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Christian Record Announces Talking Magazine

As it begins its 56th year of service to the blind in the field of free inspirational literature, the Christian Record Benevolent Association of Lincoln, Nebr., announces the publication of a quarterly two-record recorded journal for non-Braille readers. The first issue of the new publication, *The Christian Record Talking Magazine*, will be mailed out the 15th of February and thereafter every three months.

Like the six monthly publications now issued by the Association, the new recorded magazine will be mailed free to blind readers upon their personal request. While published primarily for non-Braille readers, its mailing list will be open to all blind interested in this type of literature. Sets of the records for lending purposes will also be placed in the regional libraries for the blind for the convenience of non-subscribers.

The Christian Record Talking Magazine will be a non-sectarian religious journal featuring inspirational, devotional, educational, and health articles prepared especially for it and also drawn from a wide field of popular inkprint publications that have generously opened their files of manuscript to the association for reprint purposes.

All requests for subscriptions should be addressed to *The Christian Record Talking Magazine*, Lincoln 6, Nebr., and should be in the office of publication by February 1 for the first number.

"Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. We need colporteurs, who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere."

Sowing and Reaping

By ADRIAN L. HEADLEY, District Leader
Greater New York Conference

Many years ago a young lady grew up in the city of Battle Creek, Mich. Throughout the years that followed, her attention was brought more and more forcibly to the fact that Seventh-day Adventists were prominent in the affairs of the city. Some of her friends and neighbors became members of that church, and gave her books and tracts to read. The message they contained was very convincing and convicting, but she was not yet ready to make any change in her religious life. She later married, and raised her family in the ways of the popular churches and almost forgot the message she had heard and read.

God works in mysterious ways, and, although this lady did not know it, God was working in her behalf. About thirty years ago she moved to the little village of Walden, N.Y. During this time she heard nothing of Seventh-day Adventists, until in 1952 the *Walden Citizen-Herald* carried a small article stating that a church had been organized in the village. This brought back memories and she considered attending, but because of not personally knowing any Seventh-day Adventists, she did not go. From time to time she found different pieces of their literature left at her door until finally she became convinced that they were right in their beliefs, yet still she hesitated to attend the church.

But God was not finished with her. This lady operated a large boarding house. Because of ill health, she decided to sell the property. The Walden

church group were looking for a building site, and interviewed her about the property she had for sale, but the price was more than this little group could pay. The pastor, Brother Jamile Jacobs, invited her to the church meetings, but still she declined.

About two months ago she sold her property, and moved to a different section of the village to live. As she looked from her window one Sabbath morning, she noticed her next-door neighbor come up the walk and slip a piece of literature under the door. It was Mrs. James Joy, on her way home from church, leaving tracts at the doors of her neighbors. As the lady noticed the contents of the tract, she recognized it as Seventh-day Adventist literature, and rushing to the telephone she called Mrs. Joy and surprised her by asking if she could attend church with her the next Sabbath.

It was a proud Mrs. Joy who escorted Mrs. Sanders, for that is this lady's name, to church the next week, and thrilled at the wondrous story she told of God's leading in her personal life throughout the years.

Mrs. Sanders now regularly attends the church and is studying in preparation for baptism. One of her first decisions was to pay tithe on the property she had sold.

This incident brings to us, in a powerful way, the fact that we are to "sow thy seed . . . for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Greater New York

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News Notes

Farewell. Elder and Mrs. L. R. Langworthy have accepted a call to the Southern California Conference, where Elder Langworthy is to serve as assistant pastor of the Glendale church. The Langworthys had been in our conference less than a year, and everyone who had become acquainted with them appreciated their cheerful sincere ministry. The Westchester district has sustained a great loss, and Glendale has gained an excellent worker and family. We wish Elder and Sister Langworthy and their two children God-speed and every blessing as they move to their new home.

Spanish Effort. Elder Walter Schubert of the General Conference Ministerial Association will conduct evangelistic meetings in New York City from the middle of February through May 1955. All our Spanish churches are working hard in contributing funds and preparing for these meetings. We solicit the prayers of all our members that the Spirit of God may bless abundantly so that many may be won to the truth as a result of this evangelistic endeavor.

Evangelism in Liberty. Elder A. L. Headley reports that 33 individuals attended a recent Sunday evening service in Liberty, 13 being non-Adventist. Several of the non-Adventists are regular in attendance and show a real interest. Elder Headley reports that a lady called asking what she needs to do in order to become a church member. This is the fourth person who has contacted him within two months with such a request, which shows that the Spirit of God is working on the hearts of the people as they learn of our message through our television or radio programs or from our literature.

Eagle Lake Park. Work is progressing on the Youth Lodge located near Ringwood River at Eagle Lake Park. The huge 6-foot fieldstone fireplace is now under construction.

Danish-Norwegian Church. Members of the Danish-Norwegian church enjoyed a second visit, November 27, from Pastor H. Helmersen of Norway, who is attending the Theological Seminary in Washington. All appreciated the excellent message which he brought.

From Washington Avenue. The Washington Avenue church had a special all-day program on Sabbath, November 27. Dr. Fowler, former missionary to Africa, told mission stories during the morning missionary service. Elder F. E. J. Harder presented a Thanksgiving sermon, and in the afternoon Elder J. A. Toop showed the film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage." At the close of the Sabbath, "From Forest to You" was shown, and the evening concluded with a social.

Ingathering Success

Wednesday evening, December 8, 1954, the Staten Island church went over the top in its 1955 Ingathering campaign after eleven nights of Christmas caroling. This made a record high for Staten Island, since twelve nights were required last year to get the goal.

God richly blessed the faithful workers of the Staten Island church as they braved biting winds and rain to go out each evening, except Friday, from November 27 to December 8. The average for each night of caroling was \$144.12. The Staten Island church has two machines and was able to send out a crew of four to five solicitors with each car. Over 5,000 pieces of literature were placed in the homes of the people.

It is wonderful to see how God opens the doors of the people to the carolers. After three years the people are expecting them, and when the question comes, "What church do you represent?" and the caroler answers, "Seventh-day Adventist," faces light up and people give willingly and liberally. One evening Pastor Cumbo had 23 dollar bills at the end of his work and \$11 in change, making a total of \$34. This shows the willingness with which people give. Nearly every night at least half of the contributions were dollar bills. The Staten Island church members believe that Christmas caroling is the "way" to get Ingathering over in the most painless and pleasant manner.

As with most other endeavors, it is very evident that the more nights the individual carolers took part, the greater amount they were able to raise for Ingathering. Those who went out from one to three nights gathered from \$3.11 to \$37.50, whereas those who went out five to twelve nights turned in from \$49.87 to \$268.15. Pastor Cumbo reversed the usual procedure

and asked one of his deacons to drive his car while he solicited; he turned in the largest amount of any church member—\$268.15.

New York

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Notes of Progress

• Miss Verna Howard of the Glens Falls, N.Y., church, and Robert Hogan Camp of the Corning, N.Y., church were united in marriage on November 14 by Elder M. D. Hannah. The wedding was held in the Corning Seventh-day Adventist church and was well attended by the many friends and relatives of these two Adventist youth. Verna Howard is a graduate of Union Springs Academy and attended Atlantic Union College last year. Brother Hogan Camp is engaged in full-time colporteur work in Cortland, N.Y., where they have set up their new home.

• The Vienna church of 47 members met in business session recently and voted to add a third teacher to their

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church school. The invitation was extended to Miss Marilyn Courtright of Binghamton to teach Grades 1-4 in the Vienna school, and Miss Courtright has accepted and has been teaching for several days. Miss Mary Rasha is now teaching grades 5 to 8 and Mrs. Marie Armstrong grades 9 and 10.

• The total number of *Signs* subscriptions coming into the New York Conference is 6,015, or 154 per 100 members. This is the highest record ever reached by the New York Conference. Let us pray that God will bless the weekly visits of the *Signs of the Times*.

• A church officers' council will convene on January 8 in the Cortland Seventh-day Adventist church. Elder H. J. Capman will preach the morning sermon and at 2:30 the same afternoon, the officers and members of the Cortland and Ithaca churches will divide into groups for instruction on the duties of church officers. Elder H. J. Capman and Elder W. W. Smith will instruct the group of elders, deacons, and deaconesses. Elder R. G. Burchfield and Brother E. VanSanford will meet with the church treasurers and assistants and also the clerks and assistants and the home missionary secretaries. Elder V. A. LaGrone will instruct the home missionary and Sabbath school officers. All believers within driving distance of the Cortland church are cordially invited to be present for the entire day.

• January 22 will be a high day in the Syracuse church, known as Christ-in-Education Day. The morning sermon entitled "Feed My Lambs" will be given by Elder H. J. Capman. At 2:30 in the afternoon, R. G. Burchfield will lead a singspiration service, to be followed by a panel discussion in which the audience may direct questions to the members of the panel including R. A. Nesmith of South Lancaster, Mass.; M. D. Hannah, conference educational superintendent of Syracuse; L. S. Barnes, minister of the Syracuse district; David Prest, assistant pastor at Syracuse; R. G. Burchfield, secretary-treasurer of the New York Conference; and H. J. Capman, president of the New York Conference. Pastor Barnes will be the moderator of the panel. Following sunset vespers, Elder R. A. Nesmith will show the sound motion picture in color entitled, "One in 20,000." This impressive film shows the definite relationship between lung cancer and cigarette smoking.

New York Conference Literature Evangelist Sales School

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If God is speaking to you and you feel the burden to enter this branch of the work of the Lord, this is your opportunity to get the needed training.

P-L-A-N N-O-W to attend the Literature Evangelist Training School.

C. DILTS, Secretary
Publishing Dept.

Book and Bible House Notes

This is our first notice in 1955, and we send to all of our members GREETINGS from your Book and Bible House.

The new year brings with it new plans and endeavors for the Lord and we wish to make announcement of some bookstands that will be in the field during January. A church officers' meeting will be held in the Cortland church on Sabbath, January 8; and both the Cortland and Ithaca folks will be expected to attend this all-day service. A bookstand will be available in the church basement at sundown, and we will remain there until all of the folks desiring to obtain literature have been served.

As soon as we are able we will report in our weekly articles the total sales for 1954. Thank you again and again for giving us the privilege of serving you with literature in the year past. We hope for this same privilege many times increased during 1955.

NEW YORK BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE
E. L. VANSANFORD, Manager

God's Tenth

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30.

A young minister began to practice tithing and set an example before his

farm congregation. Out of his salary of \$2,000 a year he returned \$200 to the church. Over and over again in his sermons he reminded his flock that tithing was the Christian standard. "We are what we are because God created us," he said, "and for our love for the Lord, tithing should only be the minimum of what we do."

Farmer Ralph Waldo Moore pondered these words for the best part of two years, as he mended his fences, planted and reaped his crops. Then one day he walked into the Waldron State Bank and handed over to Cashier Virgil Roberts a check for \$580. "This is for the church, Virgil," he said. "I want to start tithing." Looking out over his 332 acres of prosperous farm land last week, 54-year-old Ralph Moore tried to explain how he felt about tithing. "I studied it out and figured I couldn't do anything more important—I began to realize that the church is our only hope. I got to thinking that if all the nations had a little more Christianity we might be able to avoid World War III. I got to thinking that if all members tithed there wouldn't be any more financial difficulties in our churches. Then our churches would be strong, and a strong church would be our future. I got to thinking that if we didn't have a future, what a terrible thing it would be. So I decided that I would give a tenth of my earnings."

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Northern New England

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Workers' Meeting in Portland

From all sections of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine they came, these district pastors of the Northern New England Conference, to associate with the office personnel, for two days of study and Christian fellowship on December 7 and 8. We were sorry that some of the wives were unable to attend because the children were in school, but we were happy for those who did come.

Elder George E. Vandeman, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, led out in the studies during the two-day period. From the very first the presence



Northern New England Workers

of the Holy Spirit was felt in great measure. The studies were earnestly and capably presented, and were very practical. After each study, opportunity was given for questions and round-table discussion.

At the two evening services the church members were invited to join the worker family. The White Memorial church was filled to capacity for each service. The united testimony of workers and members alike was that God had visited us and imparted a special blessing and inspiration.

Each worker is returning to his task with renewed courage and confidence. We feel that a seed has been planted within the hearts of our group which will result in larger plans, and more earnest labor in behalf of those who are longing for light, and who must yet be gathered into the fold before midnight darkness settles upon this old world.

Please pray with us that we may each one be willing to give of our best in service while probation hours still linger.

ROSCOE W. MOORE

Are You a Faithful Messenger?

One of our 20th Century Bible Correspondence Course students writes: "It has been a wonderful blessing to me since studying the Bible in this way. I am so thankful for the friend who sent me the card. I feel that God knew my great need and sent a message through His people. Pray that I may

fully understand and receive more benefit as I continue to study. God bless your good work."

The message of the Bible lessons will never fail, but what if the messengers fail! We must not and we will not fail. Many of our church members, both old and young, are being faithful in doing what they can to secure enrollments. As long as the enrollments continue to come in we will see souls brought to Christ and baptized into His remnant church. One of our students writes: "Last winter I accepted Christ. I was baptized yesterday (October 23). Pray that I will always be faithful and ready when Jesus comes. I want to do colporteur work."

We are happy to tell you that during the past quarter, twenty of our students were baptized. The winter months are most conducive to study, so let us go forth with renewed zeal as messengers for God and invite many to study God's Word. The study of the Bible is the only answer to the fears that grip the hearts of mankind today. May we each one be used of God to bring hope and courage to troubled hearts.

MRS. VERNA C. MOORE, Instructor
20th Cent. Bible Cor. Course

"Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give His message."—*Colporteur Ministry*, pp. 20, 21.

Southern New England

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Ring in the New

The year 1954 is dead. Let there be no mourning of its passing. It is beyond the capability of finite power to influence, control, or revive it, for it is gone to its eternal repose. Like a brave but exhausted warrior, worsted in battle, the old year has capitulated to the inevitable triumph of its youthful and vigorous foe—1955.

With temerity and in full regalia, the new year swaggers into the arena, demanding our recognition and attention. Flushed with victory as it stands at the apex of its innocence and youth, it beckons to us to join it in its march of conquest. As we face this new conqueror, there are conflicting emotions and doubts that give us cause for disquietude. Fear, anxiety, uncertainty, hope, peace, and security are but a few that could be mentioned. But let us greet this intruder as a trusted friend. Though we have not the ability to divine the future, of this much we are assured. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Was He not with us to see us safely through the old year? Then if we will permit Him to accompany us through days, weeks, and months of this uncharted and virginal new year, we need have no fear or foreboding of what lies ahead. He who sets his chart and compass to conform to the directions of our Master Guide will be certain of a safe destination.

Having made amends for and learning lessons from our failures and mistakes of the past year, let us rejoice that we have the privilege of greeting another year. We have been given another chance to make good. As we enter 1955, it is like discovering the "Land of Beginning Again," or like making a path across a trackless, snow-covered plain. Here are a few suggestions that will help you make the year profitable and worth living:

1. Maintain the family altar.
2. Win at least one soul to Christ.
3. Spend more time in prayer.
4. Faithfully read and study your Bible.
5. Read the *Review and Herald* and books of the Spirit of prophecy.
6. Be a faithful attendant at Sabbath school and church.
7. Live within the family income.
8. Pay your tithes to the Lord, and be liberal



Back row, left to right—Edwin Record, North Adams; Howard Groom, S. Lancaster; W. J. Hackett, Box 226, Singapore; Joseph Gaio, New Bedford. Front row—Joseph Tiexeira, Bridgeport; Leslie Pendleton, S. Lancaster; Robert Penny, Worcester. Not in picture—Eugene Dana, Pittsfield.

in giving local and foreign mission offerings to your church.

9. Be optimistic.

10. Abide by the Golden Rule.

Yes, we are thankful that our lives have been spared, and that we are permitted to greet the new year. Let us do so with resolute courage and hope. The teeming opportunities that lie before us, and the thrill of being privileged to witness for Christ in this crucial and climactic hour of the world's history, bring to us a dynamic challenge. Ring out the old year with its disappointments and failure! Ring in the new year of anticipation and hope, for it will bring us one year nearer our Father's Kingdom, to a life of perennial delight and immortal bliss.

MERLE L. MILLS, *President*

M.V. Officers' Institute

January 7-9

A meeting of the 1955 Missionary Volunteer officers is scheduled to be held at Atlantic Union College in Machlan Hall, January 7-9. M.V. leaders, secretaries, and sponsors are invited to attend this meeting, which we believe will prove very profitable to them in establishing their plans for the M.V. organization in 1955.

Every society should have one or more Outpost Evangelism projects in operation. We hope that every Missionary Volunteer will contribute his effort in helping his M.V. Society thrive in 1955!

I. V. STONEBROOK, *M.V. Sec.*

Greetings from Your Boys in Korea

The believers of Southern New England may justly be proud of the young men that they have sent to the service to contribute their part in the defense of the nation. While I was in Korea I met about eight or ten of the young men from Southern New England whom I had known before. It was a real joy to visit them as they assembled for a Youth's Congress, along with 150 other boys from all over Korea. These Seventh-day Adventist boys are not only true to the message, but they are making a contribution to our work in Korea. Our president of the Korean Union, Elder C. W. Lee, regards it a privilege to have these boys in the field. The workers throughout the mission endeavor to entertain them and feed them on the Sabbath as they come to their homes, but these boys are regarded as a part of the working staff of the Korean Union. They have been instrumental in winning many Koreans to Christ. Let me relate a few small incidents that may serve to illustrate the work that these men are doing in Korea. One young man told the congress that seventeen Koreans had been baptized as a result of the work which our soldiers had done in preaching the gospel through a translator to Korean youth. Another Seventh-day Adventist boy has won a number in his hospital by talking to them about the truth. When I was there I visited a young man who was in an iron lung, to whom our boys were giving Bible

studies. By this kind ministry and by the use of a projector, pictures were thrown on the ceiling. This young man, who breathed heavily in the iron lung, became convinced that he should know Christ better. When he emerged from the iron lung, he said, "I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist." These boys indeed are faithful to the message which God has given.

I want to assure the parents of our boys in Korea that it has been a real pleasure to see how they have stood firm and true to the faith. You may be justly proud of these boys, for they have served not only their country but their God and their church in this far away land. They have been responsible for helping to build several churches in Korea. They have also liberally supported the orphanage which is connected with the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital. Besides this, they have clothed and fed many poor unfortunate, crippled children in many parts of Korea and Japan.

We invite the readers of the GLEANER to join with us in praying that God will continue to keep our boys faithful as they serve their overseas assignments.

W. J. HACKETT



Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bierlien and their daughters, Janet and Jill. Mr. Bierlien recently joined the Southern New England Conference workers as assistant secretary in the Publishing Department. He is in charge of the work in the state of Connecticut.

Spot News

- Additional baptismal reports received for the months of November and December revealed the following statistics: S. A. Renzi—4; O. J. Ritz—4; R. K. Krick—5.
- The South Lancaster Sabbath school has set an outstanding record in raising \$1500 for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering that was taken on Christmas Day.
- Brother A. R. Newman, director of our mission in Boston, has secured

a second thousand-dollar contribution for the building that has been purchased next to the mission, to be used as a chapel.

- We are happy to welcome Brother F. B. Odell of the New Britain church back into our colporteur ranks after an absence of nearly a year.

- At the last meeting of the Conference Committee it was voted to grant colporteur credentials to Mrs. Mildred Fenley, Mr. R. D. McGann, Sr., Mrs. Agnes Rubenwolf, Mrs. Edith Waters, Mrs. Sally Weiss, and licenses to W. L. Knox, Mrs. R. D. McGann, Raymond Ruggles, Howard Thomas, and Berton Woods.

- The New Britain church is now negotiating the purchase of a building situated near the center of the city, from the Missionary Alliance church. They will be occupying this building in the near future.

- Elder L. E. Lenheim, Elder T. R. Gardner, and Mr. Frank Aldridge of the Atlantic Union Conference, together with two laymen of our local conference—Doctor X. P. Walton of Newburyport, Mass., and Mr. A. F. Neubieser of Orange, Conn.—have been appointed to sit with the Conference Committee for the conference audit to be held on February 16. The purpose of this committee will be to give study to the service records and expense accounts of the conference workers, as well as to establish salary rates and to vote a financial budget for the year.

- Elder M. L. Mills spoke to our colporteurs on December 26 at the first meeting of the colporteur institute that was held on the college campus at South Lancaster December 26 to January 2.

- We have received a letter from Elder Orville Wright, stating that he is now comfortably located in his new pastorate at Atlanta. He couldn't refrain from informing us that at the writing of his letter, which was just a few days before Christmas, the temperature was 70°!

- In a letter from Elder William Carpenter, who is on leave of absence at our Bermuda Mission, he states that he is greatly enjoying his work and that marked progress is being made in the Bermuda Mission.

- Elder M. L. Mills and his family spent Christmas Day in the Springfield district. Elder Mills spoke in both the Springfield and Northampton churches, followed by baptisms in each church

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M.V. OFFICERS' MEETING
Atlantic Union College
January 7-9

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AMESBURY-LOWELL M.V. RALLY
Amesbury S.D.A. Church
January 28-30

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ATLANTIC UNION TEMPERANCE
ORATORICAL CONTEST
Greater Boston Academy
March 26

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SAM CAMPBELL LECTURE
Atlantic Union College
April 9

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PATHFINDER FAIR
A.U.C. Gymnasium
April 10

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ATLANTIC UNION MUSIC
FESTIVAL
Atlantic Union College
May 7

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PATHFINDER CAMPOREE
Camp Winnekeag
May 20-22

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CAMP MEETING
July 2-9

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CAMP WINNEKEAG
Older Boys July 30-August 7
Younger Boys August 7-August 14
Younger Girls August 14-August 21
Older Girls August 21-August 28

MV

PATHFINDER FESTIVAL
October 9

(Some dates are tentative)

at which time 9 candidates were baptized by the pastor, Elder Walter Gibson.

- The basement auditorium of the Springfield church has just had a new asphalt tile laid. Plans are under way to complete the remaining basement rooms in the near future.

- Mr. J. B. Frank, treasurer of the Indiana Conference, who labored for many years in various conferences of this union, was a visitor at our office last week.

- Most of our pastors have held baptisms in their districts during December, and from reports that we have received, it is believed that this will be the outstanding month of the year for baptisms in our conference.

- The main floor auditorium and the

hallways of the South Lancaster church have recently been repainted to add to the beauty of this house of God.

- On January 8, 1955, an all-day laymen's rally will be held in the Fitchburg church for the Fitchburg district. Our guest speaker will be Elder L. E. Esteb of the Atlantic Union Conference.

- The Lowell church raised \$175.01 for Thirteenth Sabbath on Christmas day, or a per capita of \$3.18, which we believe is the highest per capita for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of all the Sabbath schools throughout the conference.

- Elder A. M. Moyer spoke in the South Lancaster prayer meeting recently and showed colored pictures of Africa. He also spoke in a Sabbath church service. Elder Moyer has been appointed president of the North Nigerian Mission. Before his furlough he was connected with the training school at Bekwai, Gold Coast. He and his family are leaving New York for Africa, January 13, on the "United States."

Good News

About what, you say? Can you imagine a price reduction these days? We have one to offer you.

If you will refer to your November 29 GLEANER, page 2, you will find an article by Clifton L. Taylor concerning the now completed volumes of *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*. He stated the price of \$34.00 per set, but we have since received word from the publishers that we can now offer this set of four books for \$29.75, and in a gift box.

Order yours now.

O. A. BRAMAN, Manager
S.N.E. Book and Bible House

Married

Miss Vivien Ruth Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Foster of West Goshen, Conn., and Anthony James Falvo, Jr., of East Hartford, Conn., on the groom's birthday, Wednesday, December 15, 1954. The candlelight ceremony was performed by Elder Richard W. Knapp in the Prospect Avenue S.D.A. church, Hartford, Conn. The bride and groom have been students of Atlantic Union College, and are now employed in Hartford, where they will make their home.

ADVERTISEMENTS

All advertisements should be sent, together with payment, to your local conference office for approval by the president or secretary-treasurer. The rate is \$1.00 for each insertion of forty words or less, and 2¢ for each additional word. Check or money order should be made payable to Atlantic Union Gleaner or Atlantic Union Conference. Advertisements appearing in the GLEANER are printed without endorsement or recommendation of the Atlantic Union Conference.

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FOR SALE—Three-bedroom furnished redwood home. Across the lake from S.D.A. Walker Memorial Hospital and across the road from junior academy and church. A. R. Tompkins, Box A, Avon Park, Florida.

BOOKS WANTED—Reading Course Books, S.D.A. books or pamphlets all kinds (E. G. White books any condition). Other books, all but public school books and cheap fiction. Best prices paid for S.D.A. books. Please mail at book rates. Address: Helen's Old Books, 1903 A Street, Forest Grove, Oregon.

BOARD AND ROOM for elderly women or married couple in a comfortable farm home with all modern conveniences, church privileges, and home cooked vegetarian food. Rates reasonable. Mrs. D. K. Bettle, Richmond, Me.

REST HOME—Beautifully situated rest home in foothills of Georgia. Unusually agreeable, healthful climate. Church and doctor nearby. Three miles from "friendliest town in Dixie." Rates according to requirements but reasonable. Simple treatments (massage, hydrotherapy). Mrs. Ruth Darnall, Longview Restorium, Cleveland, Georgia.

WISH TO LOCATE a small lake back in mountains with surrounding acreage. Not interested in buildings but must be good fishing and camping. Option to purchase if not too large a proposition. Write Box V, c/o GLEANER.

WANTED—Woman to stay with my wife and help with housework while I work. Middle aged preferred. Sabbath privileges. Good home rather than high wages. Nelson Burgess, Copake Lake, R.D. 1, Craryville, New York.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

C. H. SMITH, Publishing Department Secretary

Atlantic Union Conference

Report for Week Ending December 18, 1954

GREATER NEW YORK			
J. H. Creighton, Pub. Dept. Sec. Hazel B. Potash, Asst.			
Colporteur	Hours	Orders	Del.
Schultz, G.	45	151 00	151 00
Potash, A.	40	112 00	87 50
Hess, K.	40	95 00	95 00
Wohler, A.	25	25 00	25 00
Tirado, M.	20	44 00	44 00
Toth, J.	20	25 00	25 00
Walker, Mrs. M.	16	42 75	
Gagan, I.	12	37 25	42 00
Fuller, Z.	10	20 00	20 00
Weinberg, M.	9	9 75	19 25
Morales, R.	8	15 00	15 00
St. Amant, R.	5	8 25	8 25
Curtis, B.	5	6 50	6 50
Phillips, J.	4	14 50	14 50
Noriega, J.	3	13 95	13 95
Tirado, E.	2	6 00	6 00
Martinez, R.	2	3 75	3 75
Tirado, J.	2	3 75	3 75
Gonzalez, C.		24 75	24 75
Edison, J.			419 25
Porco, A.		22 60	195 35
21 Colporteurs	268	680 80	1129 80

NEW YORK			
Clark Dilts, Pub. Dept. Sec.			
White, C.	49	72 00	72 00
Mills, M.	36	90 45	90 45
Lord, C.	30	63 75	33 75
Margerum, P.	29	136 75	136 75
Peasley, M.	28	130 25	74 50
Charlestream, N.	23	55 00	55 00
Charlestream, N.	21	39 00	39 00
Smith, Mrs. D.	21	32 25	70 50
Church Schools	20	75 00	75 00
Wiles, C.	17	4 75	44 25
Dow, C.	16	34 50	34 50
Miscellaneous	10	38 50	
Kinincutt, L.	4	41 25	41 25
Schlist, E.	1	18 75	
Brandstatter, M.	10	22 00	43 00
15 Colporteurs	295	844 20	809 95

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND			
L. D. Dyrer, Pub. Dept. Sec.			
Atwood, W.	35	172 50	
Colburn, H.	38	63 50	3 50
Cruikshank, L.		93 25	93 25

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED—A young widow (Jewish) with two girls six and nine years, desires a kind understanding housekeeper, preferably not over fifty years old. Good home, \$35 weekly with Sabbath privileges. Not far from White Plains church. Meisel, 89 Longfellow St., Hartsdale, New York.

BOOKS WANTED—*Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene* by Brother and Sister White and *Science in the Kitchen* by Mrs. Kellogg. Write stating price to Mr. G. Cabbins, 58, Hollywood Lane, Hollywood, near Birmingham, England.

FOR SALE—Fully equipped filled-to-capacity nursing home. Located 15 mil. from South Lancaster, Mass. Licensed for 18 patients. Gross annual income approximately \$34,000. Property consists 2 acres land, one

DiPietro, Mrs. Belle	22 00	22 00
Farley, Gladys	2	26 50
Holt, Terena	8	7 50
LeBrun, V.	1	35 50
Lombard, Carrol	40	100 25
Misc.		559 75
Newstead, D.	2	8 50
Peterson, G.	42	487 75
Sautelle, F.		8 25
Sumner, C.		182 50
Turk, R.	7	61 25
Willard, R.		13 50
Wood, F.	2	35 00
16 Colporteurs	177	1754 25

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND			
L. A. Pomeroy, Pub. Dept. Sec. L. Bierlien, C. Walkowiak, Assts.			
Waldo R. Alger	2	28 50	28 50
Russell Bickford	34	23 50	23 50
L. Burbeck	1	3 00	3 00
Julia Carlson	8	6 50	6 50
Curtis Gifford	45	69 70	45 50
Hilda Glandt	4	18 75	18 75
Colleen M. Goodall	26	51 50	51 50
E. N. Hoar	12	28 25	34 00
Mae McGann	23	111 60	148 10
R. D. McGann	35	178 80	113 50
D. R. Moulton	7	7 50	7 50
H. A. Moulton	8	7 75	7 75
Celina Paquette	16	31 25	31 25
Helen Pollack	22	75 00	75 00
Agnes Rubenwolf	21	47 25	71 50
Raymond Ruggles	28	50 25	50 25
Ann Schepp	10	27 75	27 75
Helen Secrist	6	20 00	20 00
L. J. Shanley	23	32 35	8 00
D. Sorensen	53	67 00	25 50
H. A. Thomas	32	150 75	150 75
Ivone Todd	31		9 75
Edith Waters	30	81 50	81 50
Lena F. Webb	5	8 50	8 50
Sally Weiss	28	65 50	65 50
Carolyn Weymouth	14	20 00	20 00
Edna S. Whitehead	22	39 75	39 75
Bert Woods	28	161 75	161 75
Unreported Deliveries		919 30	919 30
29 Colporteurs	574	2333 25	2254 15

Union Totals	Hours	Orders	Del.
81 Colporteurs	1314	5612 50	6086 85

main house insulated with asbestos shingles, one 2½-room insulated cottage. Asking \$30,000 with liberal terms to right party. Write Avery Nursing Home, R.F.D., So. Sudbury, Mass. Tel. Concord 1145—Mrs. Avery.

FOR SALE—Fifteen acres, Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia. Modern house, two porches, underground gas tank, three chicken houses, 1,000 hen capacity, one barn, 4 miles from Adventist church and ten-grade church school. Write A. E. Foote, 915 Goddard Ave., Orlando, Florida.

LITERATURE WANTED—Clean back copies of *Life and Health*, *These Times*, *Signs*, etc., needed desperately for missionary purposes, will be gratefully accepted by Manchester, N.H., church. Please send to Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Raymond, New Hampshire,



Death of Miss Rowena Purdon

On Christmas eve Atlantic Union College lost one of its pioneers. Miss Rowena Elizabeth Purdon, a member of the first graduating class of the



Miss Rowena Purdon

South Lancaster school, and recently in charge of the Alumni Association office, passed away on December 24 at the Clinton Hospital.

Miss Purdon was born at New Haven, Vt., on June 6, 1869, the only child of Elder Thomas H. Purdon and his wife, Electa L. Barton. In 1879 the Purdons moved to Middlebury, Vt., where Rowena attended the graded school and one year of high school.

At a camp meeting held in Burlington, Vt., Prof. Charles C. Ramsey induced her to attend the new school founded only three years before at South Lancaster, Mass. She was a student in South Lancaster Academy from 1885-1889, and was one of the four graduates in the first finishing class. Later she returned for further study under Prof. G. W. Caviness. She was baptized in the spring of 1887 by Elder J. B. Goodrich of Maine.

For one year Miss Purdon taught the South Stukely Select School, located in the province of Quebec, in the oldest Seventh-day Adventist church in Canada. Five of her nineteen pupils later became workers in the cause of God. She taught two years in public school in Proctor, Vt., and one year at South Lancaster Academy, and then attended Battle Creek College for a

year. During the next five years she taught mathematics at South Lancaster Academy.

From 1899 to 1901 Miss Purdon served as secretary of the Vermont Tract Society. For the following four years she was principal of the graded school at Boylston, Mass. At Proctor, Vt., she taught public school another year, then two years at South Lancaster Academy. For one year she attended the State Teachers' College at Fitchburg, Mass., graduating in the class of 1909.

On account of the failing health of her parents she went to their home in Rutland, Vt., to give them needed care. For nine years she served as head of the history department in the Rutland High School. Within this period her parents died and she returned to South Lancaster to teach for eight years, serving half of that time as normal director. From 1926 to 1928 she was principal of the Greater New York Academy, then returned to teach at South Lancaster, where she remained in active service to the end of her life.

In 1927 Miss Purdon received the B.R.E. degree from Atlantic Union College. She had taken some work in Columbia University to apply on this degree. She was the first person to receive the A.B. degree from Atlantic Union College. That was in 1933.

Miss Purdon was the author of three books. The first, *The Story of a Church*, was a history of the South Lancaster church, published in 1939. *The Story of a School* appeared the next year. Like the latter, *That New England School* concerns South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College. It is a revised and enlarged history of this school, but is still in manuscript form.

In 1944 Miss Purdon became librarian of South Lancaster Academy and continued in that position until the summer of 1951, when the college and academy libraries were merged into one in the new administration building. When the new library was dedicated it was named the Rowena E. Purdon Library. From 1951 to the end of her life she served in the Alumni

office. Day after day in all kinds of weather, she walked back and forth to her office to keep up the work and correspondence of the Association.

On the morning of October 28, Miss Purdon fell on the porch of South Hall, where she lived, and broke her hip. She was cared for at the Clinton Hospital until Christmas eve, when she fell asleep in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. The funeral service was conducted in the South Lancaster church by the pastor, Elder R. K. Krick, assisted by Elders G. H. Minchin, T. R. Gardner, and C. L. Taylor. Miss Purdon was laid to rest beside her beloved parents in the family lot at Bristol, Vt.

CLIFTON L. TAYLOR

THE Atlantic Union College Concert Band

presents its

WINTER CONCERT

January 15, 1955, 8:15 p.m.

MACHLAN AUDITORIUM

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

January 15, 1955, is the date on which the Atlantic Union College Concert Band will play its winter concert. Because of Mr. Judy's illness, the band was unable to present its concert at the originally scheduled time, but this new date has given opportunity for more preparation, which should make this the best college band concert ever. The program will include new and favorite marches, overtures, light tunes, and serious music.

We invite each and every one to attend the concert and listen to the 43 members of the band play music which will be both entertaining and inspiring.

SUNSET TABLE

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

	Jan. 7	Jan. 14
Bangor, Me.	4:10	4:18
Augusta, Me.	4:14	4:23
Portland, Me.	4:20	4:28
Boston, Mass.	4:27	4:34
S. Lancaster, Mass.	4:30	4:37
Hartford, Conn.	4:35	4:44
New York, N.Y.	4:45	4:53
Utica, N.Y.	4:43	4:50
Syracuse, N.Y.	4:46	4:53
Rochester, N.Y.	4:52	4:59
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:57	5:04

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