church, was given a call, which he accepted.

Within a few weeks after Elder and Mrs. Robinson moved into this field, he received a call to become president of the Uganda Mission in the Southern African Division. Elder and Mrs. Robinson accepted this call and sailed on February 15. Elder Charles Bradford of St. Louis, Missouri, has been called to fill the vacancy left by Elder Robinson.

Mrs. Mable Barber, who has served very efficiently for a number of years as an associate in the publishing department, resigned in order to join her husband, who is an associate publishing secretary in the Allegheny Conference. The Barbers now reside in Cleveland, Ohio. We were very fortunate to obtain the services of Elder A. R. Haig from the British West Indies Union, who will serve in the publishing department as an associate secretary.

Elder Haig has a wealth of experience as a union and local conference leader, not only in the publishing department but also in the educational and home missionary departments. He arrived in the city on January 21 and has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the work of the department.

Elder H. D. Warner, the publish-

ing department secretary, is leading out in a strong way.

H. D. SINGLETON

Conference Office Redecorated

The Northeastern Conference held open house in the newly redecorated office on Sunday and Monday, December 2 and 3. Those of us who conducted the guided tours of the first and second floors were delighted to hear such remarks as, "How beautiful everything is." "How attractive the floors, walls, rugs, and pictures are."

The Book and Bible House has been modernized. The walls are light pink with stained-mahogany sliding panels. For the convenience of the customers, two spacious twelve-foot stained-mahogany showcases have been installed, one of which is located in the center of the room to allow the visitors and customers to circle around and view the many books on display. Book racks are neatly arranged along the walls, and new furniture harmonizes with the complete renovation of this department. A variety of books, visual-aid equipment, tape recorders, and many other useful items were sold at reduced prices at the Christmas season. During the open house, Brother Mayne sold over \$500 worth of books.

The president's office has been lengthened by several feet, and the secretary-treasurer has a new office and larger quarters. In the president's office the walls are painted sandalwood. There are moss-green draperies at the windows, a 9 by 6 mural of Mystic Valley, Connecticut, on the east wall panel, and wall-to-wall carpeting. Elder Jones' office secretaries also have a mural on their wall—a landscape. These two drawings are very restful, and they prove to endow the mind with peace.

On second floor the five desks were refinished, and the floors changed to a light maple finish. The walls are pink and ivory with beautiful print draperies in the secretaries' office, and light, rose-col-

ored draperies in the departmental secretaries' offices. An extra room on the second floor has been made into a kitchenette for the convenience of the secretaries.

We here at the office appreciate what has been done, and the cheerfulness of our surroundings brings a sense of gratitude to the management.

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Columbia Union Secondary Teachers Meet

The secondary school teachers of the Columbia Union Conference met in the Takoma Academy auditorium at Takoma Park, Maryland, November 25 to 28, for their first educational council in four years.

Keynoting the three-day convention in his opening address, Elder E. A. Robertson, Columbia Union Conference secretary of education, challenged the educators with the subject, "Keeping Our Perspective Clear." "Seventh-day Adventists know where they are going educationally," he said, "for we have the blueprint in the Spirit of prophecy. Our schools are Christian, but we must continue to appraise them by the guide that we have, to be sure we are meeting our objectives."

Elder Robertson brought to the teachers many experiences from our pioneer educational work as a result of an interview with a woman in Takoma Park, who with her husband labored with Mrs. E. G. White both in Australia and the United States.

Nearly 150 teachers were in attendance from our academies and intermediate schools from the eight conferences comprising the Columbia Union Conference. They represented Mount Vernon Academy in the Ohio Conference, Mount Aetna Academy in the Chesapeake Conference, Blue Mountain Academy in the East Pennsylvania Confer-



Secondary school teachers of Columbia Union Conference at convention in Takoma Park, Md.

ence, Pine Forge Institute in the Allegheny Conference, Plainfield Academy in the New Jersey Conference, and Takoma Academy and Shenandoah Academy in the Potomac Conference. The intermediate schools were represented by forty-nine teachers.

Elder Taylor G. Bunch, pastor of the Sligo church, gave very timely devotional sermons each morning at the convention. His wide experience as an educator, preacher, and author made his contributions on topics concerning Christian education extremely valuable to all the teachers.

Ideas were freely exchanged among the teachers each day. The committee that planned the convention provided sectional meetings that permitted opportunity for those with special interests to trade successful experiences that would be helpful to others. The sectional meetings were divided into the following seven groups: (1) administrative; (2) Bible and history; (3) deans; (4) English, languages, and library; (5) music; (6) office and commercial; and (7) science and mathematics.

Speakers who addressed the secondary teachers during the three-day convention were R. L. Hammill and G. H. Mathews, of the General Conference Department of Education; Dr. W. H. Shephard, president of Washington Missionary College; Ethel Johnson, Columbia Union Conference elementary supervisor; R. R. Adams, principal of Blue Mountain Academy; and Elder

W. A. Scharffenberg, of the General Conference Temperance Department. Elder Scharffenberg's remarks were of special interest since he had recently returned from meeting Protestant and Catholic church groups in Moscow. He had the opportunity to meet with our Seventh-day Adventist believers on Sabbath in the Baptist church there. "Our believers," he told the group, "have religious freedom in this great Russian city."

The teachers, at the conclusion of the profitable days of instruction and fellowship, passed several resolutions and recommendations that will greatly strengthen the position of Christian education.

Especially appreciative of a place

in the work of the Lord, the teachers pledged themselves to do their part faithfully in view of the nearness of the return of Jesus.

H. W. BASS, *Superintendent of Education, Potomac Conference*

Washington First Church Members Purchase New Building

The members of the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Washington, D.C., are now meeting in a building at the corner of Eighth and Shepherd Streets NW. They moved to the new location from their old building at 624 Eighth Street NE., on December 29, 1956.

It is interesting to note that the old church building was the original First church in which Adventists have long worshiped in the city of Washington.

After fifty years of service the membership had increased to such an extent that the seating capacity was inadequate; thus the decision to purchase another building.

With faith in God, and through sacrifice, prayer, and perseverance, the members, under the leadership of the pastor, Paul Cantrell, and Ethel Nell, Bible instructor, purchased a beautiful edifice that will comfortably seat 970 people.



Newly acquired First Church in Washington, D.C., at the corner of Eighth and Shepherd Sts., NW.

Our Gifts to Missions

We have often heard it said that Jesus was the first foreign missionary. This fact, coupled with the commission to carry the gospel into all the world and make disciples for Christ, places the work of missions in the forefront of our preaching. Wherever men are found, of whatever race or class, it is to them the gospel is to go, and whoever knows the glad tidings is under obligation to spread the news.

The individual or group of individuals who is not mission-minded is not Christ conscious. The church that extends a helping hand across the sea to lift the veil of ignorance, superstition, and spiritual darkness from the soul of the heathen is helping to establish a memorial in heaven.

He who gives willingly of his means to support the cause of Christ in any and all lands is laying up for himself treasures in heaven. He who gives freely of his means to the cause of Christ takes his money with him when he quits this earth.

We have been taught to give of our means to missions. We thank God that the time has come when we have the opportunity to give also of our sons and daughters. Our hearts have thrilled as we listened to mission experiences as told by Miss Anna Knight, who spent seven years in mission service in India, and Elder B. W. Abney, a missionary for several years in South Africa. D. B. Simons, G. N. Banks, and P. E. Giddings tell very interestingly of their work on the Gold Coast of West Africa or in Liberia, West Africa.

We are now being represented in mission lands by C. D. Henri, union evangelist, West African Union Mission; M. T. Battle and R. W. Simons, president and secretary-treasurer of the Liberian Mission; D. H. Hughes, T. W. Cantrell, D. Tate, and their families; and Ruth Faye Smith, Bekwai Training School, Gold Coast, West Africa.

I know that we are happy to be represented in mission service by these sons and daughters of ours, and we will pray fervently and give

liberally for the cause of missions.

Still they go from us to fields afar, but I shall let Elder W. R. Robinson speak for himself:

"The call to serve in the mission field came as a complete surprise to us! Many times during our promotion of missions projects as Sabbath school and home missionary secretary we had dreamed of lands afar. Now our dreams have become realities!

"It has been a pleasure and Heaven-given privilege to have spent more than twenty years as a worker in God's cause in the homeland. Our experiences have been many and varied.

"How vividly we recall the motto of the class of 1936 of Oakwood College:

Ready to go, ready to stay,
Ready my place to fill;
Ready for service, lowly or great,
Ready to do His will.

"The day following graduation a group of us including C. T. Richards, W. A. Thompson, Phillip Morgan, E. U. Carter, and J. H. Lester left the campus of the college to do colporteur work in Georgia. W. A. Thompson and I were partners. Providence was surely good to us. God helped us to deliver several hundred dollars' worth of the book, *The Hope of the Race*, with a subscription to the *Message Magazine*. During our weekends we gave Bible studies in the community. Before the summer ended seventeen souls were baptized, and a new church was organized in Hilton, Georgia.

"I left the colporteur field to go into the classroom in Macon, Georgia, and later moved on to Charlotte, North Carolina. I served as teacher, pastor, and associate publishing department secretary in the Carolina Conference.

"Ohio was my next field of labor, where I taught church school in Dayton and Toledo. The load was getting too heavy for one to carry alone, and the Lord graciously gave me a wonderful helpmeet. In 1939, Miss Hortense Robinson, of Washington, D.C., became Mrs. Hortense Robinson. Elder F. L. Peterson performed the ceremony on the campus of Nannie Burrough's School. We returned to Ohio where I served

as pastor in Dayton, Toledo, Springfield, Delaware, and Columbus.

"The Potomac Conference called us to pastoral-evangelistic work in Virginia, where we labored in Danville, Petersburg, and Richmond until the organization of regional conferences. I was asked to serve as departmental secretary of the Allegheny Conference. During the time I labored as departmental secretary, and carried the home missionary, Sabbath school, public relations, temperance, war service, radio, industrial relations, health and welfare work, and organized and operated the Bible correspondence school. Mrs. Robinson, a tower of strength, served as office secretary during much of this time.

"In addition to departmental duties, evangelistic efforts were conducted in Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Whitesboro, New Jersey; Eckman, West Virginia; Youngstown, Ohio, and Baltimore, Maryland. Two new churches—Whitesboro, New Jersey, and Eckman-Kimball, West Virginia—were organized. The membership in Youngstown was more than doubled, and a good harvest of souls was reaped in Baltimore.

"When Elder W. L. Cheatham was called to the presidency of the Allegheny Conference, I was asked to succeed him as pastor of Berea Temple, Baltimore, Maryland—the largest church in the conference. Building upon the strong program of Elder Cheatham, the Lord enabled us to burn the mortgage five years ahead of schedule. During the twenty-two-month period of our pastorate in Baltimore nearly 150 souls were baptized, even though we had no public tent meetings.

"Again we were called to labor in Ohio. We went to Cleveland to continue the building program that had been so nobly advanced by Elder R. T. Hudson. The work on the \$150,000 day academy went forward progressively, and it was in its final stages when we accepted the call to the Northeastern Conference.

"The work is really moving onward in the Northeastern Conference. Elder H. D. Singleton is giving strong leadership to the work in this grow-

ing conference. At our laymen's rally more than three thousand were present. Ministers and members alike are fired for evangelism. We have enjoyed wonderful fellowship and friendship with our associates. The intervening days will only serve to strengthen the tie of love that binds our hearts together.

"We thank our many friends for their prayerful interest in us. Continue your petitions for us as we leave for Uganda astride the equator in the heart of Africa."

F. L. PETERSON

Reports from the Mission Fields

Brother Douglass Tate and family, who have completed their first year of service as missionaries in Liberia, have sent in their first report to the INFORMANT. The report speaks well for Brother Tate's first teaching experience as well as his first attempt at leading young Africans to Christ at one of our training schools.

For the encouragement of our missionaries, the INFORMANT staff requests its readers to join them in frequent exchanges of news items with our missionaries overseas.

Brother Tate's report follows:

"As we come to the close of the 1956 school year here, we praise God for what has been done. We certainly feel that we have made gains and progress in three areas—educationally, materially, and spiritually.

"Professor T. W. Cantrell has given forceful leadership in the educational work. He has laid broad plans that will serve the institution for some time to come.

"Pastor R. W. Simons, the mission treasurer, has led out in enlarging and maintaining our physical plant. At the present time a much-needed administration building with classrooms is being completed. This building is supposed to be ready for the new school year that begins in February. Already a clinic building is completed and will begin operating the first of the new year. Mrs.

ankie Cantrell, B.A., R.N., will be in charge.

"I have led out in the religious work, and we are happy to report that twenty-five young people were baptized this year. Also we are thankful for the gains in our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings. The first quarter we raised \$92; the second quarter we raised \$106; and the third quarter \$107.68. In addition to this a few of our young people have indicated a desire to enter mission work. In this field where there is a dearth of African workers, we thank God for these young people. For them we have organized training classes. We hope that in the near future we will have several workers to send into the field.

"Please continue your prayers for this field."

(Editor's Note: Since this letter was received, Brother Tate has had to return to the United States for medical treatment.)

Two recent letters from Ruth Faye Smith will be of interest to readers of the INFORMANT. Approximately two and one-half years ago this stalwart young woman answered a call for foreign mission service and became our first unmarried woman teacher to represent overseas the Regional Department of the General Conference.

Her many friends and well-wishers will want to join the INFORMANT staff in a joyful welcome and friendly greeting in the form of letters to her home when she arrives. The letters from her speak beautifully of the influence of a missionary's magnificent work. All hail the worthy young woman!

"Almost two and one-half years have passed since I arrived in the Gold Coast; the time has gone very quickly. Indeed, it has been a wonderful privilege to work with the people here, and as I look back over the few years my heart leaps for joy to realize that some of my dreams have materialized.

"As a home economics teacher my interest lies mainly in the home, and from the first day I arrived it was my determination to contribute something toward the betterment of the homes here. The Dorcas Society gave me an excellent opportunity, because here I worked with the teachers' wives and some of the vil-

lage women. My first project was to show the women how they could improve their homes inexpensively by using what they had with only a few additions. They were encouraged to make flower gardens to beautify their surroundings, and vegetable gardens to save the family income. Although there were many talks and demonstrations given, it seemed as though there were no definite improvements.

"I decided to try a different project to interest the women. This one was welcomed as it pertained to the study and preparation of foods. The sessions were well attended by the young as well as the old; they especially enjoyed tasting the various foods. We baked bread in kerosene tins, made cookies, and prepared other foods. Besides the practical side they enjoyed talks on how to get a balanced diet from their native foods. Yes, this project was working, but I still wasn't satisfied with the first project being a failure.

"The work in the Dorcas Society was done outside of school time, so there was still the assurance of teaching the college girls the necessity of making their homes attractive, with the hope that they would inspire others. To give the girls experience in beautifying their homes, they had the opportunity of improving their dormitory and home economics room. Everyone worked together for several weeks, painting walls, scrubbing tables, and nailing milk crates together to make into dressing tables. This was not all. Windows were washed, curtains and bedspreads were made, flowers were planted around the dormitory, and in short there was quite a transformation. Although the girls had to work hard, they were very pleased when they finished. To inspire them we had 'Open House' and invited the staff members, their wives, and the male students.

"After the dormitory open house, one could see the homes about the campus beginning to show vast improvements. At last the women were catching the spirit. What a joy! What a thrill to know that your work has not been in vain. The

dormitory was improved, the homes were improving, and the Dorcas women were busy preparing for their sale.

"The sale was quite an occasion. Crowds of people were anxiously awaiting the doors to open to rush in and purchase the articles for sale. Some of the things for sale were old dresses, shoes, handbags, children's clothing that the women had made, cakes, cookies, and several kinds of African foods. As a result of the sale, eight pounds fifteen shillings (\$24.40) were added to the treasury. Although this sum may seem very small to you at home, it is quite beneficial to the people here, as the native foods are inexpensive. The Dorcas Society makes use of the funds to purchase foods and other articles to give to the sick and needy. On Sabbath afternoons the Dorcas Society, which includes some of the college girls, goes into nearby villages with the Picture Roll and pamphlets carrying tidings of a soon-coming Saviour. They also carry with them large baskets of food to give to those who may be in need.

"To climax the work of the women, I returned to the college girls who were successful in completing their dresses for a fashion show at the end of the school term. It was the first time most of them had made dresses, and each girl did very well. There were a few distinguished guests to honor the occasion. In the group were the chief of a nearby village and the district education officer.

"Our women in the Gold Coast are awakening to their responsibility as the wives and mothers of an emerging nation. They are beginning to take their places in society and in the education of their children for usefulness in this world, and for a home in the better world. Please remember them in your prayers as they go forward in the work of God.

"Yes, there is a new day dawning on Africa's Gold Coast, and my dream is fast becoming a reality.

"I will sail March 13, 1957, for England. That will be one week after the Gold Coast, which will then be called Ghana, celebrates

her independence. She will be the first West African colony to attain self-government. I will remain in England for one month to tour parts of Europe, and will sail to the States on April 24, 1957, on the S.S. *United States*.

"Sincerely,
RUTH FAYE SMITH"

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The following news items have come from M. T. Battle, president of the Liberian Mission.

"We arrived in Liberia about six months ago. We were delighted to find Pastor Henri still here, and he remained for about ten days with us before going to Lagos, Nigeria.

"It didn't take us too long to get adjusted to the mores of West Africa and our health has been just about perfect, with the exception of Mrs. Battle who was ill a couple of days soon after our arrival. We are thoroughly enjoying our work here, and it presents a mighty challenge to us with such a vast amount of unentered territory. The people are very friendly and easy to work with.

"I have just returned from Accra, Gold Coast, where we had our annual union committee meeting. Several forward steps were taken at this session. Our new union president is H. J. Welch, formerly the educational and missionary volunteer secretary of the union. Pastor A. J. Dickay, an African who was acting treasurer of the East Nigerian Mission, was elected president of that mission, and R. W. Simons was called to become the treasurer. The East Nigerian Mission is the largest in West Africa, with more than eight thousand members and about twenty-two thousand Sabbath school members. Pastor Simons accepted this call. Pastor Henri was elected secretary of the Ministerial Association of the union in addition to the work of union evangelist.

"It's going to be very difficult to

replace Pastor Simons, as he was quite gifted. This was discussed at length at our union meeting. Inasmuch as our mission is very small, we really do not need a full-time treasurer. Pastor Simons took care of all our building as well as helping in our church activities. Our greatest need over here at the present time is evangelism. Consequently, we need an evangelist who can act as treasurer and who also has some knowledge of constructing buildings. This is urgent, as we have a number of our young African workers who need training in this respect.

"Because of physical reasons, Brother Douglas Tate has had to return to the States. He has had to leave us at a very critical time, as school will open soon for the first term of 1957. Miss Ruth Faye Smith, of Bekwai Training School, is coming to help until a replacement can be found for Brother Tate. Miss Smith's furlough is due in April, so we will have to work fast. We need a teacher family, that is, a family in which both husband and wife could teach.

"In general our work is moving forward."

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

SCOTT: Alma J. Scott, 82, a pioneer in many Washington civic and social activities for the past 60 years, died February 5 at Freedmen's Hospital of pneumonia.

Born in Brenham, Tex., Mrs. Scott, wife of the late attorney, Edward L. Scott, moved to Washington with her family in 1897. For more than half a century she was connected with Howard University as a student and in alumni activities. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of the university, represented the faculty at her funeral.

Since 1916, Mrs. Scott had been a member of the First Seventh-day Adventist church. She served for eight years as superintendent of the Sabbath school and was a member of the school board.

She is survived by a son, James E. Scott of Washington, D.C.; a granddaughter, Barbara Preiskel, of New York City; and two great-grandsons.