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Why Put First Things Last?

By J. P. NEFF

FOR 25 years a regular attendant at church, Sabbath school, prayer meetings, camp meetings, workers' meetings, Autumn Councils and General Conference sessions would have heard many things preached and talked about. He would have heard a few things referred to or discussed or preached very frequently by laymen, preachers, and men in high position and authority. Those few things frequently discussed and promoted vigorously were the publishing work, colporteur book and magazine sales, the literature ministry; foreign missions and missionary extension; evangelism, home missionary work, preaching and the radio. All these lines have been promoted, I might say emphasized and stressed, and that to the glory of God.

We have been educated, trained, and converted to these great lines of action on the part of the denomination. We believe in these activities, we contribute to them, we support them, we go out and raise money for them. We truly believe in them and it is perfectly clear to us that our leaders who are chosen to organize, promote, and direct the great world movement believe in them and are squarely supporting them. They have God-given, or at least, heaven-inspired plans to organize and finance these lines of work. All of this is as it should be. It is what we ought to have done.

We are told in "*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Church Members*," page 165, that "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people." The church members, frankly, do not get that impression. There is no plan that indicates that we believe this statement. If it is true, it should be, at least, on a par with any other work in the denomination. It involves the dear boys and girls, the sons and daughters of our brethren and sisters. These are

the children and youth who are growing up in Seventh-day Adventist homes and who are attending our churches. Should not their education receive equal promotion and equal support with any other thing, since "nothing is of greater importance"?

Should we not hear this from pulpit and in all of our other meetings as much as we hear anything else? But do we? Our brethren and sisters often ask us: If nothing is of greater importance, why

Offering Postponed

In view of the special emergency offering for famine relief that was received May 4, it has been voted to postpone the million-dollar offering for reconstruction, which was scheduled for July 27, to some later date. The date of the Reconstruction Offering will be announced at a later date.

W. R. NELSON
Treasurer, General Conference

don't our people promote Christian education like they do other things?

There is another statement that gives us God's goal for education, in "*Testimonies*," Volume VI, p. 197: "All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God." We have come so far short in this respect that we wonder if this is not why we are so short of laborers. Not half of our youth have been educated in our schools that they might be prepared to become laborers for God, and yet we are told that all of them should have been educated at our schools.

We hear that the demand is so

great and competition to secure workers is so strong that the various organizations and institutions do not feel too well sometimes about the calls that are made to fill places that need workers so badly because they themselves cannot spare them without detriment to the work from which they are called. There has never been an attempt made to educate all our youth in our schools. I have never heard of a plan to raise even one million dollars towards carrying out this statement of the Spirit of prophecy.

There is another statement. We are told that we shall not stand clear in the judgment if we do not make greater efforts to prepare our youth to become laborers together with God. This is in "*Testimonies*," Volume VI, p. 206. I wonder what this statement means. How can we expect to be found without fault when we are told we shall not stand clear in the judgment? Or does it mean something else? We wonder what others think it means.

We are told on page 165 of "*Counsels to Teachers*" that no amount of labor in evangelism and foreign missions can excuse us for neglecting the education and training of the children and youth. But are we neglecting them? Let us see:

We are told in "*Testimonies*," Volume VI, page 200, that "It is a grievous offense to God that there has been so great neglect in this line." We are told that there should be a church school in every church even if there are not more than six children to attend. So far as I know there has been no vigorous attempt to do what we are told to do in this respect. Ministers are checked up on with respect to all human goals but I never heard of their being checked up on regarding this goal that God himself has set for us for the church schools. There must be a great neglect in this respect.

As I called attention before, all the youth should be educated in our schools. God has set this goal, but it is so neglected that we have made no real effort to reach it. Plainly, if we had made no more effort to advance evangelism and missions than we have to do what God has told us to do for the education of the children and youth, would we not be in as pitiable a situation in respect to evangelism and missions as we are in having lost more than one-half of our children?

And again, plainly, if we as a denomination would seek under God to do his will and find a plan for the education of all the children, our people would give it the most hearty support of anything we ever attempted to do. Not one dollar need be taken from the other lines of work. They would be greatly enhanced as a result of the awakening and spirit of God that would come into our homes and churches.

And again, finally, if our people believed that the denomination believed as much in Christian education as it believes in evangelism and missions, church schools would spring up where there are none. The people would rally to them and those living too far away to send their children to school would think it important enough and worthwhile enough to move and live where their children would have a far better chance for eternal life.

Our people would respond to a plan that would secure the money to send those dear boys and girls to our academies and our dear young people to our colleges who must otherwise go the way of the world and perish.

It is pathetic to see our people take a little money from the mission funds, and squeeze a little from evangelism—and for what? Drawing from the mission funds and evangelism to get a little supplement to encourage the few people who are supporting the few children who are attending the few schools we have.

It is pathetic because so many of the children do not attend the schools we do have because they do not seem very important since we have no over-all program to educate "all of our children in our schools."

It is pathetic to see so many churches that have no schools and so many fine, splendid young people who would like to attend our

academies and colleges but cannot. They are just as noble, just as worthy of eternal life, and would make just as good "laborers together with God" as those who are financially or otherwise more favored. What shall we say for these thousands for whom no provision is made? Are they not in as pitiable a situation in these times of social degradation as those in heathen lands?

What shall we do? I would say, leave the little money we are taking away from evangelism and missions where it is. Let the leaders of the denomination, who possess the confidence and respect of all the people, sponsor a movement to have a church school in every church with all the children in and all the youth in our academies and colleges: let them find under God a place to raise funds to do this and it can be done and will be done. I have that confidence in the ability of our leaders and in God's cooperation with them, and in the loyalty of our people and their awakened interest in the movement to believe that they will respond. This will be the greatest experience that has ever come to the denomination in increased membership, in spiritual morale, in reformation, and in power with man and God.

This will be a people here in America that will arise and get ready to meet Jesus. The people will have confidence in a denomination that can save its children.

When our people see that our leaders all the way from the General Conference down to the local church elders believe as much in the education of the children and youth as they do in missions and evangelism, the miracle will be done. Without doing less, but more, for missions and evangelism they will rally for Christian education.

Our folly is to fear that universal education will lessen the mission and evangelistic funds and so we compromise by taking a little money from them as a sop to education. Universal education, as Volume 6, page 197 of the "Testimonies" calls for, would awaken and spiritually and otherwise enrich the denomination. Consequently, we would do more in the publishing work, health, missions, evangelism, and in all other lines of activity.

Why am I so positive? Because we are always ahead, always successful, always right when we do what God plainly tells us to do.

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Baptismal Services

A THRILLING and inspiring baptismal service was held April 27 at the Pittsburgh Central Church by Elders R. B. Hill and Joseph Dobias at which time 11 souls were baptized.

A man and his wife were baptized as a result of an effort held in New Kensington by Brother C. M. Fenner and other laymen of the Pittsburgh churches.

A young lady was baptized by Elder Hill who accepted the truth as the result of an interest awakened by Sister Bonda in her colporteur work.

Especially of interest was the baptism of an entire family of five by Elder Dobias. Some years ago the mother of this family became interested in the truth through reading "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" which had been purchased from one of our colporteurs. Her desire to unite with this church remained through the years, and it was indeed a day of rejoicing that her husband and three children could join her in this sacred rite.

It is truly an evidence of the working of the Spirit of God in the earth to see souls making their decision for the truth as faithful laymen persevere in preaching the third angel's message, as the work of our colporteurs bears fruit in souls saved, and as the children who have gone to our church schools take this important step.

On April 13 seven souls were

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baptized by Elder E. E. Carman, some uniting with the First Pittsburgh Church and others with the North Side Church.

M. E. LOEWEN

Did You Know?

Did you know that:

The total Sabbath School offering for 1945 was \$26,663.33?

In West Pennsylvania there are 41 schools with an average enrollment of 1734 including branch Sabbath Schools?

The total Investment offering was \$6,244.92?

There were 103 ribbon bookmarks awarded during the year?

12 schools reached their Daily Study goal?

18 schools reached their offering goal of thirty cents and more?

23 schools reached Dollar Day on Thirteenth Sabbath?

This is an encouraging report and should inspire us to greater attainments during 1946.

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Change in Personnel

THE personnel of the Allegheny Conference working staff has undergone a recent change. This has been brought about because of a new impetus to be given the educational program in our field. All our maneuvers have been made with the idea in mind of a boarding school for our young people in this area. We have acquired an excellent school site and plans are going forward for the opening of school this fall. Prof. J. L. Moran, who was our Secretary-Treasurer, is now our new Educational Secretary for the Allegheny Conference and he will not only direct the work of our church schools over the field, but he is leading out to make definite plans for our boarding school.

Having the background in the program of education and institutional work that he has had for

the past 15 years or more, he will, we feel, give us invaluable assistance in making our school in Pine Forge a real credit to our conference.

Professor Moran very readily agreed to give help in this respect as the Conference committee desired. The work of Secretary-Treasurer that had been carried by him was executed in a most efficient manner which was more than appreciated by the officers of the Columbia Union and the entire working force of the Allegheny Conference. We know, however, that he is now taking over the work that comes especially close to his heart.

Elder M. A. Burgess, who has done a splendid job as Educational Secretary, will pastor the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia and he will continue to help as Secretary of the Young People's Department of the Conference.

Elder F. L. Bland, outstanding in pastoral work in Philadelphia, has become our new Conference Secretary-Treasurer. Please remember in writing to the Conference to note these new changes. May God grant that heavenly wisdom has been the directive in effecting these new changes for the progress of His work in the Allegheny Conference.

Mrs. Juanita Jones, Magazine Leader for the district, is now in Riverside Sanitarium, undergoing treatment. Please remember her in your prayers.

Ingathering

OUR Ingathering reports are most encouraging throughout the field. A large number of churches are over the goals and continuing to work for the benefit of our school. Dayton has almost doubled its Ingathering goal. The entire Delaware district is "over the top." Let us all keep working until victory is achieved.

Appeal

ON Wednesday, May 1, 1946 a delegation representing the Allegheny Conference committee made an appeal to the officers of the General Conference for some assistance on our over-all program. Let every member pray that God will direct them as they ponder our request. We have so many very urgent needs, the main ones being equip-

ment for evangelism, equipment for camp meeting, and facilities for a boarding school. We feel assured that God will be with us. Do not forget to let us know if you have any household article that you will give to help in equipping our own school. A good response has already been made on the part of many.

J. H. WAGNER

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Itinerary of Elder Haynes

THE former visit of Elder Carlyle B. Haynes to Ohio had to be postponed to a later date. The new appointments are being worked out as follows:

Toledo Church Thursday night, May 23
Cleveland Church Friday night, May 24
Akron Church Sabbath morning, May 25
Columbus Church Sabbath evening, May 25
Dayton Church Sunday evening, May 26
Cincinnati Church Monday evening, May 27

Elder Haynes will speak on the matter of relationship to union labor. He will have an interesting and helpful message. We are urging all church members in the vicinity of these churches to be present at the meetings. Come prepared to have answered your questions relative to difficulties which you may be facing.

E. F. WILLETT

Secretary, Ohio Council on Industrial Relations

It's Wise to Be a Colporteur

WE read, "He that winneth souls is wise." Through the efforts of the colporteur-evangelist much good is accomplished toward the prevention of sickness both spiritually and physically in the home and throughout the nation, and to those already sick they administer medical council and vials of light.

At this time of the year we notice many carefully preparing their orchards and vineyards for an abundant crop. So blessings result from the work of God's people. The colporteur-evangelist representing Christ may possess the purity of life and love for humanity and cultivate a sympa-

thetic regard for needy souls. We thank God for many evidences of this throughout the Ohio field. A very good example of the work of our colporteurs is related in the following experiences of one of our colporteurs.

"I called on a lady last Friday. She had been ill with the 'flu' for three days. The lady's resistance was low and she was forced to stay in bed. I wanted to help her and advised her to take the Home Health Service, and told her I would demonstrate to her its effectiveness. I began giving her some help by using the treatments a little later, and continued helping her twice daily from Friday until Sunday. During the week I saw her uptown doing her shopping."

There is power in such service for the Master.

Another colporteur writes: "While working my territory I came to a saloon. I went in to see what could be done, and found a lady busily tending the bar. I could get opportunity only to show her samples of 'Bible Readings' and 'Great Controversy,' adding a few words. She had me go and get her the work in the best binding and paid cash for it. Surely the Lord sells our good books. I give all the glory to Him."

Earth's dark night hastens on apace. Do now in this great time of opportunity that which you will wish you had done when civilization's blackout becomes complete and final. Then "those that be wise shall shine as the firmament and as the stars for ever and ever."

F. E. THUMWOOD

Publishing Department Secretary

Are You on Fire for the Master?

ARE you on fire for the Master? Suppose we saw an army preparing before a granite fort and when they told us that they intended to batter it down, we asked them, "How?" They point to a cannon. But the cannon is only a heavy, inactive mass of metal. They point to a cannon ball, which is also a heavy sphere of molded iron, of itself of no particular battle value. They point to the powder, but a child could spill it, and a sparrow might peck it.

Yet this powerless powder and powerless ball are put in a powerless cannon, and when a spark of fire enters it, there is a tremen-

dous flash of light. The inactive cannon ball is a thunderbolt as it passes from the barrel of an inactive cannon, and the impact smites the walls of resistance.

So it is with us today when the Master enters our life with a kindled flame of truth. There is then a message He gives us to pass along to others. He gives us the strong, active minds and bodies, the machinery capable of going to the strongholds and fortresses of the population about us in this great state. There is a work to do, a message to give, a way provided to do the work.

Be on fire for the Master! Set a spark to your desires as you work for Him. But above all, give yourself to the literature work. Be spent for the Master who calls each of us to warn a weary world of His soon coming.

CHARLES H. BOYTS

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Youths' Congress

THE Lehigh Valley Missionary Volunteer societies will hold their first youths' congress in Allentown, May 18 in the Woman's Club Auditorium, 1114 Walnut Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

This meeting will be enhanced by having speakers from the General Conference and Columbia Union Missionary Volunteer Departments. The Philadelphia Academy choir and a sextette from Wilkes-Barre will be among the special musical features.

A panel discussion consisting of six young people with Elder D. A. Ochs, our Conference President, interviewing them, will make a most interesting program for the afternoon.

The Congress program will open on Friday evening, the 17th, with a message from Elder C. P. Sorensen in the Bethlehem Church at 8 P.M. A joint Sabbath school will begin at 9:30 in the Woman's Club, Allentown. Meetings will continue throughout the day and will be climaxed with a social in the evening. We invite all to bring their lunches. Be on time for Sabbath school.

Come! A real treat awaits every youth who can attend this first

Youths' Congress in the Allentown district.

Date—May 18.

Place—Woman's Club, 1114 Walnut Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Time—9:30 A.M.

SYBIL M. KING

Conference M. V. Secretary

Lehigh Valley District

THE first Sabbath in May was an unusual day in the Lehigh Valley district. At the Bethlehem meeting, returns put the church well over the goal in Ingathering. When the famine relief offering was counted it, too, was "over," with more to come in. Too much cannot be given with hundreds of millions starving in Europe and Asia, thousands of them of our own faith. Then followed the baptism of seven candidates as a fitting climax to the service.

The Zionsville members in attendance at the baptism got together at the close, and found that they were "over the top" on both the famine and Ingathering funds.

At the Easton meeting in the early afternoon the members rejoiced to find that Ingathering and famine offerings were over the goal. The best part of the service came when two men were added to the church for whom the members had been praying for years, one a former member.

Allentown closed the day with the same experience. Both funds were over the goal, and a brother who had drifted away came back in the face of very trying conditions. Adding to the occasion was the presence of Brethren Ward and Waldron, with their wives, from the Conference.

The Stroudsburg Church, as this is written, is planning and working to go "over the top" likewise on the following Sabbath.

All interests are now directed to the first youths' conference in our area on Sabbath, May 18. It will be held at the Woman's Club, 1114 Walnut Street, in Allentown. Sabbath school will begin at 9:30

East Pennsylvania

Camp Meeting

JULY 4 to 14, 1946

Remember the Date

and the all-day services will be followed by a social gathering at night.

The General Conference promises to send an outstanding worker from overseas. Strong help will be present from the Union and local Conferences, and our young people will take a leading part in the program. We are counting on the 35-voice chorus from the Philadelphia Academy.

Churches in neighboring districts are invited to share in the blessings of this occasion. In these times of overpowering allurements and mounting juvenile delinquency, we cannot do too much to hold our youth and inspire them to lives of noble achievement in the service of God and humanity.

W. C. MOFFETT

Harrisburg Church

IN the midst of our Ingathering campaign, it is good to report that on Sabbath, April 27, when we were within \$200 of our goal, and within \$100 of our famine relief quota, we were also gratified to see nine precious souls go into the baptismal waters to add their names to the scroll of the faithful in the "book of life."

Seldom in the experience of this worker has the presence of the Spirit of God been so markedly manifest as on the last two Sabbaths in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Church. On both these occasions calls have been made for men to give themselves to Christ, and for reconsecration and renewal of vows in the old lives. It seems that the Spirit of the Lord was pleased to linger in these meetings until the last hand was shaken. Many of the members remarked about the experience with subdued voices and tear-filled eyes.

It seems also that a special impression is being made by the Spirit concerning getting out of the cities. A movement seems to be under way. Nothing has been especially said along this line, but some voice is speaking to our people, telling them that the cities are no longer safe places for them to dwell. We believe that the Lord is preparing our people for the great climax of this message and His imminent appearing.

WILLIAM C. JENSEN

"The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."—*Psalms* 121:5.

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POTOMAC

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A Spiritual Feast

MONDAY and Tuesday, April 29 and 30, were days of special blessing to the workers of the Potomac Conference who met together in the chapel of the Sligo Church at 1:30 P.M. Elder F. H. Robbins gave the opening address, presenting the need of a greater prayer life. Elders C. P. Sorensen and J. C. Holland also presented items of Conference-wide interest to all the workers assembled. Elder W. E. Nelson, Treasurer of the General Conference, graphically presented the needs of our own dear commandment-keeping people in famine and war-stricken areas. The famine relief offering received Sabbath, May 4, in all our churches was most revealing evidence of the deep interest of our faithful people in this appeal.

The evening meeting, under the direction of Elder J. E. Edwards, in which many of the local church leaders in the greater Washington area also participated, was of supreme interest. At that time, the latest Ingathering reports from every church in the Conference were tabulated. More than \$70,000 was reported to have been raised, and a good number of churches were still definitely planning to reach the minuteman goal. Every church has endeavored to exceed last year's record.

This remarkable Conference-wide attainment was hailed with rejoicing by all present. The Conference will exceed the highest Ingathering record in its entire history. How much this will mean to our world-wide missions enterprise! The highest appreciation for the untiring efforts of our entire church and Sabbath school membership who made this report possible was expressed by ministers and Conference leaders. The children and youth, and aged alike, all participated in this Conference-wide enterprise. Many stated that contacts had been made and interests discovered in the message as a result of this year's Ingathering campaign that marked it as a real soul-winning work.

On Tuesday morning, at 8:30 A.M., Elder W. H. Branson, Vice-

President of the General Conference, presented a stirring address on the subject, "Our Present Need for a Larger Evangelism." His earnest appeal for increased soul-winning results on the part of every worker in the field met with a unanimous response from all. Elder Branson's soul-stirring appeal shall long be remembered by the workers from all parts of the field. Elder R. L. Boothby forcefully presented our supreme personal need in view of the gigantic task confronting us—a larger reception and baptism of the Holy Spirit—after which, all the workers engaged in an earnest season of prayer.

Elders A. O. Dart, E. Ristau, D. Youngs, Miss Ada Dean, and others contributed much toward the success of this most important gathering.

The meeting closed with a Conference-wide report of the results to date of the latest evangelistic efforts conducted by ministers, evangelists, and Conference workers. This was one of the most cheering and interesting features of the entire workers' meeting. Evangelists, ministers, Bible instructors, and other workers returned to their various districts and fields of operation within the Conference with renewed courage, devotion, and consecration for a larger fruitage in souls to be won to the message during the days, weeks, and months to come.

H. J. DETWILER

A Holy Convocation

THE Potomac camp meeting date is June 20-30. The twelfth biennial session of the Potomac Conference will also be held in conjunction with the first part of the camp meeting. The auditorium of the newly erected Sligo Church will be used for the services formerly conducted in the large pavilion tent, and the living tents will be erected upon the campus of Washington Missionary College.

From all parts of the Conference the good news that camp meeting will be conducted this year has been received with much rejoicing. The importance of this spiritual convocation cannot be over-emphasized. We most cordially invite our entire church membership and their friends to attend. Last year, because of restricted travel, etc., we were not able to conduct camp

meetings. All this is changed, and we shall now have the good privilege of fellowship with many of our returned soldiers.

The camp meeting is an extraordinary occasion as the following counsel from the messenger of the Lord indicates:

"A great work is to be accomplished by our camp meetings. The Lord has specially honored these gatherings, which he has called holy convocations."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 70.

"The object of a camp meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord. We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High."—*Id.*, Vol. II, p. 601.

"Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done."—*Id.*, Vol. II, p. 575.

Let us unitedly pray that God may grace this great meeting with His divine presence and blessing.

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Junior Camp Calling All Juniors

ONCE again the West Virginia Conference is uniting with the Ohio Conference for junior camp. The dates for this camp are as follows—*boys' camp, June 17-25, girls' camp, June 25-July 4.* The ages of those who can attend are 9 to 16.

Seventh-day Adventist summer training camps, held since 1926, have provided junior boys and girls a never-to-be-forgotten experience in comradeship, recreation, hiking, swimming, campcraft, nature study, and character building.

The camp site in Tar Hollow, the finest group camp in the Middle West, is located in the Tar Hollow State Forest about 19 miles north-east of Chillicothe, Ohio.

With a large group of well-qualified leaders, we expect to take the very best care of every boy and girl entrusted to our supervision for 8 days. Each junior's personal

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held at their office in Parkersburg, West Virginia at 10:00 A.M. June 12, 1946.

The purpose of this meeting is for the election of officers and a Board of Directors and for the transaction of any other business that may come before this body at this time.

W. B. HILL, President
H. E. GARRARDE, Secretary

health is carefully guarded. Among our counselors will be two trained nurses who inspect each junior as he registers at camp, and who give constant attention to the health of your boy and girl. Any accident, no matter how slight, will be given immediate attention.

Secure your application blanks from your church school teacher, M. V. leader, or Sabbath school superintendent, or write: Carl P. Anderson, 1455 7th Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

CARL P. ANDERSON

M. V. Secretary

Christian Constancy

We are living in a world of instability. In the material world surrounding us there is much evidence of change. Treaties and alliances among nations change overnight. Promises are broken and forgotten. Also in the school, in the home, and in the church similar unstable conditions are found.

In contrast to the instability of these things about us, the love of God is constant. It is ever exercised in behalf of all His creatures.

In the universe of God there is constancy. "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:26. The suns and planets in the heavens all move in their appointed orbits with precision, and "not one faileth." It is by God's word that plant life grows, that the leaves appear and the flowers bloom.

The Ten Commandments of God are also permanent and immutable. Some may think that they are ancient, not up-to-date, not adapted to our modern age. However, Jesus Himself said, in reference to this law: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in nowise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:18.

It was the delight of Jesus to do the will of God as expressed in His law, and the law of God was in His heart. Psalm 40:8. The presence of Jesus by faith in the heart of a righteous man brings that same delight into his heart, and "none of his steps shall slide." Psalm 37:31. He is steadfast in his ways; he walks safely and securely. His Christian experience

is constant, regardless of environment.

Certain cold-blooded animals, such as snakes and lizards, are dependent for warmth on their environment. It is said that the chameleon can take on the color of its surroundings. It is God's purpose that there be a distinct line of demarcation between His people and the world. They are not to take on the characteristics of their environment. They are to be to God a separate and peculiar people. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Psalm 1:1, 2.

While in the world, God's people are not to be of the world. "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Galatians 5:24. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Galatians 6:14.

A constant Christian experience is dependent upon the abiding presence of Christ through faith. John 15:5. The Master is not to be invited into the heart as a stranger or a wayfaring man, to tarry but for a night. Jeremiah 14:8. He is to come in to stay. Our constant prayer as Christians must be: "Leave us not." Verse 9. Then our Christian life will be constant. P. E. BERTHELSEN (*Signs of the Times*, October 9, 1945)

ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: two cents a word, including address. Minimum charge, 25 cents. All ads must be approved by the local conference office from whose territory the ad is sent. Payment must accompany ads.

APARTMENT WANTED in Takoma Park for 3 adults and boy 11. J. E. Lip-part, SLigo 5386.

WANTED: work on dairy farm or other farm by large boy, age 15½ years. Give full information. Mrs. M. McCarter, 726 Quebec Place, N. W., Washington 10, D.C.

WANTED: an Adventist sister for domestic duties in home of four. Church privileges. State salary, besides room and board. Mrs. J. P. Spaulding, 6321 Edmonston Road, Riverdale, Md.

A CALL FROM WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE PRESS

Washington Missionary College Press has fine, clean work offered it from all directions. The Press, however, is greatly in need of pressmen in order to carry on in good shape. We wish that anyone who is a pressman, or anyone who knows a Seventh-day Adventist who is a pressman, would let the College Press know right away.

B. G. WILKINSON
President, Washington Missionary College
VINTON SOWARDS
Manager, College Press

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Office Workers' Activities

STENOGRAPHERS joined with other office workers in setting their individual goals high, so that our combined total for all Conference office workers is the raising of approximately \$2,000 during our 1946, history-making Ingathering campaign.

Brother James McLeod, Conference Secretary-Treasurer, recently accompanied the Conference President in visiting the Plainfield Academy and surveyed contemplated repairs and renovations. He recently made a tour of several of the New Jersey churches to audit the church treasurers' books, and at this writing is engaged with all other workers in some "extracurricular" Ingathering work.

During the first quarter of this year our Conference Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, Brother C. R. French, met with two Dorcas Federation meetings (one of which was the organization of the Dorcas Federation for southern New Jersey), two successful Sabbath school conventions, and visited most of the districts in the interest of completing the Signs campaign. The spectacular goal of 3,500 subscriptions is now in sight. Brother French is now engaged in our state-wide Ingathering campaign, which already promises to be the greatest campaign in the entire history of our conference.

Spring cleaning and painting of the Conference office building and rooms, and preparing lawns has been a part of "office activities" in this first period of our 1946 year.

Besides his office work, since the first of the year Brother W. M. Nosworthy has visited in the interests of the Book and Bible House the Atlantic City, New Brunswick, Trenton, Bridgeton, and Cape May Court House Churches. He tells us that the day after the colporteurs' institute he had the pleasure of receiving orders from new full-time workers for over \$2,000 worth of truth-filled literature. The same day one of the good laymen ordered 3,000 of the Twentieth Century Bible lessons!

Brother R. A. Tyson, our Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, spent a wonderful spring Week of Prayer with our Plainfield Academy. Although busy with his Missionary Volunteer program of organizing new societies, further developing and encouraging established ones, and attending "College Day" activities in Washington, D. C., he is taking a major responsibility, equal to that of district leaders, of two Perth Amboy churches in the Ingathering, thus giving the young people the proper example in this important, annual campaign and soul-winning work.

Mrs. Elsie K. Tyson, our Conference Educational Secretary, has been constantly visiting the various New Jersey church schools, holding up the standard by giving each pupil the Standard Achievement test to ascertain individual progress, finding next-year teachers for every school, arranging for individual health examinations, urging our high-school and Academy seniors to attend the "College Day" observance at Washington Missionary College, and with other Conference educational secretaries is currently visiting the academies in the Columbia Union Conference, encouraging our young people to give their lives in service to God.

Our Publishing Department Secretary, L. A. Pomeroy, in a recently conducted, inspiring colporteurs' institute, was blessed of God in adding six more colporteurs to the ranks. He has been visiting each colporteur and prospective colporteur, the Washington Missionary College, Plainfield Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy, in order to recruit students to engage in this evangelistic, soul-winning work in New Jersey this summer.

The large amount of mail received each day brings new thrills to our Bible Correspondence School workers. Besides entering all new enrollees and grading many hundreds of lessons, the workers in this department of the Conference office have recently mailed out 2,500 invitation-to-enroll letters to all subscribers of the Signs of the Times, and contemplate doing the same for 5,000 "Warn and Win the Wealthy" contacts. Since the first of the year 70 certificates signifying completion of the Bible Course have been issued. Printed follow-up reports of all these have been mailed to district ministers for their prompt attention and bringing those concerned to favorable decisions. Since this school

started scores have been baptized. Offerings amount to an average of about \$250 a month. It is all these good results that keep the morale of the Bible School at its high level.

Thus, the first quarter of 1945 has seen all New Jersey radiant with spiritual activity of many kinds as: an annual commission, survey and audit meeting, two inspiring workers' meetings, two efficient Sabbath school conventions, two energizing youths' congresses, two excellent laymen's Bible institutes, an annual colporteurs' institute, two wonderful Dorcas Federation meetings, and eight evangelistic efforts. Since Elder Conger's brief hospitalization and return with his usual strength and vigor, in December from the Fall Council, he has directed and attended practically every one of the above activities and several New Jersey Committee meetings, The Plainfield Academy annual board meeting and the Union committee and College board meetings. He has cared for office executive work, and has visited all parts of the field on week ends, and at other times through the week, usually preaching to two churches every Sabbath.

Each morning the office workers pause before beginning the busy day to pray for the churches in New Jersey and the many phases and interests of the work of God. We, too, greatly appreciate the prayers of the faithful membership. We should all continue to pray for lives of love, service, and obedience which will result in such abundant fruitage that it will bring joy to the heart of God.

CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS

Voice of Prophecy

Letters from Listeners

From a Railroad Telegrapher

"I THANK God for the help your Bible lessons have been to me, and your Sunday program is an inspiration to my soul. I am a railroad telegrapher, working Sundays in a lonely signal tower, and I thank God I can hear His Word through your voice. Our lives are so burdened with sickness and disappointments. How much we need God's keeping grace. Will you please pray for me?"

"Getting Educated!"

"No, I am not a member of any church at all, but I sure would like to be. I can't get my husband to take me to church. I've received my diploma and my husband asked me, 'You sure are getting educated, aren't you?' I said, 'I surely am.'"