



Miracles in Miami

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MIAMI, the largest city in Florida, is known internationally not only as a city of miracle weather, tropical beauty, and abundant wealth but also as a city of paradoxes. It is said to be a city that loves both virtue as well as vice, truth as well as tradition, and the gospel as well as good times.

But during recent months God has worked miracles through the Holy Spirit, divine providence, and His Word upon the hearts of men and women in this great metropolis at the southernmost part of the United States.

The first of many miracles God performed during the summer of

1962, was the miracle of divine grace upon the hearts of Miami's leading men of government. The city commission, the metropolitan judge, the building department heads, and the fire department chiefs not only granted a variance to city code but permitted a canvas tent to be erected within the city limits of Miami for the first time in nearly a decade. Similar requests by other organizations had been repeatedly denied. But to be able to preach the gospel publicly under a canvas canopy among the thousands of Negro Americans who live in downtown Miami was accomplished
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The Supremacy of Preaching

By MILTON THOMAS

(Talk given at Allegheny Conference Workers' Meeting)

A MINISTER has many functions of an imperative nature to discharge. Should he fail in any of these, his total ministry is weakened. He has *priestly* functions, such as the conduct of worship, the administration of the sacraments, public prayer, pastoral visitations, performing marriages, and burying the dead. He has *administrative* functions. He is the local chief administrator. Every department of the church needs his counsel and guidance; also he must be a good businessman and make many sound business decisions. He has *denominational* functions. He is expected to promote with vigor the varied General, union, and local conference projects, ranging from Ingathering to the local conference academy needs. He has *community* functions. The minister should be keenly aware of his civic responsibilities, taking an active part in the righteous crusades, cultural projects, and drives for community betterment.

All of these functions are essential. None can be neglected with impunity, as "the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee." To fail to function efficiently in any one of these areas is to fail to be "thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:17).

While preaching is not the minister's *exclusive* task, it is his *supreme* one. "How then shall they



REEVES STUDIOS

Warren S. Banfield, president, South Atlantic Conference, presents evangelism plaque to Eric C. Ward in recognition of seventeen years of evangelism in the Southern Union, as Mrs. Gwendolyn Ward looks on.

call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14).

To Timothy, a young minister beset with problems in church management, meeting financial commitments, enlarging his congregation, meeting heresies and schisms, seeking the advice of Paul, was given this reply: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2). This advice is good today. Spiritual maladies of all and every sort can be cured with preaching the Word.

See Massillon before the dissolute court of Louis XIV. His subject is "The Small Number of the Elect." With somber and terrible eloquence he describes the worldliness and fleshliness of his hearers, and drives his words home like a living spear into their consciences, so that at once many of them pass from liberalism to preciseness of conduct.

See another mighty preacher, John Wesley, rich in scholarship, profound in thought, confronting ten thousand people on an open field. In front stands a group of toughs, bricks in hand; but lo, he preaches with the passion of a prophet and the tenderness of a shepherd. The fashion of his countenance is changed, the stones drop from the hands of his would-be assailants and one of them cries, "See he shines," "he glistens."

Our congregations will not forgive us if we neglect to preach. God will not forgive us if we neglect to preach. "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Eze. 3:18). We cannot forgive ourselves for not preaching, for we know "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16).

To preach effectually and consistently the preacher must prepare himself and his message with efficiency. To fail to prepare is to

prepare to fail. I am convinced that the bedrock on which Christian preaching builds is the devotional life of the minister. This does not mean that native gifts, strong personality, general and theological knowledge, and persistent study of the art of communication are of little worth. It means, however, that one can have all these and yet fail to be an effective preacher. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

Undoubtedly the Spirit-filled life is that life which is centered in Christ, in prayer, contemplation, meditation, deep reverent study of the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and devotional classics. Listen to the pain-filled cries of Augustine; follow the searching of Thomas a Kempis. The life of prayer is a rocky road, but Jesus taught that sacrifice is the principle whereby spiritual progress is made. "If you would have the rich treasures of heaven, you must hold secret communion with God. Unless you do this, your soul will be . . . destitute of the Holy Spirit."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 272.

Dr. John Henry Jowett wrote, "I have not failed to study; I have not failed to meditate; but I have failed to pray . . . why . . . because I had something else to do."

Most of us are not preachers or pastors, but organizational promoters; mechanics, ever busy around the ecclesiastical machine, oiling gears, tightening nuts, screwing bolts, and pushing buttons. Martin Luther spent no less than three hours every day in the secret place of the Most High. George Stewart says, "Take time for prayer and you will save time for work."

Planning is essential in sermon preparation. In the selection of topics the pastor will consider the cycle of truth, the needs of the local congregation, and the sermonic year or years.

Use some thought in sermon preparation. A Senator when asked what he thought about a certain issue said, "I haven't time to think. I have to make a speech." To preach we must think.

A good text that summarizes homiletics is Ecclesiastes 12:9, "And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs." Note that he (1) gave good heed, (2) sought out truth, (3) set it in order.

There are many types of sermons. One is the topical sermon, where you can reduce your message to one sentence. You know where you are going before you try to go there. Another is the biographical sermon, in which one deals with the lives of the great, the near great, and even the failures of Bible times. There is the prophetic sermon, as found in Daniel and the Revelation. The textual sermon is the message developed from the one text. The expository sermon deals with long passages, chapters, and even whole books and applies them to present-day problems and situations. The last that I will mention is the life-situation sermon that meets specific human needs.

As ministers we should remember that variety is the key to survival, and then vary our sermon types from time to time.

Length of sermons: "Lengthy discourses are a taxation to the speaker and a taxation to the hearers who have to sit so long. *One half* the matter presented would be of more benefit to the hearer than the large mass poured forth by the speaker. That which is spoken in the *first hour* is of far more value if the sermon closes then than the words that are spoken in an added half hour. . . . You have given the people a large amount of matter to consider; one half of what you have given would be of much greater profit than the whole. . . . Speak short, and you will create an interest to hear again and again."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 256-258. (Italics supplied.)

"Preach the truth in its simplicity, but let your discourses be short. Dwell decidedly on a few important points. . . . Speak short. Your discourses are generally double the length they should be. It is

able to handle a good thing in such manner that it loses its flavor. . . . Do not wander, but come right to the point."—*Ibid.*, pp. 310, 311. "There are long-drawn-out discourses, largely made up of the relation of anecdotes; but the hearts of the hearers are not touched. . . . Let discourses be short, spiritual, elevated."—*Ibid.*, pp. 336-338.

"Let the message for this time be presented, not in long, labored discourses, but in short talks, right to the point. Lengthy sermons tax the strength of the speaker and the patience of his hearers. . . . Many speakers waste their time and strength in long preliminaries and excuses. Some use nearly half an hour in making apologies; thus time is wasted."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 167, 168.

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neither by trick, clique, or inside pull, but an intervention of God in behalf of His people. Calvin B. Rock, superintendent of the Greater Miami district in the South Atlantic Conference, presented our request before the governing bodies of this city.

The second miracle was that 1,000 to 1,300 persons attended the opening services and continued through the nights, weeks, and months of preaching from April through September, and especially on Sabbath mornings when the temperature ranged at 100° and possibly higher under the canvas ceiling of the big gospel tent. Under these conditions nearly 300 souls presented themselves for baptism (299 to be exact at this writing), with a potential score or more who will be baptized in future weeks. It might be mentioned, in addition, that 28 persons were rebaptized.

The third miracle was that no one was hit by gunfire, when two rival teen-age gangs "shot it out" in front of the big tent one Sunday night last July. Four bullets were fired into the crowd of nearly 1,200 persons as they were leaving the

services that evening. Seven of the gang members came back the following week, requesting that we give them Bible studies and copies of the sermons.

The fourth miracle was a miracle of controlled weather. This was how God held in check the winds of hurricane destruction that developed just southeast of Miami, and did not permit one of the four storms that headed for the city of Miami to reach even the mainland of southeastern United States.

The fifth miracle was a composite of the supernatural worked by the Spirit of God in the lives of men, women, and youth who were willing to step forward to added light and accept absolute truth. A conjure specialist, a man whom God was seeking, fell eleven stories down an elevator shaft and lived to tell the story and be baptized with his wife. Husbands were baptized for whom wives had prayed for more than a quarter of a century, and lifelong illness was healed immediately after being baptized. The stories and testimonies of hundreds of changed lives and enlightened minds, space would not permit relating.

There were many people who worked hard to make this program a success. The youth, laymen, and literature evangelists, along with the conference-employed workers spent thousands of hours and walked hundreds of miles from door to door to make the preached Word effective.

The evangelistic team consisted of Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Ward, Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Rock, Pastor and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Hinson, Pastor and Mrs. E. J. Lewis, Pastor and Mrs. Davis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Pastor Bobby Douglas, Prof. George Blackburn, and Professor Brown. Also Mrs. Hasty, organist; Mr. Adolphus, pianist; Maggie Irwin who directed the gospel choir, and L. L. Farrington, youth choir director. Guest soloists were Jackie Cornell, Joyce Bryant, and Richard Penniman; religious counselors were Mrs. O. M. Harris, Mrs. A. E. Palmer, Mrs. W. D. Person, Mrs.

L. Cornelius; Herbert Long was the chief usher for the 80-member usher board; Mrs. V. Long and Mrs. L. Gater and sixteen youth secretaries prepared and mailed nearly 50,000 pieces of literature and a special team of eighteen lay visitors were responsible for at least 106 baptisms; Willie Boles and Wallace Battle served as twenty-four-hour tent custodians.

Those who gave strong financial support to the program were Dr. H. C. Nelson, Jr., Dr. O. D. Anderson, Dr. A. W. McCorkle, Carl Raffe, and the administration of the Hialeah Sanitarium.

There are now three churches of the department in the Greater Miami area. Pastor E. J. Lewis is the minister of the newly organized church in downtown Miami with 174 members. The remaining members are divided among the churches in the Miami district under Pastor C. B. Rock in the Liberty City and Brownville areas.

The prayers of God's people everywhere were appreciated for the work of the gospel in this section of the Master's vineyard.

Bombay Report

ON OCTOBER 8, 1962, I embarked for India by way of Paris, Rome, Athens, and Cairo. The giant Boeing 707 arrived in Bombay only forty-two hours after departing from New York's Idlewild Airport. On hand to greet me were eight members of the union staff with flowers and words of welcome.

Between forty-seven and fifty-five ministers were in attendance at institute classes five days a week. In connection with the classes, public lectures, held in the Sunderbai Hall, were well attended. Every support was extended the institute from the division, union, and Spicer College. Andrews University also endorsed the class in evangelism for credit. Spicer College administration was kind enough to lend the services of Pastor M. E. Cherian as guest instructor. He taught Bible doctrines

and ministerial ethics. Classes were held four hours a day and public lectures nightly.

This gathering was a virtual United Nations in its cosmopolitan composition. Besides citizens of India, there were present Australian, English, Canadian, and American citizens. A spirit of harmony prevailed throughout as we focused on our common objective. Ten students from Spicer College were in attendance, and a chorus of young women faithfully provided music for the public gatherings.

After the institute in Bombay it was my privilege to spend five days in Rangoon, Burma. Twenty-two ministers attended the classes there, and public lectures were given in the church and at the city hall. The spirit of the workers in Burma is high, and the brethren are of good courage.

Of interest to the readers of THE INFORMANT is the fact that Dr. B. Yvonne Stockhausen of Jamaica serves as physician and surgeon of the Rangoon Hospital. The Southern Asia Division is a thoroughly integrated division with four citizens of India serving on the division staff. My visit was an unforgettable experience, and my prayers will ever follow the work and workers of Southern Asia.

EARL E. CLEVELAND



Members of the union staff who greeted Earl E. Cleveland when he arrived in Bombay.

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William H. Sebastian, Pioneer Minister With Morning Star Movement

WILLIAM H. SEBASTIAN, 91, one of the ministers who pioneered with the *Morning Star* movement in the South, died at his home in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1962.

Born in Marietta, Pennsylvania, Elder Sebastian attended the old Battle Creek College and afterward took up work as a teacher and a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He held several pastorates in the southern part of the United States before retiring in 1947.

Returning to Marietta in 1948, he remained there for eight years before moving to Pine Forge in 1956 where he lived until his death.

Elder Sebastian was possessed with an active mind and loved to recount the occasions at which it was his pleasure to see and hear Ellen G. White. He was a gifted Bible student, and in addition to his public presentations he contributed numerous articles to church publications.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lulu Bennett Sebastian, a nephew, and seven nieces.

Christian Benefit Association Re-organized With Greater Benefits

THE Allegheny Conference extended its congratulations to Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, founder of the Christian Benefit Association, and Jacob Justiss, conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, who is chairman of the benefit association board under the new underwritten policy.

After twelve years of successful operation with a membership ap-



BY PINKNEY

The late William H. Sebastian.

proaching 2,000, the State of Ohio, with one of the nation's tightest insurance codes, forbade C.B.A. to continue to pay its \$500 benefit, stating that it was too high. The alternate of \$250 was too low for many younger members, hence many of them withdrew, leaving only the aged whose rapid mortality rate imperiled the finances of the organization. Mrs. Barnett pressed forward in faith, reorganized her board and under the leadership of Jacob Justiss, Donald B. Simons, William R. Robinson, Mrs. Bertha Crawford, Mrs. Anne Valles, Albert Berrien, and William Boyer, one of the giants of the nation's insurance companies was constrained to underwrite every policyholder of the Christian Benefit Association. One insurance official termed this "the greatest single move in church benefit policies."

Under this new underwritten policy the insurance company is responsible for every new policy written by C.B.A. paying benefits of \$1,000 *natural death* and \$2,000 for *accidental death*, at lower rates proportionately than C.B.A. had under its original plan and one half the price of standard life insurance policies.

Frank L. Peterson and Calvin E. Moseley, Jr., of the General Conference and Harold D. Singleton and Frank L. Bland of the General Con-

ference Regional Department have joined to congratulate Mrs. Barnett on this great first in church benefit history. William L. Cheatham, president of Allegheny Conference, led the other Regional conference presidents by personally sending greetings to Mrs. Barnett and her board.

May God continue to prosper this association as more and more young adults ask to join its rapidly growing membership, to participate not alone in its benefits but to share in the other great aim of the association—scholarship aid to needy students.

JACOB JUSTISS
Allegheny Conference
MV Secretary and
Chairman C.B.A. Board



D. B. SIMONS

Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, founder of the Christian Benefit Association, shows a check for \$1,000 made out to beneficiaries to Jacob Justiss, association board chairman.

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Lake Region Workers' Meeting

ON JANUARY 6 and 7, 1963, the workers of the Lake Region Conference gathered in Chicago for their first workers' meeting of the year. Despite the fact that 1962 was General Conference year, necessitating

many pastors being absent from the field, the working force reported well over four hundred baptisms for the year.

This has been an unusual year in Ingathering, with quick victory in the large churches of the conference. More than \$62,000 has already been raised and more is to come.

At the victory celebration special honor was accorded John W. Elmore, Sr., "the layman of the year" for meritorious service in lay evangelism for the year 1962. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that in thirteen years Brother Elmore had led more than 200 persons to Christ.

Charles E. Bradford, president of the Lake Region Conference, challenged the assembled ministers to aim for outstanding performances in all areas of church activity for the year 1963. Pastors were enthusiastic in accepting this year as a year of

greater pastor-layman cooperation. The ministers to a man were firm in their resolve to place every church member on the front line in some form of evangelistic service this year, while each plans on intensifying his own service in public evangelism. It was a Spirit-filled session from beginning to end, and an occasion enjoyed by all.

The Lake Region Conference is at present holding officer-efficiency classes throughout the conference for the improvement of the total church service. I was present at the one in Gary. Officers were standing for want of seating space. I also spent two days with the congregations of the Chicago area, preaching to nearly 2,000 people in two services. The work in the Lake Region Conference is moving ahead, and we have in that field a dedicated ministry.

EARL E. CLEVELAND

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Baptisms in Northeastern

THERE has been a continuous increase in baptisms in Northeastern Conference during the past six years. In 1956 our membership was 4,440. Baptisms for that year totaled 307.

In 1957 we were able to reach the 500 mark for the first year since the organization of the conference.

From 1956 through 1961 we had total baptisms of 3,068, with a net gain in membership over the six-year period of 2,742—an average baptism per year for the same period, 511.

1962 was a good year in evangelism for Northeastern Conference, even though only one major effort was held in the conference, owing to the General Conference session when a great number of our ministers took their vacations.

At the close of the year we had baptized 474, with a net gain of approximately 400. Our membership

at the close of the fourth quarter was more than 7,500. This represents a 5,300 increase in membership during the 18 years the conference has been organized.

We are not satisfied with the past record. Our ministers have pledged total effort, under God, to do something unusual in these crisis days.

We look forward to 1963 with great anticipation, for this is the year we have set ourselves, under God, to make 1,000 new Seventh-day Adventists. We have in hand pledges from every district in the conference. These pledges total more than 1,200.

We are urging our constituents to give themselves to prayer, fasting, and diligent labor to prepare the field for the many reaping efforts we plan for 1963.

Plans are in preparation for a great laymen's congress for 1963. We are convinced that until the laymen join hands with the ministry and move forward in faith, the work of God will never be finished in the earth.

The watchword in Northeastern is Evangelize! Evangelize! Evangelize!

F. L. JONES

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ONCE a year the opportunity is given to the members of the churches in the North American Regional Department to obtain subscriptions at a reduced rate for the *Message Magazine* as a means of missionary endeavor in order that it might be sent to persons in whom one is interested. Just think of it—the message of truth going to a person's house, regularly witnessing for Jesus. Many should send ten, twenty-five or even more missionary subscriptions to their friends. Certainly the least any should send is two subscriptions.

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May God guide you in your deci-

sion to partake of this opportunity. You will hear of it in your church at the time appointed.

HAROLD D. SINGLETON

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OUR *Message Magazine* offers in 1963 a new exceptional service for your church. Our *Message Magazine* enters a new and broader era of evangelism. Remembering the great challenge of the General Conference session, we will, under the caption of "Sharing the Blessed Hope," present a truly Christ-centered, Christ-revealing and Christ-filled evangelistic journal.

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R. J. CHRISTIAN

Perspectives and Prospects In *The Message* . . . for 1963

IN THESE perilous times Cuba, the Congo, the Berlin wall, Vietnam, and other trouble spots have become living symbols of tension and crisis. The future is in the hands of God, but in the light of Bible prophecy the *Message Magazine* boldly predicts that 1963 is certain to unfold one crisis after another. Multitu^d

Who are without God and without hope "in the valley of decision" are asking, "What do these things mean?" Thus the greatest crisis of the ages presents to God's remnant church its finest opportunity to declare, "We have this hope that burns within our hearts—hope in the coming of the Lord!" Now in its twenty-ninth year of publication, *Message Magazine* has been tested and proved in the matter of soul winning and is most effective in fund-raising. Our dynamic missionary journal, the *Message Magazine*, sparkles with spiritual radiance because it is "Christ centered for appeal, Christ filled for conversion, Christ revealing for salvation." In 1963 each issue of *The Message* will come packed with such top-quality, attention-gripping features as the following:

1. A brand-new series of preprint and reprint center-spread articles by leading writers, persons of thought and action, in top echelons of leadership.

2. A new series on the subject "God's Way in the Sanctuary," by A. Wellington Clarke.
3. Articles of outstanding merit by Elders F. L. Peterson, C. E. Moseley, Jr., E. E. Cleveland, W. B. Ochs, W. W. Fordham, W. S. Lee, and W. A. Fagal.
4. Another brand-new feature, "Youth on the March," will provide young people with a real outlet for spiritual, cultural, and social growth and expression.
5. The July, 1963, issue will be devoted to the theme "Today's Youth in Quest of Spiritual Values."
6. "Music in Worship" will be a continuing feature by O. B. Edwards, Ph.D.
7. Dr. Eva B. Dykes's "Morning Meditations," dietitian Mrs. Thelma Harris' "Food for Health," Dr. C. A. Dent's "The Doctor Answers," and Dr. W. A. Coopwood's "Health News in

Capsule" will continue to brighten our pages.

8. Poetry of rare beauty and surpassing inspirational power will adorn every issue.
9. From the writings of Ellen G. White will come "Great Treasures of Wisdom and Truth."

Words cannot convey the heartfelt gratitude that our entire *Message Magazine* staff extends to the many faithful workers and well-wishers who have exerted their efforts and influence to make our magazine ministry most effective during 1962. Our paid subscribers now number well over 30,000. This figure is higher than it has ever been in our history. For this we do humbly praise God and sincerely thank His faithful leaders and dear people. But let us not stop to congratulate ourselves; we are still far from attaining the minimum goal of 100,000 subscribers. Let us set our sights on greater exploits for God with *Message Magazine* in 1963!

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Elder H. W. Kibble

HARVEY W. KIBBLE, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary for the Northeastern Conference, is in full swing with his duties in the new field, having achieved the 1963 Ingathering goal in record time. Elder Kibble comes to Northeastern from the Lake Region field where for the past ten years he served as conference president.

Elder Kibble served as pastor of the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York, for a number of years before accepting a call to Chicago.

His service record spans thirty-four years. He was graduated from Oakwood College in 1928, and through the years has served in four different unions—the Southwestern Union, the Columbia Union, the Lake Union, and the Atlantic Union. He has pastored churches in Houston, Texas; Newark, New Jer-

sey; Chicago, Illinois; and Brooklyn, New York.

His wife, Mrs. Thelma Winston Kibble, also a graduate of Oakwood College, is a church school teacher in St. Albans, New York. The Kibbles have six children. The three older sons, Harvey, Jr., Herman, and Harold are ordained ministers. The first two are pastors in the Southern California Conference and the third is a pastor in Brooklyn, New York. The older daughter, Mrs. Marie Robinson, is employed in the accounting office of the University of Chicago. The younger daughter, Ann LaVerne, is a freshman at Andrews University, and Alvin, the youngest, is a senior at Broadview Academy, near Chicago.

Elder R. H. Carter

WE ARE happy to introduce Robert H. Carter, the new pastor of the Ephesus church. Elder Carter has



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Harvey W. Kibble



Robert H. Carter

already assumed the responsibilities of church leadership.

Elder Carter first came to us as an intern over ten years ago, at which time he was sent to the Ephesus church as assistant pastor. While there he inaugurated the Ephesus youth church, which has been in operation since his ministry there.

Upon finishing his internship at the Ephesus church, Elder Carter was called to the leadership of the New Rochelle district where he did a highly acceptable work. During his ministry there he held the first tent effort to be held for a number of years and baptized 25 persons. From that starting point the New Rochelle church has expanded continually in membership until today the church is filled to capacity on the Sabbath.

Elder Carter also held a tent effort in Albany the summer following his very successful campaign in New Rochelle. Approximately 25 persons were baptized there. This baptism helped to really establish our Capital City church, which had just purchased a new building.

The Carters were then called to Rochester. As the Carters arrived the church was in the process of purchasing a new building. This purchase was completed under Elder Carter's administration, and during this time he held a large city-wide tent effort. By the end of the year approximately 100 persons were baptized.

Elder and Mrs. Carter are highly esteemed and are fine church leaders.

Mrs. Carter, the former Rose Marie Vaughn, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of Oakwood College. She is an excellent musician, as well as an able teacher, and has given years of service as a secretary.

Elder Carter is a graduate of Oakwood College also. He is a graduate also of the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, where he received his Master's degree in religion.

We are pleased that the Carters have answered the call from the conference committee to accept the heavy responsibility as leaders of the largest church in the conference and

the largest Regional church in North America. We feel that under God this family will do much to lead the Ephesus church to greater heights. We wish them Godspeed in this new responsibility.

F. L. JONES
Press Secretary

Helen M. Jackson Bride of Winston K. Marshalleck

BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S Marsh Chapel was the scene of the wedding of Helen Martha Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Jackson of Boston, Massachusetts, to Mr. Winston Karl Marshalleck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Marshalleck of Rochester, New York.

The ceremony was performed by the groom's uncle, Elder Charles Eaton of Bridgeport, Connecticut, assisted by Elder Eugene F. Carter of Boston, Massachusetts. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

The bride is a graduate of Boston University where she received her B.A. degree in sociology last year.

Mr. Marshalleck is completing courses in business administration at Rochester Institute of Technology.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Rochester, New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Winston K. Marshalleck

PACIFIC UNION

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News Notes

★ Two meetings conducted by Byron R. Spears, evangelist in the Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, area, resulted in more than 100 souls being baptized. This has added strength to both the Beacon Light church and the other churches in the area as well as the church in the Tucson, Arizona, area.

★ Our Liberty Park church in Salt Lake City, Utah, has always reached its goals in every area: Ingathering, *Message Magazine*, Sabbath school, and missions. There is no conference pastor. The church is under the leadership of William G. Green, who is a retired employee of one of the large hotels in Salt Lake City. Brother Green has given excellent leadership through the years.

★ In Northern California, an evangelistic campaign is being conducted by A. G. Ratcliffe with all of the churches in the Oakland area co-operating. The meetings began in the city auditorium and will no doubt be transferred to the Shrine auditorium for a continuation. We are happy for these concerted, co-operative efforts, involving all of our ministers in the area. The same type of meeting is being conducted in Stockton by Evangelist Spears, with the cooperation of all the pastors in the area. This is the third time that Elder Spears has conducted evangelistic meetings in Stockton. The attendance is good and the prospects are encouraging.

★ William E. Galbreth conducted a tent evangelistic campaign in the city of Fresno, California. We are happy that it was a success. We are especially glad to see the success of the Bible marking plan and also the Five-Day Plan for overcoming the cigarette habit, conducted in the church following the campaign.

Kenneth Smith was the associate evangelist in this campaign. The follow-up work is continuing, even though the air tabernacle has been taken down.

★ Adolphus E. Webb and his congregation in San Diego, California, are moving rapidly to the completion of their youth center. We are happy to say that the roof is on, and the building can now be used, even in inclement weather, for recreational purposes.

★ Clarence Williams of Fontana, California, has been conducting a series of meetings in the Juniper Avenue church, and the attendance has been very good.

★ As a result of Isadore Evans' evangelistic campaign in the Perris, California, area, more than 20 souls have been added to the church there. In spite of the fact that there was cold weather nearly every night of the campaign, the attendance was good throughout.

★ On September 15, 1962, the University church in Los Angeles, California, was dedicated free of debt. This means another fine edifice in the Los Angeles area, dedicated to the preaching of the gospel message for these last days. Under the leadership of J. W. Allison, the Wadsworth (University) church has worked faithfully in paying off the indebtedness on this church, which has been recently purchased.

★ The Berean church in Los Angeles, California, under the leadership of Dennis Black, is rapidly moving toward completion. This has been a great endeavor. It has meant great sacrifice and hard toil, but when the Berean church is completed, it will be one of the finest churches we have. We are looking forward to the date when the Berean church will be worshipping in their new edifice. This church is in a fine neighborhood on a prominent street in West Los Angeles.

★ Walton Whaley, during his first year internship, launched out in a tent on Central Avenue in Los Angeles, under the title, "Youth

Crusade." It was a real joy to see the young people leading out in every phase of this campaign. Each night the crowds came and listened to this youthful preacher as he fervently and clearly presented the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for these dedicated young men who are going all out for the salvation of souls in these last days.

★ James Melancon conducted an evangelistic campaign on the East Side of Los Angeles. In this same area a group of more than 40 people have been observing the Sabbath as a result of lay evangelism. There are many more that will be added to this group as this lay-evangelistic team continues to work under the direction of the Miramonte church and Elder Melancon.

★ William R. Robinson from the Independent SDA church in Chicago, Illinois, is now the pastor of our church at Pacoima, California. Plans have already been approved for the new church, and very shortly construction will begin. The church has received Elder Robinson enthusiastically. Elder Robinson has served as home missionary secretary of the Allegheny Conference; home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Northeastern Conference; pastor of the largest church in the Allegheny Conference, the Baltimore church; and has served as a mission president in West Africa. We are happy to have a worker of such wide experience join our working force in the Pacific Union.

Pacoima promises to be one of the fastest-growing areas for our work. Under the pastorate of Robert Andrews, who is now a worker in the Lake Region Conference, Pacoima purchased and paid for the present church lot. And it was under the leadership of Brother Andrews that the church reached the point of approval for their church building. We wish the Andrews family great success in their new field.

★ At the last meeting of our Pacific Union Conference interracial committee, November 6, it was recommended to enlarge our interracial

committee. In addition to the regular members, it now includes a representative from the Spanish and Japanese groups and also a representative from the educational department of the union—L. R. Rasmussen.

In 1963, plans are being made for workshops in race relations to be conducted in each conference in the Pacific Union during the workers' meetings. These workshops extend the lines of communication into areas where it is needed most—to the local pastors. We are also looking forward to conducting workshops with our school personnel. This, too, is a very important area, where the lines of communication, when extended, will prevent many problems that arise in the area of education. It is necessary also to keep up with the pace of the changing patterns in the world, in the churches, in the field of education, and in other areas where in the past there have been numerous racial problems. Many new sources of valuable material are being made available to us so that we can keep up to date in the field of race relations.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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South Atlantic Conference Workers' Meeting

The motto of the workers' meeting was "Crusade for Christ." The crowded agenda was divided into six parts. Each division had space for inspirational instruction, reports for 1962, and goals for 1963. Under the financial section, Lysle S. Follette, conference treasurer, was happy to report a \$40,000 increase in tithes. The conference plans a 7 per cent tithe increase and a 5 per cent Sabbath school offering increase in 1963. A total of \$90,000 was reported in hand for Ingathering.

Silas McClamb, publishing department secretary, in his usual fluent oratorical style outlined a "Many Member" publishing department program for 1963, which, combined with regular colporteur efforts, is expected to deliver \$170,000 in subscription book sales.

During discussion of pastoral evangelism it was pointed out that every member and every church service ought to be used in soul winning. Every Sabbath school member, every Young People's Missionary Volunteer member, old and young, could help win one for Christ in 1963. Samuel Thomas, home missionary leader of South Atlantic Conference, reported that 386 of the 900 people baptized in 1962 were won by laymen.

Special guests included Don R. Rees, president of the Southern Union, and Mrs. Rees; Desmond Cummings, union Missionary Volunteer secretary; James E. Dykes, editor of *Message Magazine*; Charles E. Dudley, South Central Conference president; Dr. J. Mark Cox, South Atlantic Conference medical secretary, and Mrs. Cox; Harold D. Singleton, General Conference Regional Department secretary, and Calvin E. Moseley, General Conference field secretary.

Reports included 106 baptized in St. Petersburg, Florida, as a result of the effort by J. Malcom Phipps; and 20 churches in the process of erection or remodeling.

The conference officers set a goal for souls for 1963 at 1,200, but the ministers were so inspired they increased it to 2,000.

THE famous hearth room of Stouffer's Restaurant in downtown Atlanta was the scene of the South Atlantic Conference workers' inspiring fellowship hour. General Conference personnel, union conference officers, South Atlantic Conference officers, workers, Bible instructors, doctors, teachers, and other friends and guests from the adjacent South Central Conference were present. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, famous pastor with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was the featured speaker. He urged the church to be silent on brotherhood no longer, but to "declare the full gospel."

Near the banquet's close Warren S. Banfield, newly elected president, awarded golden loving cups for outstanding achievements. Two literature cups were given. The first went to Walter A. Darby, who had the largest per capita of missionary sub-

scriptions to the *Message Magazine* and the second was awarded to E. M. Mouzon, who had the highest State deliveries in the publishing department.

The Ingathering cups went to Julian L. Williams, whose district was the first in North Carolina to go over the top; to Joseph L. Follette, whose district was the first in South Carolina to go over the top; to Delvert E. Davis, whose district in Georgia was the first to finish; to Benjamin Cummings, whose district in Florida was the first to complete its goal.

Two church school cups went to Harold L. Cleveland for the best all-round church school (Elder Cleveland insisted that the cup was earned by Mrs. Jessie Wagner, school principal, who was also present); and to Horace M. Barker, whose school showed the greatest improvement (they had erected a new building at a cost of \$60,000).

Three cups honoring baptismal gains went to Charles L. Cheatham, who had the most productive tent effort (excluding those held by union conference evangelists); to Franklin S. Hill, who had the largest baptism without a tent effort; and to Mrs. Ola Mae Harris, the Bible instructor, whose visitation list resulted in the largest number of baptisms.

Two cups in recognition of significant tithe returns went to Joseph Hinson, who had the largest per capita gain in tithes for the conference, and to Calvin B. Rock, whose district had the largest gain in tithes.

Eric C. Ward was the guest of honor. The occasion represented his last meeting with the South Atlantic workers before he left to take up a pastorate in San Diego, California. Eric C. Ward and Warren S. Banfield began their work in the South Atlantic Conference at the same time. Elder Ward has baptized 2,729 souls and built a church valued at \$100,000. His Miami meeting in 1962 resulted in 306 baptisms, and the organization of a new church. Gifts and a plaque were given to Elder and Mrs. Ward. A song was composed and sung for them.



PHOTOS REEVES STUDIOS

Mrs. W. S. Banfield, South Atlantic's first lady. Seated at her left, Mrs. Don R. Rees, Southern Union's first lady.



Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist church, Atlanta, Georgia. To his right, Calvin B. Rock, pastor, Miami, Florida.

Many a person said, "This was the best workers' meeting I have ever attended."

I. J. JOHNSON

SOUTH CENTRAL

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South Central's "Target '63" Workers' Meeting

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE held its workers' meeting at the Riverside chapel, December 17-19, 1962. It opened with a challenging devotional message by Harold D. Singleton, General Conference Regional secretary, which aroused each one to examine himself to see whether he is called—or chosen. The local president re-emphasized the challenge by directing the men to be forever cognizant of their purpose for being here "for such a time as this"—to help finish the work of God in this area and hasten His coming.

On Tuesday morning, Don R. Rees, union conference president, painted a vivid picture of the responsibility of the minister in answering his calling fully and making sure of being "chosen" instead of his "choosing" the ministry as his lifework. After this gripping worship period, Ned A. Lindsay led in the promotion of home missionary and Sabbath school evangelism for '63 with S. S. Will, union Sabbath school and home missionary leader, lending intensity to what had been said.

Louis E. Ford, conference treasurer, with deliberation presented the character-developing aspects of tithe paying and the giving of offerings to carry on the work of the church.

Christian education was of chief concern among our brethren attending this workers' meeting—a church school in every church is the goal of the wise-thinking pastor who wants to save his children along with their parents. This was the es-



REEVES STUDIOS

Seated, left to right: Benjamin B. Cummings, Lakeland, Florida, first district over in Florida for Ingathering; Franklin S. Hill, Savannah, Georgia, largest number of baptisms from pastoral and lay soul-winning work without an evangelistic effort; Mrs. Ola M. Harris, Tampa, Florida, largest number of souls for Bible worker; Mrs. Jessie R. Wagner, principal, Berean Junior Academy, Atlanta, Georgia, best all-round school in conference; Charles L. Cheatham, Columbus, Georgia, most successful effort, excluding those of the union and conference evangelists. Standing, left to right: Delvert E. Davis, Tallahassee, Florida, first district over in Ingathering for Georgia; Joseph Hinson, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, church with the largest tithe per-capita gain in South Atlantic; Joseph L. Follette, Florence, South Carolina, first district over in Ingathering for South Carolina; Horace M. Barker, Jacksonville, Florida, church school showing largest improvement in 1962; Walter A. Darby, Macon, Georgia, best *Message Magazine* subscription campaign; Julian L. Williams, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, first district over in Ingathering for North Carolina; Harold L. Cleveland, Atlanta, Georgia, best church school in South Atlantic; Hector M. Mouzon, Savannah, Georgia, largest number of deliveries in the colporteur work; and Calvin B. Rock, Miami, Florida, largest total tithe gain in South Atlantic.

sence of the thoughts portrayed by Fitzgerald H. Jenkins, Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary, to the workers in the chapel.

After having heard M. G. Cato, publishing secretary, speak of the colporteur ministry, each one felt that this work is indeed as important as the ministry. "Without a love for books the richest man is poor." "If you want to become rich, see Woods." Charles Woods made each one eager to stop in and browse and buy books at the Book and Bible House.

Then there was the opportunity for each worker to contribute something to "his meeting." Each pastor had been given an interesting topic to develop and present. This was profoundly done by each one. Had there been judges for this particular phase, they would have found it difficult to award any one minister the prize. How happy the worker was that he contributed something to the meeting rather than just sit and be "lectured to."

A victory banquet was held at the Albert Pick Motel. Ned A. Lindsay efficiently served as master of ceremonies for the enjoyable program presented. A delectable menu was planned which pleased the ap-

petite. Each one gave evidence of a pleasant evening spent.

Our roster of guests included James E. Dykes, *Message Magazine* editor; Dr. Carl A. Dent, medical director, Riverside Hospital; Dr. William E. Coopwood, physician, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Norman G. Simons, administrator, Riverside Hospital; Garland J. Millet, president, Oakwood College; Clarence Richards, head of theology, Oakwood College; L. J. Leiske, union conference secretary; H. E. Metcalf, Bible school secretary; Warren S. Banfield, president, South Atlantic Conference; Charles M. Willis, Review and Herald representative; and a number of ministerial students from Oakwood College.

To climax our successful workers' meeting, the president, Charles E. Dudley, presented "Target '63," a program to finish God's great work, to our pastors. The objectives were accepted with enthusiasm by each one. "We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord." With this hope in our hearts, we pledge to forge ahead to hit "Target '63."

Mrs. E. M. DUDLEY
Secretary to the President
South Central Conference

News Notes

★ At the Colporteur Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida, M. G. Cato and his co-workers reported almost \$100,000 in sales for South Central Conference in 1962.

★ Robert LaGrone has been added to our staff as associate publishing secretary. He is to serve the northern part of the conference. We feel a great work will be accomplished through his efforts.

★ Elder and Mrs. Charles R. Graham are happy to announce the birth of a son, Charles, Jr., born November 28, 1962.

★ Joseph Catron of Memphis, Tennessee, celebrated his one hundredth birthday a few days ago. He joined the Adventist Church more than a half century ago. We thank the Lord for the longevity of this beloved patriarch.

★ Riverside Hospital is constructing a lovely new dormitory for the nurses. Incidentally, if there are persons in your church whom you would like to encourage to take the practical nursing course Riverside offers, write to them regarding it.

★ The work among our believers at Tuskegee Institute is moving forward. It would thrill your heart to see how the group has grown in the past few months. It is their hope that a church home can be erected in the very near future.

★ Dr. J. B. Hundley has been voted the dental secretary for the South Central Conference. He will serve along with Dr. C. A. Dent who is medical secretary.

★ Earl L. Howard informs us of an entire church in his district whose members keep the Sabbath and who desire to come into the Adventist body.

★ Dr. and Mrs. William E. Coopwood are conducting a successful branch Sabbath school in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This Sabbath school is destined to be another church in South Central Conference.

★ Donald L. Crowder baptized 13 new believers in Louisville on the first Sabbath of the new year. Others are awaiting the same rite.

News From West Africa

FROM January 10 to 18, 1963, the West African Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held its annual union committee meetings. Assisting Thorvald Kristensen, president of the West African Union Mission, were the following: Ralph S. Watts, vice-president of the General Conference; Erwin E. Roenfelt, president of the Northern European Division; Alf Karlman, treasurer of the Northern European Division, and Bert B. Beach, educational secretary of the Northern European Division.

Many changes were made in administration, evangelism, medical, and on educational levels. Elder Watts, in his closing address to the union committee, said that he had never seen so many changes being made in one union at one time. A small fraction of the changes made may be of interest to the readers of the INFORMANT. They are as follows:

Leland B. Mitchell. Formerly the district leader of Grand Bassa, Liberia, has accepted the call to the presidency of the Liberian Mission.

Lucius E. Daniels. Formerly the president of the Liberian Mission, has accepted the call to be the union evangelist in West Africa. He will reside in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa, and will hold his first campaign after returning from furlough in October, 1963. The population of the city of Ibadan is more than 700,000.

David H. Hughes. Formerly the union radio-TV secretary and director of the Voice of Prophecy, has accepted the call to the presidency of the North Nigerian Mission. North Nigeria has a population of approximately 20 million, 85 per cent of whom are Moslems. It is the most challenging field in the West African Union.

Mrs. Jane Hughes. Formerly the

office manager of the Voice of Prophecy with a staff of 21, was voted to be the cashier-accountant and recording secretary of the North Nigerian Mission.

Dr. Samuel L. DeShay. Formerly a member of the medical staff of the Ile-Ife Mission Hospital in Nigeria, West Africa, has accepted the call to be the medical director of the Ahoada County Hospital in East Nigeria, West Africa. The Ahoada County Hospital is a government hospital staffed by Seventh-day Adventist doctors and nurses.

Mrs. Bernice DeShay. Was voted to be the director of nursing services in the Ahoada County Hospital.

Coleridge D. Henri and Maurice T. Battle remain in their former positions as Ministerial Association secretary and Missionary Volunteer secretary; and home missionary secretary and public relations secretary of the West African Union respectively.

DAVID H. HUGHES
Director, Voice of Prophecy
Secretary, Radio-TV Department
West African Union

The believers of the Central States Conference will be very pleased to learn that at a recent constituency meeting of Loma Linda University, the president of the Central States Conference, Walter W. Fordham, was appointed a member of the Loma Linda board of trustees. He is the only local conference president in North America holding membership on the board.

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