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## FOLLOWING



## AFAR OFF

One of the blots on Peter's life was made when he "followed Him afar off." His experience on that fatal night teaches us many valuable lessons. We find the steps that caused him to become separated from Christ, with the tragic results that always follow separation from God. Since there is real danger that some of us may lose our step and fall behind, it is well to look at the reasons that caused Peter to fall behind in his experience and miserably fail when brought face to face with a crisis.

One cause of Peter's failure was that he neglected prayer. Jesus said, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Jesus knew that there was a testing time just ahead for Peter. He knew, too, that if Peter approached this ordeal in a prayerless way he would be powerless in his life. To buttress him for this great trial, He asked him to pray. But instead of praying, he with other disciples, went to sleep. Because he neglected to pray, he was not ready when the test came. Because he was not ready, he followed afar off. No doubt, neglect of prayer is one of the main reasons why Christian believers today drop behind in their religious experience and are soon following the Master "afar off."

Another thing that caused Peter to become separated from his Master was his self-sufficiency. When Christ said, "All ye shall be offended of me this night," Peter responded with some indignation, "Though all men should be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." Peter felt sure of himself. He felt as if he were ready for any ordeal or trial that might come. Little did he realize how weak he was.

As is often the case, men do not realize their weakness until too late. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12.

Since Peter did not feel his need of Christ's presence, it is easy to understand why he might be found following afar off. Had he felt his need of Christ, the help that would come to him by abiding continually in Christ's presence; he would not have become separated from his Lord. God can help only those who feel their need of help. Self-sufficiency shuts out God. If we feel ourselves able to conquer in our own strength, we will not feel our need of Christ. This very feeling on our part separates us from the Source of all strength.

Another reason for Peter's failure was lack of courage. The man, following afar off, who a few hours before was willing to die for His Lord, had so entirely lost his courage that a damsel frightened him completely and he denied even knowing Christ. It is just as true today as it was in Peter's time that the one who follows Christ afar off will lose his moral courage to stand for the things that he knows are right.

From Peter's experience we learn that a neglect of prayer, a spirit of self-sufficiency, and a lack of courage caused him to become separated from his Master. These still separate men from God. One tragic result of following Christ afar off is that it always lands us with the wrong group of people. We soon cease to be found with God's people. We become surrounded by those who have no love for the truth. This was the experience of Peter.

When one begins to follow afar off, he soon finds himself being evasive,

and hiding his light. He hesitates to defend the principles which he believes. This was true with Peter. When a servant girl asked him if he was not one of Christ's disciples, instead of answering in the affirmative, he was evasive. At first he pretended that he did not understand her, then, when questioned further, he emphatically denied that he even knew Christ. When the damsel pressed her question the third time, he not only denied knowing Christ but did it with swearing.

Peter had completely lost his courage; he had become a moral coward. This is true of all who become separated from Christ. Peter's course demonstrates for all time that not victory, but utter defeat awaits the man or woman who becomes separated from Christ and follows afar off.

We are glad Peter's life does not close with this unfortunate experience. How he sobbed his way back to God is one of the most beautiful experiences in all the Bible. Instead of giving up because he had failed, Peter found his way back to the heart of God. He went back to the very place where he had become separated from the Master. There in prayer and penitence he regained his experience.

The life of Peter seems to represent everyone who has started to walk with God. We have all tried and failed. Too often we have followed afar off. We know the tragic results, and the bitter tears that have followed. But like Peter who so wondrously redeemed his experience, there is victory for everyone who has failed if he will return to God.

M. L. RICE.

A Letter From Us At Luz Mission To You

Dear Friends:  
As I listen to the news over the radio, I am beginning to wonder just how much more peace this old world is going to have. Surely Jesus must come soon to save His children.

How I wish you could come to Angola for a short while, so you could walk with me among the villages and see how few there are here in this dark colony who are prepared to meet Jesus.

My husband and I have been at Luz Mission for four years now, but it seems that hardly a dent has been made in the great need here.

The Chokwes, among whom we work, are a superstitious, spirit-worshipping tribe, and so far we have only twenty teachers among them, teaching this message.

I am particularly interested in the girls' work, for these poor girls cannot order their own lives, but have everything planned for them, not only by their parents, but by their uncles and aunts who actually have more to say in what they can do and cannot do than their parents. In fact, we can say that their souls are not their own.

If a girl comes to our dormitory, we can be almost certain that her uncle will soon come for her. At first he will beg us to give her back to him, then he will demand her, then threaten, even to pulling out a long knife and flourishing it dangerously, saying that he will either kill the girl or himself if she does not go back with him. The decision we leave with the girl. She is at liberty to go if she wishes (and some do), but if she refuses, then we do all in our power to protect her. Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we do not. When the latter happens, our hearts are saddened. In spite of these difficulties, however, the girls are coming gradually in greater numbers, and we feel encouraged.

The girls and I are looking forward eagerly to the completion of a new dormitory which should be ready within two or three months.

The girls, as a rule, do not realize the value of education, but some are anxious to learn, and these are the ones we want to help. My work with them is very much handicapped because of the lack of equipment. Things are so expensive that one just cannot afford to buy everything that one needs, and so the girls have managed in their sewing classes with only one pair of scissors, and no tables or cupboards or benches. We are hoping that somehow we will be able to have these things soon to put in the classroom which is provided in the new dormitory building.

When a girl insists on staying with us, her parents will do nothing for her. They will not even give her a small piece of cloth to wear, so she has to get everything from the mission, and usually the money that is provided for supplying dresses, plates, blankets, etc., is used up before the year is out.

What a joy it is to see the transformation in a girl from raw heathenism after she has been in a Christian atmosphere for a few days. When she comes she wears only a loin cloth, and her hair is plastered with red or black clay mixed with raw castor oil. It is a real pleasure to see her appear later with the clay washed out—her hair neatly combed, and her black skin shining like ebony. Her happy expression when she puts on a clean cotton dress for the first time in her life is worth seeing.

But the greatest thrill of all comes when one of these wandering ones, searching for, and finding the light, is later baptized, and comes forth from the watery grave with a face from which shines the love of Jesus.

Is our labor for these black people of Angola worth while? Yes, a thousand times, yes!

Please pray for the work here in this colony; pray for us as we endeavor day by day to do our part for the Master; and give of your means to help these benighted souls.

Surely, if we do our part faithfully, we shall hear the "Well done" from our Saviour's lips when He comes to gather His loved ones home.

Yours in the Master's service,  
IRMA FAY JEWELL.

VOICE OF PROPHECY  
RADIO LOG  
EVERY SUNDAY

BERMUDA			
Bermuda	ZBM	1240	2:00 PM
CONNECTICUT			
Bridgeport	WICC	600	9:30 AM
Hartford	WONS	1410	9:30 AM
New Haven (See Bridgeport)			
New London	WNLC	1490	9:30 AM
Waterbury	WATR	1320	9:30 AM
MAINE			
Auburn (See Lewiston)			
Bangor	WABI	910	10:30 AM
Lewiston	WCOU	1240	9:30 AM
Portland	WGAN	560	10:30 AM
Presque Isle	WAGM	1450	12:30 PM
MASSACHUSETTS			
Boston	WNAC	1260	9:30 AM
Fall River	WSAR	1480	9:30 AM
Fitchburg	WEIM	1340	9:30 AM
Greenfield	WHAI	1240	9:30 AM
Holyoke	WHYN	1400	9:30 AM
Lowell	WLH	1400	9:30 AM
Pittsfield	WBRK	1340	9:30 AM
Springfield (See Holyoke)			
Worcester	WAAB	1440	9:30 AM
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Keene	WKNE	1290	9:30 AM
Laconia	WLNH	1340	9:30 AM
Portsmouth	WHEB	750	9:30 AM
NEW YORK			
Albany	WABY	1400	9:30 AM
Auburn	WMBO	1340	9:30 AM
Batavia	WBTA	1490	9:30 AM
Buffalo	WBBR	1340	9:30 AM
Kingston	WKNY	1490	9:30 AM
Middletown	WALL	1340	10:30 AM
N. Y. City	WHN	1050	10:00 PM
Ogdensburg	WSLB	1400	9:30 AM
Rochester	WSAY	1370	9:30 AM
Saranac Lake	WNBZ	1320	9:30 AM
Syracuse	WOLF	1490	9:30 AM
Utica	WUTN	1230	7:00 AM
Watertown	WATN	1240	9:30 AM
RHODE ISLAND			
Providence	WEAN	793	9:30 AM
PORTUGUESE			
Massachusetts—			
New Bedford	WNBH	1340	8:30 AM
Cape Cod	WOCB	1240	8:30 AM
SPANISH			
New York—			
Brooklyn	WBYN	1430	3:30 PM

Sunset Table		
(Eastern Standard Time)		
	July 19	July 26
New York City	7:24	7:18
Portland, Maine	7:18	7:11
South Lancaster, Mass.	7:19	7:13
Syracuse, N. Y.	7:39	7:33
Add one minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.		

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## NEW YORK CONFERENCE

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### Teachers Needed!

The New York Conference is desperately in need of several Christian teachers for its church schools. When Jesus uttered the words, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," He must have looked down through the years to our children of today. He also mentioned that the laborers were few.

The children in our church schools need teachers. How can they learn the ways of the Lord without instruction? Our church schools are the training centers for the future workers of this church. But a school, to be a school, must have a teacher. We have the pupils, the buildings, teaching equipment, and funds to pay the teachers, but the teachers are missing.

Write at once to the Educational Department of the New York Conference if you are interested in one of these positions or if you know of a Christian teacher that is not employed. Send us this information by return mail.

H. W. BASS,

*Educational Superintendent.*

### Camp Owasco

JUNIORS! ATTENTION! There are only ten days left in which to enroll for junior camp at Camp Owasco, near Auburn, New York. You will be missing the time of your life if you are not present for the campfire each evening as well as the swimming, boating, hiking, and other activities that make up the events of the camp. Here is a week of real fun for real boys and girls. Enroll now. Send for application blanks and descriptive folder. Camp date, July 28-August 4. Cost, \$10.50.

H. W. BASS.

### Penn Yan Baptism

On July 22, three persons were buried in baptism in the city of Penn Yan. The decisions made represent the good work that Brother O. C. Keeler has been doing in the vicinity.

Brother and Sister Keeler recently moved from Washington, D. C. and are endeavoring to build up the work

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in this very needy church. This is just a beginning, and we feel that much will be accomplished as a result of the faithful leadership of this consecrated layman. Many more men and women should be engaged in the work of winning souls. A great evangelistic work is yet to be accomplished by men and women who earned their living by employment in the trades and offices in this conference.

C. A. NELSON,

*Home Missionary Secretary.*

### 20th Century Bible Course Items

The month of June brought us 260 new applications for our Bible course and lessons one and two promptly entered as many homes in our conference.

Thirty-two of these applications go to the credit of our faithful colporteurs, while the churches sending in a good number rank as follows: Buffalo, 30; Jamestown, 23; Utica, 18; Syracuse, 17; Albany, 11; Corning, 11; Canton, 10.

Twenty-two other churches have some applications to their credit and we wish to thank everyone who is lending a helping hand to this good work.

The many cheering testimonies reaching our desk right along are definite proof that many souls are seeking an answer to the perplexing questions of our day.

Shall we not all loyally support the resolution passed at our recent camp meeting? It reads:

"Whereas the 20th Century Bible Course has proved a great blessing to many of our own people in more firmly grounding them in the truth and thus making them more courageous and efficient in the Lord's service, and whereas these lessons have also been the means of acquainting many honest souls with the message the Lord has entrusted to us, drawing them to the truth, we recommend:

(a) That many more of our own people take advantage of the opportunity the Bible Course offers to them for self-improvement.

(b) That all of our lay members, colporteur evangelists, and other workers be encouraged to do their best in enrolling students, so as to enable them to report at least one soul enrolled the first Sabbath of each month, and

(c) That as prompt and faithful follow-up work be done for interested students as possible."

J. F. BOHNER.

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### Important Dorcas News!

The Greater New York Dorcas Federation boat ride will be to Newburgh on *Thursday*, August 8. Due to current policy of the Hudson River Day Line, purchasing date of tickets is July 19. All pastors and Dorcas leaders have been notified of this by letter. So if you plan to go, and we hope you do, get your name and money to your local Dorcas leader or pastor at once. The fare, (\$1.55 for adults and \$.80 for children over five) includes boat and also bus at Newburgh. Boat leaves W. 42 Street at 9:20 A. M. and W. 125 Street at 9:40 A. M.

More details will be given at a later date but reserve your ticket now.

MRS. HENRY ULLOTH,  
*President.*

## NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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### Junior Camp

In these emergency times we have found it impossible to operate our own junior camp. Temporary camp facilities are hard to secure, certain necessary items of food are difficult to obtain, and trained personnel are preoccupied.

The Southern New England Conference has generously offered to accommodate as many as possible of our youth at Camp Winayouth.

Boys aged 9-15 — July 25-Aug. 4

Girls aged 9-15 — Aug. 4-Aug. 14

Fee \$16.00

Make application to

George P. Stone, Director,

*South Lancaster, Massachusetts.*

"Measure thy life by loss and not by gain;

Not by the wine drunk but the wine poured forth,

For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice;

And he who suffers most, has most to give."

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## NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

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### Youth's Congress Successful

The most successful youth's congress of the Northeastern Conference was conducted in Boston, Massachusetts, from Friday evening, June 28, to Sunday night, June 30. The congress was opened Friday evening when the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference conducted the evening worship. The theme of the congress was "The Advent Message to All the World in this Generation." The keynote was sounded on Friday evening and was carried through the remaining days.

On Sabbath, Elder H. S. Walters, former Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary of the East Jamaica Mission, presented the challenge of the hour to the more than one thousand youth and adults that gathered for the occasion. The question was asked "Will you work for Christ or for Satan"; and the response was deafening: "To defeat Satan." Elder L. H. Bland, president of the conference, offered the consecration prayer. It was quite evident that the Spirit of God was working on the hearts of the people as they came forth for prayer.

The morning's service was enlivened with beautiful music coming from the Boston, White Plains, and Ephesus M. V. choirs.

The afternoon session was devoted largely to discussions of the problems of youth. Professor J. L. Moran, educational superintendent of the Allegheny Conference, presented this subject: "Christian Education and its Purpose." He showed in a masterful way how God had instructed ancient Israel in the type of education that their children should have. Israel did not obey entirely and many suffered. The same admonition that God gave Israel, He is giving us today. The speaker closed by pleading with his audience to adopt God's system of education.

Three youths from different sections of the conference presented the problem that affected them in their particular communities. It was quite enlightening to hear these young people express themselves.

Elder Roy Jefferies of the City Tab-

ernacle led a very enlightening discussion on the subject "Love, Courtship and Marriage." Many salient points were brought out as to why Adventist youth should not marry non-Adventists. The youth were counselled to wait patiently upon the Lord.

The evening activities were climaxed with a well conducted social at a spacious hall in the city. More than five hundred youth were present for this occasion.

Sunday morning at 11 A. M. the delegates assembled at the church for a tour of the historic city of Boston. Many of the places famous in American history were visited. Sunday evening at 8:30 P. M. more than one thousand people packed the church, Christ's Temple, to listen to the thirteen orators who had prepared orations on the subject "The Christian's Responsibility in this Atomic Age." After almost two hours of orations the judges retired to render their decision. After some deliberation, the winner was returned, the tenth speaker, Miss Jessie Godley, representing the conference church. The judges pointed out that each speaker had done magnificently and it was rather difficult to select a winner. Each participant received either the book *Education or Counsels to Students* in the limp binding. Following the dismissal three chartered busses began their homeward journey and hundreds went to the Greyhound and train stations to make the way back home, saying it was a wonderful congress.

JONATHAN E. ROACHE,  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary

### The Dorcas News

Oh, Dorcas leader, can you not see, today, souls perishing in the "sea of sin" because the light in some church, perhaps your church, has gone out! These times of ours are times of darkness and distress. The world is enveloped in a cloak of satanic blackness. Yet, these dark days hurl a mighty challenge to the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists in the Northeastern Conference. We must "arise and shine"! God's mouthpiece, Mrs. E. G. White, says that "in the night of spiritual darkness, God's glory is to shine forth through His church." How can the glory of God be manifested through the church? Notice this answer: "The church is to manifest the glory of God by lifting up the bowed down, and

comforting those that mourn. . . . On every hand are the needy and distressed. It is ours to aid in relieving and softening life's hardships and misery." *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 718-719.

The primary objective of the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists is to conserve souls and to convert souls. It is a soul winning agency. Acts 9:42, speaking of Dorcas, says, "It was known throughout Joppa; and many believed in the Lord."

"The work of gathering in the needy, the oppressed, the suffering, the destitute, is the very work which every church that believes the truth for this time should long since have been doing. We are to show the tender sympathy of the Samaritan in supplying physical necessities, feeding the hungry, bringing the poor that are cast out into our homes, gathering from God, every day, grace and strength that will enable us to reach the very depths of human misery and help those who cannot possibly help themselves. In doing this work, we have a favorable opportunity to set forth Christ the crucified One." Vol. 6, p. 276.

We should have an active Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists in every church which has active members doing much in alleviating the sufferings of the sick in their own neighborhood. No church, no matter how large or small, can prosper without the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists. "In Joppa there was a Dorcas, whose skillful fingers were more active than her tongue. She knew who needed comfortable clothing, and who needed sympathy, and she freely ministered to the wants of both classes. . . . Such patient, prayerful, and persevering fidelity, as possessed by these saints of God, is rare; yet the church can not prosper without it." Vol. 5, page 304. May God help you to let your light shine through the activities of your Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists.

JAMES J. NORTIL,  
Home Missionary Secretary

"Youth does not know enough, has not suffered enough, has not failed often enough to move the world. It is a man, grown, matured, baffled by the years, beaten often in the struggle against the world, who can be the unconquerable witness of the Spirit of God."—Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers.

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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### Lift Up Your Eyes

The Lord is blessing the efforts of our consecrated colporteur evangelists. Souls are being won. From every part of the field wonderful soul-winning experiences pour into the office. We sincerely praise God for all these manifestations of His Spirit's being poured out here in old New England. But I fear that many of our good people have the mistaken idea that the literature work is nearly finished here. In these few lines I want to make clear the great need for many, many more workers to take up this line of work.

In the *Colporteur Evangelist*, we read, "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." CE, page 25.

Again we read, "Let young and old consecrate themselves to God, take up the work and go forward, laboring in humility, under the control of the Holy Spirit." CE, page 24.

In every congregation there are men and women who could, if willing, become successful colporteur evangelists. Many hesitate to do this type of work because they feel unqualified to meet the public. To all such, these words should be of great encouragement: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All requisites, talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on." CE page 27.

Under the providence of God a new day has dawned for our literature work. Progressive methods of selling our publications have enabled us to increase the circulation. The new plan, now tried and proved by many and known as the "Easy Payment Plan" of selling our truth-filled literature, has been a cause of rejoicing to all of us. Under this plan it is possible to double and treble our sales, which means that many more contacts made and that many more possibilities of winning precious souls.

It enables a man or woman who will work faithfully at his task to earn a living income. This is not hearsay, as I have worked this plan for over four years. The dear Lord gave me the privilege of helping to bring into the truth six people during this time, three

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The last time we met together in Conference session the nations of earth were drenched in the bloodshed of World War II. Since that session, peace has come to the world, a peace which, we believe, was not determined in the council rooms of earth, but in the council room of Heaven. Even now, as we allow the rapid and world-shaking events of the past few years to pass before us in panoramic review, we can better understand the true import of the angel's words in Revelation



Elder Theodore Carcich

the seventh chapter, who cried: "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." How long this peace will endure no man can tell. Already we hear the rumblings of an oncoming storm whose mounting fury may well complete the destruction begun by the last war. Sensing the on-rushing danger, a stricken, bleeding, and bankrupt world staggers along in a futile attempt to right itself. Driven by a sense of urgency and common danger, men are compromising their most cherished birthrights in order to agree on the building of some modern towers of Babel against the threatened danger. Men everywhere are receptive to any proposed solution that would avert a world catastrophe. Into this fertile soil of distracted minds there are being sown seeds of philosophies and isms which instead of healing the world's ills will only hasten its impending doom. Surely, God has marvelously prepared the hour for His people to herald forth the only solution to humanity's problems—the personal, imminent, and glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to this earth.

Therefore, it is with a sense of solemn responsibility and weighty trust that we, the delegates to the 1946 Biennial Session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, gather in this holy convocation to conduct the Lord's business. If we know our hearts in the light of God's counsel, we will pray first of all to be cleansed from any selfishness, pride, or covetousness that would in any way retard His holy work. We will pray that the unseen Master of all assemblies, the Holy Spirit, be our Director in every business session. We will thank our heavenly Father for sparing us and our children from the ravages of war, and for allowing us to meet once again under such pleasant circumstances in this most favored land—the United States of America. Favored are we above others and as we consider our brethren in other parts of the world field, we will pray that their plight will constantly remind us to use our blessings unselfishly and to walk humbly before our God. May God help us to do this as we review our work of the past two years and make our plans for the few remaining days allotted to us.

It is necessary in a gathering of such nature as we have been commissioned to attend that reports giving a true and accurate picture of the Conference be read to all the assembled delegates. It is not the purpose of these reports to call attention to or to heap credit or praise upon any man or group of men. Whatever progress may be noted has been achieved by the united labors of our laity and ministry. "For we are labourers together with God," and "God giveth the increase." As each report is rendered, the reader will sense his dependence upon God, our loyal fellow-workers, our faithful church members, and our counsellors, the Union and General Conference brethren.

Likewise, it is not intended that these reports should lull our people into a state of smug complacency and satisfaction. The reports

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as given have to do with world conditions that are no longer with us. They deal with the past. The world conditions of the present and future call for a consecration, an energy, an efficiency, and a sacrificial giving that will far surpass any biennial report ever rendered in a Southern New England Conference session. Faced with the privilege of cooperating with the world community of Seventh-day Adventists in warning the entire world, while at the same time meeting the challenge of evangelizing the seven million people living in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, we recognize that the work can be finished only by a people bathed in the reformatory power of the latter rain and who will faithfully dedicate their time, means, and children to proclaim the three angels' messages of Revelation 14. It is our hope that each report rendered will awaken each delegate to the immensity of our task and to the need of an experience that will fit us to finish the task.

**Membership**

1942 and 1943			1944 and 1945		
Membership	1-1-42	4524	Membership	1-1-44	4775
added	baptism	509	added	baptism	407
	profession	47		profession	36
	letter	908		letter	768
dropped	death	132	dropped	death	135
	apostasies	185		apostasies	145
	letter	891		letter	747
	missing	5		missing	14
				N. E.	355
				Conf.	
Membership	12-31-43	4775	Membership	12-31-45	4590
	Net Gain	251			
	Net Loss				185

The net loss in membership for the past two years is explained by the withdrawal of three growing colored churches from our Conference to join the newly organized Northeastern Conference of colored churches. We will miss these good people but realize that their new affiliation will make for growth and progress among their own people. Our ministers are hard at work to restore this loss and in the first six months of 1946 they have baptized 179 new believers. Worthy of our attention is the fact that one hundred of these were baptized as a result of the Reeves evangelistic effort in the city of Boston, Massachusetts.

**Financial**

	1942-1943	1944-1945
Tithe	\$606,031.74	\$728,048.48
Missions	249,661.17	286,530.84

The substantial financial gains are due to the blessings of God and the faithfulness of our people in returning to God their tithes and offerings. When our Conference treasurer, L. E. Aldrich, gives his detailed report we will be made keenly aware of the increased cost of operating God's work at home and abroad. Notwithstanding the increased operative cost, God's prospering hand has been over the work so that at the end of 1945 our operating surplus amounted to \$75,140.33.

**Departments**


Our hard-working and efficient departmental secretaries will give their own detailed reports, but I wish to direct your attention to a few salient facts in each department.

**SUMMER SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC  
ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE  
AUGUST 20-30 INCLUSIVE**

The Summer School of Church Music will give daily study to the following topics:

1. The hymn book and its place in the congregation and in the choir.
2. Steps in the development of a church choir. Discussion and demonstration with a choir of sixteen voices.
3. The Junior choir. Daily demonstration with a group of twenty children.
4. Hymn playing. This will be discussed and demonstrated in every detail.
5. Spiritual living will be set forth by the chaplain of the School of Church Music, Elder C. O. Smith.

Write to Dean G. T. Anderson of Atlantic Union College for a special folder, then register early.



What an intriguing thing a shell is. One wonders about its intricate forms and fantastic shape—why it grows only so big and no larger; how it can transform the ugly environment in which it grows into such exquisite and shiny material; how the little life that forms the shell can select just the chemicals to produce the hardness necessary for protection, and yet not be too cumbersome or too unyielding to adjust to its environment. "Old ocean's gray and melancholy waste" is decorated with specimens, shapes and shells that should offer interest to the collector, and knowledge to the investigator.

Parents who live near a body of water, why not interest your children in the progressive work of the Missionary Volunteer Department, where classes are given from time to time in the study of shells (conchology)?

R. L. HUBBS

It is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—*Jaubert.*

1. *Publishing Department.* Secretary, R. Van Arsdell; Assistants, R. D. McGann, Sr., H. D. Brown. We can never overestimate the importance of the gospel colporteur and his place in our program. He is as much needed in our work as the generator is in the automobile motor. The gospel seed he sows soon generates into a genuine interest and eventually results in church membership. We need scores of men to work our cities and an army of sisters to work the business sections with truth-filled magazines and periodicals. At present we have fifty active colporteurs who during the past two years delivered \$174,077.19 worth of books and magazines. This represents a gain of \$82,890.71 over the preceding term.

2. *Book and Bible House.* Manager, O. A. Braman. During the years 1944 and 1945 this department sold \$124,192.11 worth of gospel literature for a gain of \$73,532.01 over the preceding term. A good share of the figure represents the literature which our own people purchased for their homes and to use among their neighbors. The profits accruing from this business enabled the department to meet all its salaries and expense without any Conference appropriation.

3. *Educational and Missionary Volunteer.* Secretary, George P. Stone. Our church schools constitute the best source of youthful talent for our churches. Any church or conference which wishes to survive must maintain a constantly expanding program for its youth. We are happy for the twenty church schools and two full-fledged academies in our midst. They house 496 of our children and youth under the guidance of 38 consecrated teachers.

It is in the M. V. societies that our sons and daughters train for church service and leadership. At present we have 42 societies with a membership of 1217. Many of the young men returning from national service are contributing to a revival of our young people's work, and as in the past we can rely upon our youth to rally to every good work in God's cause.

4. *Home Missionary and Sabbath School.* Secretary, C. E. Guenther. These two departments reached new heights of achievement during the past two years. The marked increase in the Ingathering, Missions Extension, and Sabbath School offerings is not a mere accident, but the result of wise planning and hard work on the part of the churches in cooperation with the Conference home missionary secretary. The detailed report will show not only financial gains, but a steady growth in lay activity along all missionary lines. Especially pleasing is the fact that we have reached our *Review and Herald* goal, *Sabbath School Worker* goal, and *Church Officers' Gazette* goal.

5. *Religious Liberty.* Secretary, T. Carcich. For the past two years this department has systematically pursued the aim of reaching every Protestant minister in our large cities with the *Liberty* magazine. The following cities have already been covered with a year's subscription to each minister: Greater Boston, Melrose, New Britain, Bristol, Providence, Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Lowell, New London, Springfield, New Bedford, Fall River, Pittsfield, Northampton, Amesbury, Haverhill, Fitchburg, Athol, Clinton, Hudson, Worcester, and Meriden. Some of us were not surprised at the recent Protestant resurgence which originated here in New England. There was a reason. Recently, this department began a systematic coverage of all the public school teachers and officials with the *Liberty* magazine. Covered thus far are the teachers of Providence, Rhode Island, and Melrose, Massachusetts. The funds for this program were raised at our 1943 camp meeting. Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

#### New Church Organizations

On Sabbath, December 8, 1945, a church of twenty-five members was organized in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. This new organization was made possible by the work of lay members and an effort by Elder B. T. Senecal.

(To be continued)

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Please send all advertisements, accompanied by cash, to the local conference office to be approved by the president or secretary-treasurer after which the advertisements will be forwarded to the Gleaner office, if approved. The rate is \$1 for 40 words or less; 2c per word above 40.

Wanted: Passengers from New York to California in new car leaving on or about August 12. Write Box 319, South Lancaster, Mass.

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of whom were Polish Catholics, one Italian Catholic, one Spiritualist medium, and last of all her daughter who is now attending our school here at South Lancaster.

Dear brothers and sisters, there are great and glorious possibilities in this needy field of labor. In the words of Jesus I say, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

R. MCGANN,  
Asst. Publishing Dept. Sec.

#### OBITUARY NOTICES

CRAM.—Mrs. Etta M. Cram was born in Greenbush, Maine; and fell asleep in Jesus in her home in Natick, Mass., May 16, 1946. On April 23, 1896 she was united in marriage to Charles Cram. This union was blessed with three children. The husband, one son, one daughter and six grandchildren survive. They mourn, however, not as those that have no hope. Mrs. Cram was highly esteemed by her family and by the members of the Natick church. We look forward to a happy reunion in the first resurrection.

P. G. HERWICK.

SEYMOUR.—Mary Seymoure was born in Newfoundland Mar. 12, 1865; and died at Newburgh, N. Y., July 1, 1946. She and her husband came to this country forty-nine years ago and located at Newburgh. In 1914 she, with her husband, accepted the message under the labors of Elder R. J. Bryant. Brother and Sister Seymoure have been outstanding members of the Newburgh church throughout the years. For a number of years Sister Seymoure was the first deaconess of the church and was ever devoted and faithful. She leaves to mourn besides her husband: two sons, Wilbur, who is connected with the Washington Sanitarium, and Frank, who resides in Newburgh, several sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Elder D. P. Wool and the writer. We laid her to rest in full assurance that our sister will have a part in the first resurrection.

W. R. ANDREWS.

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# OUR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

"In every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42

Report for Week Ending July 5, 1946

S. L. Clark, Publishing Department Secretary

## GREATER NEW YORK

I. H. Ihrig, Pub. Dept. Sec.

Levi Norheim	22	8 45	61 20
*Dolores Colon	45	177 20	99 30
F. J. Isaacsen	18	48 60	48 60
Mildred Whetmore	16	78 00	25 80
Hildegard Pothman	15	15 75	15 75
Mabel Norheim	10	31 25	16 10
*Vera B. Outhouse	7	11 95	11 95
Paul Haas	28	115 00	115 00
A. Prince	25	38 45	
Irene Ceisler	9	11 40	12 00
Edith Pape	9	9 90	7 80
Paul Friewirth	66	138 45	18 10
Dorothy Ketzner	37	94 70	48 20
Pauline Lorentzen	23	51 40	6 20
Abraham Potash	37	151 45	130 75
Levi Norheim	35	106 95	87 40
Roy Eckert	34	95 65	98 15
F. J. Isaacsen	25	87 00	70 30
Emery Mirabel	24	53 40	53 40
Mildred Whetmore	22	168 30	32 58
Mabel Norheim	11	27 25	9 15
F. B. Odell	4	70 50	70 50
Paul Haas	43	147 00	147 00
Frances Jeckle	28	24 00	24 00
K. Wishnak	26	32 25	32 25
Laura Antonsson	17	36 90	36 90
Rose Fodor	13	11 55	11 55
Irene Ceisler	11	18 35	12 35
M. Harding	8	11 30	11 30
Paul Friewirth	67	223 15	12 00
*A. Glangrande	73	232 70	16 80
Jerome Rapaport	39	40 75	30 20
Pauline Lorentzen	34	155 80	20 15
Dorothy Ketzner	27	67 15	41 10
R. Lynn Anderson	22	118 40	17 60

36 Colporteurs 600 1879 80 964 43  
\*Two Weeks

## NEW YORK

Nathan Russell, Pub. Dept. Sec.

*C. H. Meacham	48	82 25	
*Paul Johnson	42	29 85	
*Stewart Berkeley	41	70 25	
*Arnold Swanson	40	66 25	
*-Paul Johnson	40	40 00	
*-J. Ferguson	40	22 00	10 00
*--Paul Johnson	39	20 00	
*--Paul Johnson	39	30 00	
*Ralph Neall	39	150 00	
*Ruth Prest	37	60 00	
*Two Students	35	125 00	50 00
*George Taylor	35	66 00	
*Marilyn Wein	34	60 00	
*Barbara Morris	33	86 00	10 00
Paul Johnson	32	10 00	
*P. Margerum	30	115 50	115 50
*-R. M. Barnhardt	29	74 10	55 00
*J. Ferguson	24	14 00	4 00
Ralph Neall	23	100 00	
Marilyn Wein	23	44 00	24 00
*Clyde Frame	22	52 50	
*R. M. Barnhardt	21	74 10	39 40
*E. Hilliard	21	51 25	49 50
Ruth Wagner	20	50 00	
Prest. Ruth	20	26 00	
Barbara Morris	19	24 00	10 00
Clyde Frame	19	32 00	
*M. Mills	19	30 05	30 05
*Ruth Wagner	17	50 00	
*-Alfred Keith	14	10 35	
George Taylor	12	58 00	
*Wilma Day	12	32 00	13 00
Wilma Day	12	30 25	
*A Colporteur	8	49 50	
*Floyd Slocum	5	6 50	

36 Colporteurs 934 1841 70 410 45  
\*Report for week ending June 29  
\*-Report for week ending June 22  
\*--Report for week ending June 15  
\*---Report for week ending June 8

## NORTHEASTERN

L. R. Preston, Pub. Dept. Sec.

M. Bell	51	109 50	100 50
E. Hughes	46	89 30	62 60
E. Cox	40	119 50	86 75
Bramwell	40	131 74	2 20
Anderson	36	245 34	30 00
L. Starks	31	26 70	70 20
M. Rollison	14	8 65	8 65

S. O. JAMES, Pub. Dept., Asst. Sec.

K. Smith	21	79 00	70 80
G. Elcock	20	82 90	53 20
M. Preston	15	28 30	28 30
H. Barker	13	41 50	41 50
B. Jones	10	74 89	9 85
M. Lawrence	2	54 90	28 20
S. Rogers	50	103 70	103 70
M. Browder	45	86 60	86 60
F. Davis	5	21 05	21 05

M. L. MORRISON, Pub. Dept., Asst. Sec.

C. Gordon	48	116 05	116 05
R. Harley	30	64 65	62 30
J. Brown	30	113 25	43 05
P. Corbin	30	49 00	7 60
C. Stanley	26	62 55	54 00
S. Nelson	24	69 25	53 05
G. Eaton	21	10 00	10 00
J. Heyliger	18	87 30	22 70
D. Sessums	15	29 60	21 50
Benjamin	12	9 40	9 40
2 part time workers	11	6 35	6 35
D. Sessums	20	25 90	21 20
Edgecombe	6	18 50	18 50
L. Preston	5	13 10	13 10
L. Spooner	4	4 35	4 35
L. Wilson	3	3 85	3 85

Student Colporteurs

J. Nauraine	52	371 45	262 75
S. Beaumont	40	181 40	184 15
L. Offlee	39	219 60	6 00
H. Gaundlett	32	71 50	113 50
Pantola	31	62 20	62 20
O. Edwards	30	105 60	33 00
E. Thomas	29	35 00	35 00
A. Jones	28	19 40	19 40
O. Chellous	24	17 00	17 00
J. Godley	23	60 25	60 25
M. Stephens	19	30 60	30 60
E. Cooper	16	32 12	10 28
E. Knight	15	69 45	1 05
M. William	12	22 10	22 10
E. James	11	16 70	16 70
E. Collins	11	11 95	11 95
K. Simpson	7	12 50	12 50
L. Savage	5	11 20	11 20
J. Nauraine	3	354 55	146 50
J. Nauraine	24	266 70	1 85

51 Colporteurs 1182 3978 94 2330 08

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Roger Van Arsdell, Pub. Dept. Sec.

F. E. Temple	35	138 20	138 20
F. E. Temple	25	118 80	118 80
G. H. Linthwaite	30	110 00	110 00
L. Sawyer	21	15 95	15 95
W. F. Barnes	18	91 30	115 90
E. S. Henderson	18	68 95	27 85
C. Lombard	12	23 35	23 35
E. Waters	12	32 70	32 70
C. O. Perkins	8	22 70	2 30
S. B. Forrest	5	7 00	

R. McGann, Pub. Dept. Asst. Sec.

R. Bohner	45	25 75	20 00
J. Montiero	36	55 45	
H. Fitcher	35	118 50	118 50
J. Spalt	35	112 80	112 80
J. Montiero	34	66 95	18 75
R. Mathewson	31	77 15	77 15
F. Frattaroli	21	18 55	18 55
W. Frilley	18	27 60	27 60
M. Fitcher	15	84 00	84 00
S. Weiss	12	20 20	20 20

S. Curtis	10	49 50	50 25
R. S. Nostrum	10	34 00	34 00
M. Barton	7	20 40	20 40
E. Frilley	6	20 20	20 20
D. Goodrow	5	13 00	61 00
F. Spalt	4	27 00	27 00

H. P. BROWN, Student Leader

Ronald Van Arsdell	33	32 55	68 85
Doris Benson	25	13 00	15 65
Eleanor Priest	24	33 00	7 45
Roy Sandstrom	22	27 50	19 00
June Buckley	21	90 00	
Helen Knutson	19	93 20	93 20
Margaret Lee	15	58 00	58 00
Jean Fuller	13	66 00	12 00
Carl Mathewson	11	4 00	12 00
Jean Simpson	8	7 95	40 45
Alexander Boyd	7	10 25	1 75
Lorraine Reynolds	1	33 00	
Shirley Reynolds	1	26 00	
June Buckley	1	10 50	
Naz Mizher		270 00	230 00
41 Colporteurs	708	2184 95	1851 80

## NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

L. D. Dryer, Pub. Dept. Sec.

	Hours	Orders	Del.
H. B. Colburn	40	230 25	95 50
M. F. White	38	17 50	17 50
G. S. Dunne	31	78 90	78 90
T. Creamer	27	114 00	
*R. A. Willard	17	15 25	15 25
H. P. Willard	11	68 10	37 55
G. Holt	9	13 75	7 60
D. Clark	5	15 00	18 50
I. Gowell	3		13 75
*G. Houston	3	70 50	15 25
10 Colporteurs	184	623 25	298 80

\* Two weeks report  
\*- Report week ending June 29

168 Colporteurs 10,508 64 5836 56

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots.  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Give God your life, He can do far  
more with it than you can.

## REFLECTIONS

### FAITH

Faith is not an attribute,  
It is not a passing whim;  
Faith is the positive attitude  
Of trusting all to Him.  
If we would only feed our faith  
The way we feed our fears,  
This land would soon be filled with  
peace,  
With love and happy cheers.

—Leona D. Cole

(Contributed by A. J. Addicks, Pittsfield,  
Mass.)

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