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ASTROLL through the great New York City library forcibly reminded me of the words of the wise man, "Of making many books there is no end." In this massive building I saw tier after tier, shelf above shelf in room after room, of books. Everywhere I looked there were books and more books. Judging by this great library it is hard to imagine the number of books there must be in the world.

As I looked upon this great array of literature, several questions came to my mind. The works of the masters, historians, scientists, the novelists, the religious writers, in fact, every field of literature is here. Here are found the works of thousands of English writers of many generations. Here, in printed form, accessible to all who read, is the best in English literature which the world has to offer.

Such questions as "What could be in all these books?" "How wise would one be if he knew all that these books contain?" and "How much is false and how much is true in this great collection of literature?" came to my mind.

While thinking about what is contained in these thousands of volumes, it dawned upon me that these books contain only the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. Each writer had arranged and shuffled these twenty-six letters in a way that would express the thoughts and ideas he wanted to put in written form. The alphabet served the needs of every writer regardless of the subjects or themes he wished to present. The alphabet was all that the writers needed.

A . . . to . . . Z

by M. L. RICE

Christ used the alphabet to represent Himself. "I am Alpha and Omega." When Christ said He was Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega, the last, it was the same as if He would say today, "I am A to Z. I am the Alphabet." This is a figure of speech by which Christ teaches us the completeness and fullness of His redemption.

Although millions and millions of volumes of literature have been printed, yet the alphabet has not been exhausted. It is just as fresh and unworn today as when the writers of past generations used these letters to write their immortal themes. The alphabet is inexhaustible. How truly this represents Christ!

Ever since the English language has been used, writers have been using the twenty-six letters of the alphabet. Yet, not a single letter has been worn out. The letters serve just as well today as ever. Like Christ, the alphabet meets the needs of all people. Just as the alphabet has met the needs of all writers in all generations where the English language has been used, so Christ meets the needs of all people in all generations.

The alphabet fits every kind of English writing. It fits the historian equally as well as it does the poet. The judge on the bench and the preacher

in the pulpit find it meets their every need. Nothing is more adaptable to the English world than the alphabet. By this we see how completely it represents Christ. He is the answer to every man, regardless of his station in life, or the work he may do. Christ fulfills every desire. In Him the high and the low, the rich and the poor, find the same satisfying security that brings peace and contentment.

To understand and appreciate books or literature, we must first learn the alphabet. We must become acquainted with it and realize what it means. A knowledge of the alphabet is necessary in order to receive the instruction and inspiration found in literature. To appreciate life, to know the joy of living, we must become acquainted with Christ. Life without Christ is just as empty and meaningless as books without a knowledge of the alphabet. Life has a point and purpose when it is understood in the light of Christ's life. He is to life what the alphabet is to literature.

There is nothing before *A*, and there is nothing after *Z*. "I am . . . the first and the last." As far back as we can go, there we find God. "In the beginning God." As long as time shall last, there we find God. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." No one was before Him, and none shall come after. It was God who started this world, and He is the One who will end it.

Every time we read a book—when ever we glance at the letters of the alphabet—we should be reminded of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega."

CAN YOU REMEMBER?

by

CLIFTON L. TAYLOR

MARCH

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, 1848

Mysterious rappings were heard in the home of John D. Fox in Hydesville, town of Arcadia, Wayne County, New York. This was the beginning of Modern Spiritualism.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO, 1868

In the *Review* of March 24, a short article signed by both James White and Ellen G. White, contains the following statement, "We believe there is business for Seventh-day Adventists to enter upon a livelihood more consistent with their faith than the raising of hops, tobacco or swine."

SIXTY YEARS AGO, 1888

Elder Arthur G. Daniells is holding tent meetings in the city of Auckland, New Zealand. He writes that notwithstanding unfavorable weather the attendance has been fair, the interest good, and thirty have begun to keep the Sabbath.

FORTY YEARS AGO, 1908

Elder Roy F. Cottrell, formerly of the South Lancaster Academy faculty, sailed from Seattle, Washington, for the Orient on March 2, on the S.S. "Minnesota."

TWENTY YEARS AGO, 1928

Elder J. L. McElhany reports an unusual occurrence in the Alberta Conference, Canada. Three Seventh-day Adventist churches, located in Calgary, Camrose, and Edmonton, were dedicated within one week. The last of these three churches, Edmonton, is in the capital of the province.

TEN YEARS AGO, 1938

Frederick Griggs, president of the China Division, sends an expression of appreciation for the help received in that field from America. He adds, "While our problems are mountains high, yet we know that our God hears and answers prayer. . . . Our troubles are not over by any means. Two or three days ago Canton was subjected to very fierce bombing. Some of the heavy bombs fell within two hundred yards of our sanitarium."

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ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

A program of interest to all music lovers within driving distance of South Lancaster will be presented on Saturday evening, March 20, at 8:00 P. M.—the concert of the college orchestra, under the baton of Prof. Harold Mitzelfelt.

The orchestra has become one of the most cultural music organizations in Atlantic Union College. The incidental instruction in music appreciation which has been interspersed in the practice periods has been of inspiration

to the players, and it is their aim to pass this inspiration on to the audience on March 20.

The program will feature Hervey Kierstead, tenor, who will sing "Sea Fever," and Ralph McGann, Jr., baritone, who will sing "The Blind Ploughman." Both of these numbers will be accompanied by the orchestra. Virginia-Gene Shankel will be heard in one of Kreisler's works, and the string quartet in Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik."

Numbers by the orchestra will include "Triumphal March," Grieg; "Arioso," Bach; "Sunrise on the Painted Desert," Mitzelfelt; "Valse des Fleurs," Tschaiikowsky; "Cossack Revels," Tschakoff; and "Song of India," Rimsky-Korsakoff.

ATTENTION, ALUMNI!

There will be a social gathering of all alumni to be held in the college dining room at 7:30 P. M., Sunday evening, March 28. Come and meet old friends and classmates.

SPECIAL DATES—1948

March 13

Missionary Volunteer Day
Second Sabbath Mission Offering

March 13-20

Missionary Volunteer
Week of Prayer

March 27

13th Sabbath Offering for
Southern Europe

April 3

Ingathering Day

April 3-May 15

Ingathering Campaign

April 10

Second Sabbath Mission Offering

May 1

Medical Missionary Day

May 8

Second Sabbath Mission Offering

May 22

Voice of Prophecy Special Offering

June 5

Home Missionary Day

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NEWS NOTES

Guest Speaker. Mrs. Arabella Moore, of the General Conference Educational Department, was the speaker at the Danish-Norwegian church on Sabbath, February 28.

Visitor. We were happy to have Mrs. R. E. Metcalfe, of Toronto, Canada, visit the conference office while spending two weeks with her parents, Elder and Mrs. L. C. Evans.

A conference workers' meeting will be held at the Greater New York Academy on Thursday afternoon, March 11. Elder Henry Brown, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and Elder G. R. Nash, of the Atlantic Union Home Missionary Department, will be in attendance.

Elder L. C. Evans, conference president, has been getting acquainted with many of the church members as he visits the churches from Sabbath to Sabbath. On February 21 he met with the German Brooklyn congregation; on February 28 the Staten Island church welcomed him to its pulpit; and the Danish-Norwegian members enjoyed his sermon on March 6.

Elder W. A. Fagal, pastor of the Washington Avenue church, is spending three weeks on the West Coast, speaking at evangelistic efforts and observing evangelistic methods. During his absence the Sabbath morning worship service has been taken by R. D. McGann, local Publishing Department secretary, on February 28; Elder Carl Currie of China, who spoke on March 6; and Elder L. E. Esteb, conference home missionary secretary, on March 13. The Sunday night evangelistic meetings in the Brooklyn Academy of Music featured Elder L. C. Evans as speaker on February 28 and March 13, and Elder Carl Currie on March 6, at which time he told of his experiences in the mission field.

Signs. In the interest of the *Signs* campaign, Elder Louis Halswick, of the General Conference Home Foreign Department, visited the Italian church on Sabbath, February 28, and Elder E. J. Lorntz, of the same department, spoke at the Spanish churches.

District changes: The Spring Valley church is now being included in Brother R. M. Ruf's Newburgh district.

Elder Reese Jenkins, of Staten Island, is locating in the parsonage at Poughkeepsie and will superintend the Poughkeepsie and Peekskill churches. Brother Edwin Crosby, who has been assisting Elder Freeman at the Manhattan church, will move to the Kingston parsonage and assume the responsibilities of the Kingston-Coxsackie district.

New departmental secretary: J. M. Howell, Ph. D., has accepted the call to the conference Educational and M. V. departments. Dr. Howell is principal of Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, Florida, and will be arriving at the close of the school term.

SOMETHING SPECIAL for Greater New York

Spend the high day of the M. V.
Week at Washington Avenue
Church, Brooklyn

Another "Volunteer for Christ"
Rally sponsored by the Washing-
ton Avenue M. V. Society for
March 20 — at 3:00 p. m.

Speaker—Dr. L. H. Lehman, ex-
Catholic priest and editor of the
popular "Converted Catholic Maga-
zine." He was ordained to the
priesthood at Rome and now di-
rects the Christ's Mission, a re-
fuge for ex-priests. Hear him tell
of his conversion and of inside
Catholic action. Dr. Lehman has
worked closely with some of our
denominational leaders, and the
"Ministry" has freely advertised
his books.

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A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



Brother C. W. White, who is one of our latest recruits to the colporteur work, lives in Waterloo, New York. The latter part of last fall I received

a card from him stating that he was ready to take up the colporteur work. After visiting with Brother and Sister White in their home, they told me the following experience.

Twenty years ago or more Brother and Sister White were baptized, and then some time later they drifted out of the truth. But like many others of us, they never forgot the influence of the third angel's message. Last July Brother White, while picking cherries, fell out of the tree and broke his back. Immediately Brother White realized that this was the measure that the Lord was using to bring him back into the fold. While lying in the hospital in a cast, he promised the Lord that if he could ever walk again he would devote the rest of his life to the sale of our literature. Brother White has had phenomenal success in the colporteur work. In fact, the first day I worked with him his sales amounted to \$127.75, most of which Brother White sold himself, and in spite of the sub-zero weather we have had since then, Brother White has been out each week and has led the field in sales.

During our recent institute he not only came himself, but he brought four of his children, three daughters, and one son. Surely this is wonderful! You will hear much more from Brother White from now on. He is determined to be a soul-winner in the colporteur ministry. Already he has brought with him most of his own family, and most of them will be colporteur evangelists.

There are many more like Brother and Sister White throughout the conference who will join the colporteur ranks when the Lord sees that the time has come for them to enter.

We earnestly pray that the Lord will bless the White family and give them abundance of success and many souls for their labors.

NATHAN RUSSELL

OUR ACADEMY RATING

The annual inspection of Union Springs Academy by Professor L. R. Rasmussen, of the General Conference Educational Department, and Professor R. A. Nesmith, of the Atlantic Union Conference, took place on February 18 and 19. The report that these brethren made to the Academy board called attention again to the fundamental weakness of our school, as well as bringing out some of its strong points.

These are facts that our constituency will want to know.

In this inspection, the scholastic, spiritual, and moral standards of the Academy were given a high rating. The faculty efficiency and the student spirit are very commendable. Professor Rasmussen stated; but the school was marked down considerably on the physical plant. Thus the old problem must be faced anew—the revamping of our buildings in order to give our worthy students a place to live which will be commodious enough to accommodate those who are already here and to make room for new students who should be and who want to be here. Some of these young people are already making inquiries about possibilities of attending school at Union Springs next year.

We must also face the fact that a scattered campus of old buildings with separate heating systems and increased cost of maintenance and supervision is creating a financial problem which makes it very difficult to operate the school within its own income.

Another problem is the accrediting of our school with the State of New York. We have built up library and science facilities, at considerable cost, to meet established standards of the denomination and the state. We have competent teachers who are teaching in their major fields, and our Board of Regents examination reports for 1946-47 indicate that they have done a good job in the classroom instruction; but our classrooms are overcrowded, our dormitory facilities are inadequate, and we have no place for physical training and recreation, as required by the state.

The solution of many of these problems is the new girls' dormitory which is now under construction. When we can occupy this building, we shall not only have made a good beginning to the rebuilding of our plant, but also have added space for several needs and at least temporary room for physical training.

The work on the new building is progressing very nicely as far as the limited funds will justify. The contractor, Mr. Zwemer, is using only student labor at present, but I am sure you realize that with a small force of part-time workers, the building will not be completed for some time to come. We are going no faster than your liberality permits. We have faith to believe that if you understand the need, you will respond more liberally,

because if our work is to be completed here in the great states of the Northeast, our educational work must be built up and that quickly. We are depending on you to furnish the money that we need to finish the building, including the heating system, the wiring, and the entire finishing of the interior. These things usually make up a large part of the cost of such a project.

If our work is to progress, we must invest in our youth. "For where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also." Our greatest interest will be in that in which we have invested our money. "In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage," but the youth's faculties must be trained in our schools. "We have lost time in neglecting to give young men a solid, practical education." *Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 535, 537. If some of our earthly treasures are invested in our youth, we certainly are fulfilling God's expectation, for they are God's heritage.

H. T. JOHNSON

FEDERATION MEETINGS

The Dorcas Federation meetings of the New York Conference will be held as follows:

South Central Federation—March 18
—time and place to be announced
Eastern Federation—March 21—

10:30 a. m.—Troy
Utica Federation—March 22—

10:30 a. m.—Oneida
Onondaga Federation—March 23—

10:30 a. m.—Auburn
Chatauqua Federation—March 24—

10:30 a. m.—Olean
Northwestern Federation—March 25—

10:30 a. m.—Buffalo

These Federation meetings are being held after the Federation officers' meeting in New York City. We are sure that the officers will have a most interesting report to render. We invite all of our Dorcas members to be present in their respective Federations.

Elder Nash, our union home missionary secretary, expects to be present at all of our Dorcas Federation meetings, except the Chatauqua Federation.

V. A. LAGRONE

S. S. AND H. M. ITEMS

Plans have been made for a Sabbath School and Home Missionary Council for all of the Sabbath schools and churches in the Albany and Schenectady districts. This is to be held in

the Albany church beginning 2:30 in the afternoon of March 20. All Sabbath schools which customarily meet in the afternoon, perhaps you would like to have your Sabbath school in the morning and then come over to Albany for this big meeting. At this meeting, we plan to organize a Society of Missionary Men in the Albany district. Elder G. R. Nash, our union Sabbath school and home missionary secretary, is definitely planning to be with us.

On March 28, the Sabbath School Association of the Syracuse and Union Springs districts will meet in Nedrow. Be sure to enjoy the good things that will be presented at that time.

V. A. LAGRONE

BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE NEWS

A new supplement for the 1947-48 catalogue of publications has been prepared for our members. This supplement lists all new books which are not in the regular catalogue and also gives complete information on price changes. This may be obtained on request from the New York Book & Bible House, 528 Oak Street, Syracuse 3, New York.

E. L. VANSANFORD, Mgr.

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A SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE

From February 8 to 15 a very inspiring colporteur institute was conducted in the James Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syracuse, with forty in attendance. Some of the older colporteurs who have attended many institutes in the New York Conference said it was the best yet.

We were given much help by Elder Reiswig, our conference president, Brother F. R. Aldridge, conference secretary-treasurer, and Brother Edward VanSanford, manager of the New York Book and Bible House. We appreciated the inspiring messages given by Elders Bresee, Bohner, LaGrone, and Wright. We were especially grateful for the help and inspiration of Elder Crawford from the Southern Publishing Association, Brother Bailey from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and Elder S. L. Clark, our union Publishing Department secretary. Also, I want to thank the Dorcas society of Syracuse for preparing and serving the excellent meals we all enjoyed during the week. Brother English is to be highly commended for

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keeping all of us comfortable during the sub-zero weather which prevailed. His was a real contribution in keeping the church warm all during the institute.

All who attended were impressed with the solemn fact that what we do to save souls must be done quickly.

The need for still more colporteurs in New York is great. Even though you did not attend the institute, there is a place for you in this phase of God's work. Write us at the conference office, and we will help you prepare for, and assist you in the field.

May the Lord impress many more to join our colporteur army in giving the message through the medium of the printed page.

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RESULTS!

Results! How we like to see the efforts that we put forth materialize into interests that eventually mean the salvation of a soul in the kingdom of God. Some time ago one of our faithful missionary workers in Aroostook County, Maine, placed a copy of the booklet, *Seeing It Through With God* in the hands of a prospect for the kingdom. After reading the book, the woman wrote to the Pacific Press in these words, "I have enjoyed reading your book, *Seeing It Through With God*, and I feel that I must have more of your literature. Thank you."

Another very interesting experience comes from another part of our conference. Some one of our members in the southern part of New Hampshire left a copy of the book *Prove All Things* in the hands of a woman at Alstead. The interest produced by the book caused the individual to write to the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

In time the following message was forwarded to our Portland office: "Gentlemen: According to your suggestion in the book I've just read, *Prove All Things*, I am sending my name and address as I enjoyed the book and hope to be able to read more of a similar nature. Thank you."

We are never to tire in our work of placing our fine truth-filled books in the hands of the people. The book,

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Prove All Things, is the most inexpensive material that the Book and Bible House has to offer. To our own church members the price is only a nickel postpaid to any place in Maine, New Hampshire, or Vermont. Where else can you get all of the message in one book for only five cents? Plan to follow your Prediction Series interests with the book, *Prove All Things*. These leaflets will be a fine introduction for this book. Try it and see.

S. B. OLNEY

RIVERVIEW JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Riverview Junior Academy board met on Feb. 19, to lay plans for strengthening the educational work in Norridgewock, and to elect teachers for the 1948-49 school year.

Mr. Leon Strickland was elected principal of the school. Mr. Strickland is at present directing the activities of the Riverview Junior Academy, having been elected for the present school year at the close of the first semester.

Miss Beverly Wheeler was elected to teach the lower grades. Miss Wheeler is at present studying at Atlantic Union College.

Plans were laid to accommodate young people from other parts of the conference who might wish to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at Riverview.

The Lord has blessed the work of our Norridgewock believers in their interest in Christian education, and we feel certain that the influence of Riverview will result in the salvation of our boys and girls.

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Hartford District. From a letter written by Elder C. M. Pike we learn that there are five cottage meetings being conducted in the Hartford district, and the interests are good. Elder Pike states that indications are that the largest baptism since his arrival in the district will be held before camp meeting. He also states that they now have two "Light Bearers" classes organized, one in Hartford with a membership of twenty-five, and the other in New Britain with a membership of ten. Several of the members are now actively engaged in giving Bible

studies and one lady has already accepted the Sabbath truth as a result of the work of a lay member.

Stoneham. Elder and Mrs. Bietz visited the Stoneham Home and School meeting on the evening of March 1. Elder Bietz spoke to the group on "Proper Recreation in the Home." A goodly number were present at the meeting. We trust that more churches will organize Home and School associations. There is a great need for more thorough parent-teacher education.

Baptisms. For the month of February the following workers reported baptisms: W. E. Priebe, Providence district, 11; H. J. Brendel, North Boston district, 3.

Worcester District. Elders Carl P. Anderson and Neal Becker visited the Worcester and Quinebaug churches last Sabbath in the interest of the *Signs of the Times*. The Worcester church plans to use two hundred of the five hundred subscriptions pledged to follow up the interest of the 20th Century Bible School. Elder Becker states that they now have a telephone in the Worcester Church—number Worcester 2-4783.

Athol District. In a letter from Elder Greene, leader of the Athol district, we notice that definite plans have been laid for a strong Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer, March 13-20. Elder Greene hopes to contact every young person in and around Athol who has been a member of the church at some time. He also states that four individual are ready for baptism.

Springfield District. Elder Bietz spent the weekend in the Springfield district. On Friday evening he spoke to the young people's society, Sabbath morning to the entire church, and Sabbath afternoon he and Elder Senecal motored to Northampton for a meeting with the brethren there. After sunset the Northampton church, and a goodly number from Springfield, had supper in the church basement. The evening was profitably spent in singing and participating in other recreational activities.

Pawtucket District. Brethren L. E. Aldridge and George P. Stone visited the Pawtucket and Attleboro churches last Sabbath. Elder M. G. Johnson, district leader, is attending the Seminary in Washington at the present time. While he is away Brother Tilotson, ministerial intern, is directing the work in the district.

Press Bureau Visitor. We were happy to have Miss Helen Smith from the General Conference Press Bureau call at our office last Sunday. Miss Smith was very pleased to see how many of our churches had elected press secretaries, and feels sure that much good will be accomplished as a result of their faithful efforts to report all phases of church activities.

Bridgeport District. Elder J. B. Chispens, leader of the Bridgeport district, reports that the church school in Bridgeport has grown from seven pupils last year to nineteen, which is the present enrollment. The prospects for next year are that the enrollment will increase to twenty-five, with perhaps two teachers. We certainly are happy for this fine growth and know that the church school will mean much to the enlargement of the work in Bridgeport.

**TWO BIG M. V. RALLIES
MARCH 13
East Hartford, Conn.,
Odd Fellows Hall.**

M. V.'s of the Hartford, New London, New Haven, Bridgeport, Pittsfield, and Springfield districts are especially urged to be present. Social in the evening.

March 20
Pawtucket, R. I.,
239 Central Avenue.

M. V.'s of the Pawtucket and Providence districts are especially invited.

...Elder R. A. Nesmith of the Atlantic Union Conference will speak on both of these days.

BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE NEWS

Another Periodical Special Saving. Once again the publishers of *Life and Health* are extending an opportunity for church members to enter personal and gift subscriptions to *Life and Health* at half price. Beginning March 1, Seventh-day Adventists may enter *Life and Health* subscriptions for \$1.37½, or one for themselves and one for a friend for a total of \$2.75, which is the regular price of a single yearly subscription.

To add interest to this offer we are suggesting that you send \$1.50 and receive with a year's subscription to *Life and Health* a copy of the Source Chart of the Ellen G. White books. Those who are already subscribers to *Life and*

Health may secure the chart for themselves and send the gift subscription to a friend. In following this plan you help others while helping yourself.

Another New Crisis Book. *The Jews and Palestine*, by Roy F. Cottrell. This is certainly a book for the hour, and it should be distributed profusely among our Jewish friends. The saying goes that "opportunity knocks but once" and certainly this is the time. You can purchase this book for 30¢ each, plus a slight mail charge, or if you wish ten or more, they are only 25¢ each, plus postage. Order today.

Another New Christian Home Library Book, and one that you will be using constantly for the next three quarters of this year—the title, *Book of Hebrews*, by Elder M. L. Andrea-son. You will certainly want this book as it is the Sabbath school lesson help for the rest of the year. Cloth binding \$1.50, deluxe \$2.00. Order six or more at one time to one address, and you get a 10% discount. Add a little postage in this case. We will be looking for your orders.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
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FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE

I am sure that our hearts have been greatly stirred this last quarter as we listened Sabbath after Sabbath to the Sabbath school mission reports of the Southern European Division. We have received through these mission reports considerable information relative to the work, particularly in the Czechoslovakian Conference.

I am sure that on the Thirteenth Sabbath we will all want to give a dollar or more to help enlarge the work in this land of the Reformation, where today our people are enduring trials comparable to those of the early reformers.

Looking at the record for the first quarter of 1947, I notice that our Thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to \$4,000.32. I am sure that through sacrifice on the part of all of us in the Southern New England Conference, we can give a substantial lift to our brethren in Southern Europe. The need is certainly great, and let us, on the basis of the need, give of our means.

Someone has said, "If I refuse to give anything to missions, I cast my ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary." Through their liberal giving Seventh-day Adventists have been able to send out thousands of missionaries, and I am sure that as we think of them, and of the needs of the fields in which they labor, we will continue to do our best.

Plan now for a good offering on the Thirteenth Sabbath, March 27.

R. R. BIETZ

MONEY

Since the notice first appeared in this paper a few weeks ago inviting people to write us if they wished to make a loan to one of our institutions, a number have written and, as a result, various amounts have been placed in our work.

Some have asked if the way is still open for our people to put their money in our work as a loan. Yes, a limited amount can still be accepted. If interested in full particulars, write to M. L. Rice, South Lancaster, Mass.

Requests from Overseas

The Famine Relief Committee has endeavored to place shipments of food and clothing in the hands of our responsible brethren in every needy country. These are being distributed as equitably as possible to our brethren in need.

All requests that come in personally from any country, unless the sender is a relative or is personally known by you, can be safely ignored or sent to the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

It is discovered that people in some countries receive names of charitable-minded people in America and that an oversupply of packages is thus received by them. Their next-door neighbors, just as needy, may receive little or nothing. This causes dissatisfaction, so our leaders in the various fields should have all such letters returned to them so that they can care for all cases of need with impartiality.

HENRY F. BROWN
G. C. Home Missionary Dept.

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G. R. NASH, Secretary

OUR FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The time for the 1948 Ingathering campaign will soon be here. The date is April 3 to May 15.

Last year the campaign was a great success in our union. Everyone seemed to get under the load, and we all lifted together. The task was pleasant and faithfully done. The work was well organized. We all gained courage for future campaigns, and soon the time will come for us to enter again into this, the greatest single campaign of the year.

At the time of the Autumn Council session it was voted to make 1948 a very special year for missions. When the fourteen million dollar budget was voted it was planned that at least two and one-half million should be gathered in by our faithful leaders and people in the North American Division alone. But we sincerely believe that we can raise even more than that.

What will be the result of the 1948 Ingathering campaign in your church—will you go above last year's record or not? Will your church be a Minuteman church or not? These are really live questions just now with all of us. We can go far beyond last year's record if our loyal members are carefully organized for this work. Organization and co-operation spell success.

Let all our ministers, church elders, and evangelists show greater leadership in the 1948 Ingathering campaign than ever before. Lead your members by your personal example in this work. Do not give up until you have reached your goal or more. Settle this in your own heart now, dear leaders, and talk it to your people.

We hope every member as well as every church will strive to reach the Minuteman goal, which is \$18.00. We have hundreds who can go far beyond that and scores who can reach ten-minute, thirty-minute, and even sixty-minute goals. We are not giving out Minuteman pins, for the General Conference is planning something better.

They are issuing one-, ten-, thirty-, and sixty-minute ribbons. A beautiful Ingathering brochure or *Book of Remembrance* will be prepared by the General Conference in which will appear the pictures and a short report of all those who reach the thirty- and sixty-minute goals. This brochure will also publish the names of churches and conferences which reach the Minuteman goal. This fortieth anniversary *Book of Remembrance* will be a cherished souvenir.

We are counting on you, dear fellow-workers and church members, to throw yourselves into the campaign and unitedly work until success is gained. Let us faithfully work our territory and continually be on the outlook for souls. Let us resolve to make the 1948 Ingathering campaign the best and most spiritual of any during our experience.

G. R. NASH

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The Curtain is Falling

The following two statements should have special significance to us just at this time. In the *Saturday Evening Post* of February 28 one of the leading articles carried this headline, Turkey Lives on Borrowed Time." In Vol. 9 of the *Testimonies* we read a statement on page 14 which was written thirty-nine years ago: "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."

When the prophecies of Daniel 11 are finished, the events spoken of in the first verse of Daniel 12 will follow: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Southern Europe and the Near East are in turmoil. Palestine and the surrounding countries occupy the front page of the newspapers today. Great events are to take place, and we are told that "the final movements will be rapid ones." "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28.

Our coming Thirteenth Sabbath Offering goes to the troubled spot of southern Europe. A large overflow is urgently needed. Now—before a tight censorship with rigid restrictions closes the way we should press in with our message.

Let us all join in making this the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in our history.

M. L. RICE

SUNSET TABLE

Eastern Standard Time

	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
South Lancaster, Mass	5:58	6:06
Portland, Maine	5:52	6:00
Syracuse, N. Y.	6:16	6:24
New York, N. Y.	6:07	6:14

Add one minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

REMEMBER THIRTEENTH SABBATH, MARCH 27