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Opening of the New Riverside Sanitarium Building

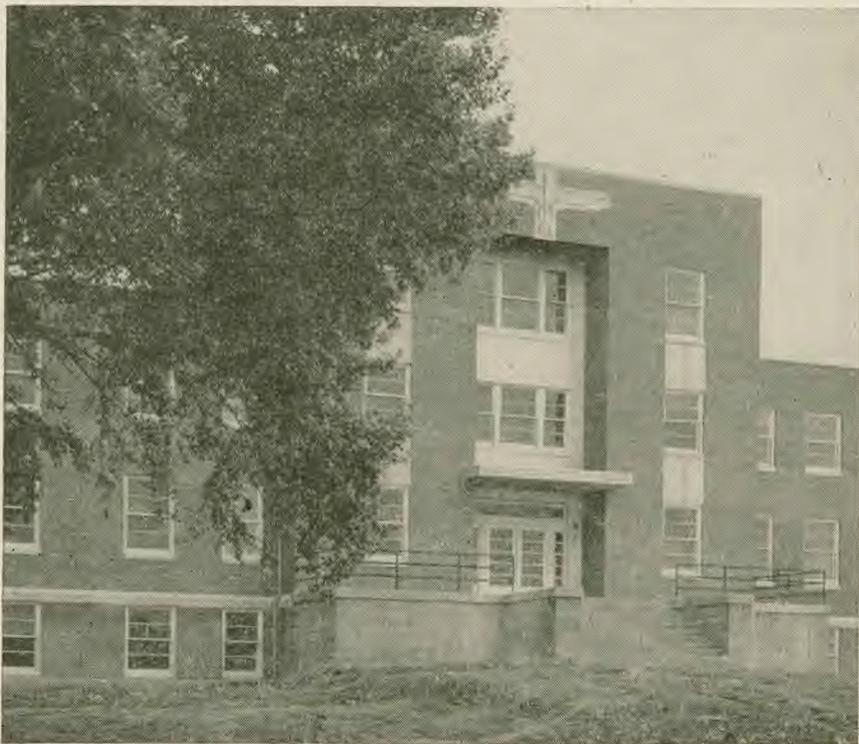
THE new Riverside Sanitarium building has been completed. The windows have been washed and the floors polished. The only hindrance to the opening ceremony and our occupancy of the building is the necessary means for equipment and furnishings.

Because of the rising market, the cost of furniture and other equipment has doubled in some instances. It will therefore be necessary for us to raise \$120,000 to meet this need. So far, we have raised in actual cash, \$49,418.15 up to December 31, 1947; but we must have \$70,581.85 to complete furnishings and all requisite equipment.

It would be a calamity to have this beautiful and modern institution, built from liberal appropriations by the General Conference, stand idle when there are sick and suffering among us who need sanitarium privileges. We think also of the numerous worthy young people who have waited long and patiently for training in the nurses' profession.

While the doors of the sanitarium remain unopened, we are losing money, for the building must be heated and serviced although not occupied.

The General Conference has set apart Sabbath, February 14, as the day when all of our colored churches in North America will reach their goal. An earnest plea has also been issued to the brethren and sisters of our white congregations to give a liberal offering on that day,



which will apply toward the goal.

If we all work together, face the importance and seriousness of the situation, and manifest the same zeal and liberality which characterizes the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, there is no reason why we shall not be able to sing the victory song Sabbath, February 14, when all the receipts from our various churches have been tabulated.

We are asking each pastor to wire the figures of that special offering the following day to his conference treasurer; then we are asking the conference treasurer, in turn, to wire

the total receipts of the special offering to the General Conference so that here in Washington, we will know just how matters stand a few days after the offering is taken.

Brethren and sisters, we must not fail the work of God at this time. Your co-operation and sacrifice will give the answer for the opening date of this sanitarium and hospital for which we have long waited. Kindly remember the date of the offering is Sabbath, February 14, 1948.

May God bless you abundantly as you meet this challenge.

GEORGE E. PETERS.

The Ministry Magazine Price

NEARLY all our denominational periodicals have found it necessary to raise their prices as a result of the war and rising costs. In spite of all this, the subscription price on the workers' own journal of interchange, *The Ministry*, has remained the same until the present time. However, beginning September 15, 1947, we were forced to increase the price from \$2 to \$2.50 a year.

This is to notify individual subscribers, such as doctors and nurses in private practice, teachers, colporteurs, lay preachers, and church elders who are responsible personally for their own subscriptions.

One of the outstanding features of *The Ministry* for 1948 is a series of articles prepared by Arthur L. White, grandson of Ellen G. White, setting forth the human-interest side of Mrs. White's life and experience. These articles are based on Mrs. White's hand-written diaries, letters, and so forth. Here you will meet her as a homemaker, a neighbor, a speaker, a writer, and as the messenger of the Lord. Since her death a whole new generation of Seventh-day Adventists have come upon the scene, and *The Ministry* is particularly fortunate in being able to arrange for this series of articles.

The studies on other denominations and isms, which began in 1945, has been a feature of special interest which has been included in every issue during 1947 except January, and will run on into 1948. So far, the following churches and beliefs have been covered: Presbyterian, Anglo-Israelite, Christadelphian, Pentecostal, Lutheran, Protestant Episcopal, Congregational, Disciples, Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Baptists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholic, Christian Science, Unity or Fillmoreism, Eastern Orthodox, Unitarianism, Buchmanism (Oxford Group Movement), Dukhobors, Assemblies of God (Pentecostal). Back numbers are available at 20 cents a copy.

Other studies on hand, which will be published as soon as possible, are:

Dutch Reformed, Seventh Day Baptist, Jews, the Yoga system of philosophy, and the Bahai faith.

Although *The Ministry* is primarily for gospel workers, a miscellaneous group of lay preachers, church elders, and other missionary-minded church members are also receiving its monthly visits.

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A Fall Council Recommendation

TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE. A recommendation about this important service was prepared by the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments, and presented at the Fall Council. The recommendation was passed unitedly as follows:

"We recommend, 1. That in order to facilitate the smoothest possible transition from the Sabbath school session to the ten minute-missionary service, the Sabbath school be not dismissed, but that just prior to the close of the lesson period both the Sabbath school superintendent and the church missionary leader proceed to the platform. The superintendent shall terminate the lesson recitation at the close of the seventy-minute Sabbath school session by some appropriate signal, whereupon the church missionary leader without announcement shall immediately take charge of the ten-minute missionary service; the superintendent remaining seated on the platform during the missionary service. The missionary service may include such items as the relating of personal missionary experience, the promotion of church missionary activities, and the gathering of written missionary reports. At the close of the ten-minute missionary period the congregation shall be dismissed with a benediction. This recommendation does not infringe on the seventy minutes devoted to the Sabbath school program. No part of the Sabbath school time shall be used for any

church missionary activity such as the gathering of missionary reports, the planning or conducting of In-gathering or other campaigns, or the promotion of any other project not directly related to Sabbath school work;

"2. That in order to train the children of the church in missionary activity, they remain in their divisions after the close of the Sabbath school exercises for a ten-minute missionary service adapted to their age interests; dismissal of the children to follow this ten-minute missionary service."

We trust that every secretary will give careful instruction to each church missionary leader. This recommendation, we believe, is a forward step, and if carried out, will add much to the effectiveness of the ten-minute missionary service.

THE secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not.—
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Co-operation

"You have an idea;
I have an idea.
We swap.
Now you have two ideas;
I have two ideas.
Both are richer.
What you gave, you still have;
What you got, I did not lose.
This is co-operation."

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Ephesus in New York

FOR some time the Ephesus church has been greatly in need of a pipe organ. The present instrument, which was installed when the church was built, has long since served its purpose.

Thus far Elder Webb, the pastor, has been able to master every challenge despite many pressing financial obligations, but here is one more gigantic than any preceding one.

In counseling with his officers, the choir under the leadership of Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, with the support of the church, came to his rescue in a remarkable way. The choir planned a recital which was presented on Tuesday evening, December 4, 1947, in the auditorium of the beautiful Mount Olive Baptist church on Lenox Avenue at 120th Street. This building was formerly owned by the white congregation of the City Temple of Seventh-day Adventists.

The program was unprecedented. Equal skill was displayed in the two beloved hymns "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" and "That Beautiful Land," as was evident in Handel's "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," "Surely," and "All We Like Sheep." The "Seraphic Song," by Rubinstein, lent a pompous air to the recital and gripped the hearts of the listeners with celestial charm. Miss May Hooper, outstanding mezzo soprano, was soloist. She beautifully climaxed the program with a group of spirituals.

Mrs. Jones is to be commended for a very fine piece of work in the training of this group. Each number was presented masterfully. The auditorium was filled to capacity; there were approximately three thousand

kets sold. Patron tickets sold for \$1.85, and general admission was \$1. The advertisements paid the expense and the final figures shows the returns on the program as \$3,000.

Our hats are off to Mrs. Jones, the choir, and the church members for this delightful program and the loyal way in which they supported their pastor in this worthy drive.

L. H. BLAND, *President,*
Northeastern Conference.

Springfield Purchases Church

"THE Negro Seventh-day Adventist group which purchased the former Universalist church at the corner of Bay and Princeton streets last July recently made a \$1,000 payment on the mortgage on the church, bringing the total amount paid since the purchase of the church to \$11,000. The church has \$3,000 more to pay by July of this year." So reads the beginning of a newspaper article in the *Springfield Union* (Massachusetts), dated January 2, 1948.

Although we have marveled at the manner in which this large daily paper in a city of some 175,000 population has been carefully watching the progress of the undertaking, yet in looking back over the past year, our greatest wonder is that so much has been accomplished by so few. Surely the thirty-four members here in Springfield, Massachusetts, can ascribe to the Lord's statement in Deuteronomy 7:7: "The Lord did not set His love upon you . . . because ye were more in number than any

people; for ye were the fewest of all people." May we add, Among the churches of Springfield.

Our greatest struggle thus far came in raising the \$11,000 plus nearly another \$2,000 for extensive external repairs and the installation of oil-burner heating equipment to keep our people comfortably warm during New England's severe winters. Inasmuch as \$1,500 has already been appropriated by a higher body toward the liquidation of the remaining \$3,000 due on the church mortgage, I have every confidence that our people will rally to the finishing of the task. And now, under God, we feel that our soul-winning work in this city can go forward rapidly.

N. S. McLEOD, *Pastor.*

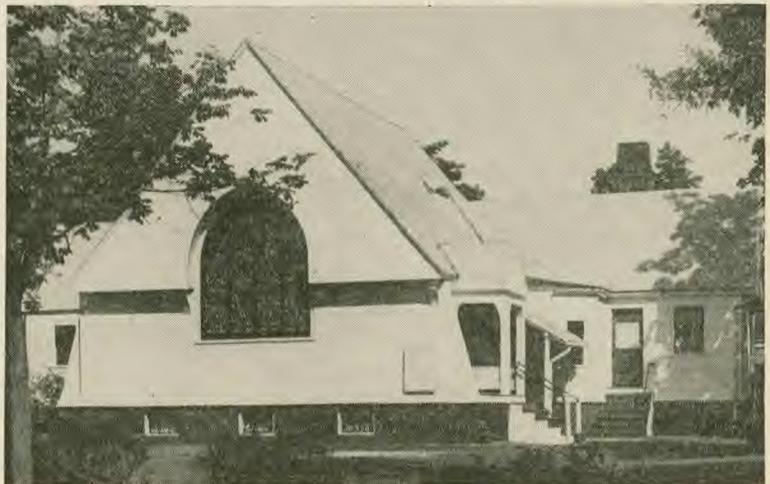
"DON'T worry and fret. The sun has a sinking spell every day, but it comes up bright and clear again the next morning."

"TODAY is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday, and all is well."

"IF men would consider the end of sin, they would shun the beginning of it."

"FEAR is the tax that conscience pays to guilt."—SEWELL.

WHAT a new face courage puts on everything!—EMERSON.



Springfield, Massachusetts, Church Building

PACIFIC UNION

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Ingathering Begun in Liberia

MANY of the INFORMANT readers will be interested in excerpts from a letter written by G. Nathaniel Banks, formerly of California, to his mother, who lives in Pasadena.

Elder Banks, who is superintendent of the Liberian Mission in West Africa and who has been in that field for nearly three years, labored in the Southeastern California Conference before going to the mission field. His wife was formerly Etta Blue, of Los Angeles. A portion of the letter follows:

"We have our Ingathering campaign on now. Yes, we do that out here too. Our business section in Monrovia is not large, so Etta and I went together. We made a list of all the firms in town, putting down the names of the managers. We went to the president of Liberia to get his approval, and then began soliciting. We asked each merchant for \$100 or more, after pointing out our great needs. One firm did give us \$100. Most of them gave from \$20 to \$40. They seem to respect our mission's work.

"We were surprised at their cordiality, for we were a little hesitant since we had never tried Ingathering in this field before. It took us about four hours to cover the business section, and altogether we received \$400, which we felt was pretty good Ingathering; don't you think so? We solicited French, Dutch, English, Syrian, and a few Liberian firms. The Africans cannot give us much money, for they do not have much to give.

"Our goal is \$950 for the whole field, so you see we don't sit down and wait for you folk to do it all at home. Our world-wide work needs all the funds we can raise. We have hundreds of mission stations and fields scattered across this old world.

The average member cannot realize how big our work really is. I have been amazed at its vastness. The liberality of the world to us simply means the Lord is finishing the work."

Your son,
Grant
OWEN A. TROY.

Richmond Church Organized

THE last Sabbath of 1947 was a day of rejoicing for the company of believers who have been meeting together for several months in the city of Richmond, California.

Thirty-eight charter members, with nine applicants to be voted in later as charter members were organized into a church with a full complement of officers on Sabbath, December 27, at their meeting place in the Richmond Community Hall, located on the corner of 50th and Jefferson streets.

After a brief historical summary of the work in Richmond by R. W. Nelson, pastor of the Market Street Church and district leader, A. T. Johnson, of the Richmond company, and O. A. Troy, departmental secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, spoke briefly to the company and the large number of visitors who were present.

W. A. Nelson, local conference president, in an appropriate sermon set forth the purpose and place in God's great plan that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has. He also admonished the group to extend their borders through missionary endeavors and to plan for a permanent church building of their own. The organization then followed.

A report was received from the nominating committee, and the officers for this new church were elected. Two deacons also were ordained.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Market Street Church Youth Choir. Dean R. L. Reynolds of the Pacific Union College also assisted in the service.

Most of the members of this newly

organized church were formerly members of the Market Street church of Oakland and were new converts from the effort recently held in Richmond by Elder Nelson, assisted by Pastor Johnson and Sisters Veva Knox and Wilbur Gul Bible instructors.

Asleep in Jesus

MYRTIS BALLARD BEAMAN died at her home in Los Angeles, California, Wednesday, October 2, 1947, after a comparatively short illness. To the end she was courageous and resigned to God's all-comprehending will. Elder O. A. Troy had charge of the funeral services and gave the eulogy. Associated with him in this service, which was attended by life-long friends and scores of those won to the truth through Sister Beaman's efforts as a faithful Bible instructor, were district pastors and conference officials. Sister Beaman pioneered in the work in Los Angeles and in the Watts area. Her labors were fruitful in Southern California. She had also labored as a Bible instructor in Detroit and other cities in the East. A great loss has come to this field as a result of the passing of this faithful armor bearer.

South Atlantic Conference News Notes

IF at any time any of our believers are in the city of Atlanta, they are cordially invited to visit the conference office. The location is 886 Simpson Street, N.W., and the telephone number is Amherst 5741. We feel that the Lord definitely led in the securing of this nice property, for which we wish to thank Him.

THE Miami church is raising funds for the erection of a new school building and recently rallied to the extent of \$3,700 in one night offering. The Atlanta church is in the midst of a drive to enlarge their building. Recently \$2,600 was raised to help finance this project.



Allegheny Delegation to Workers' Meeting

ALLEGHENY

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Workers' Meeting

ON Tuesday, November 25, 1947, the workers of the Allegheny Conference assembled at headquarters in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, for a pre-Thanksgiving meeting.

G. E. Peters, secretary of the North American Department of Colored Seventh-day Adventists, was present and reported the progress of the work in the entire field.

It was an occasion of great rejoicing as progress was noted throughout the entire continent. The Lord has blessed beyond measure, and workers pledged themselves anew for service.

In response to the keynote sounded by Elder Peters, J. H. Wagner, president of the conference, pledged a mighty effort in evangelism for 1948, campaigning for 1,000 souls. This Share Your Faith endeavor reaches every layman.

The Conference Committee met in the new conference building on Monday, November 24, 1947. The



Allegheny Conference New Office Building

building will house the conference personnel and the Allegheny Book and Bible House.

A. V. PINKNEY, *Educational Superintendent.*

The Native Voice as We Hear It in Alaska

(Reprinted From *The Indian Missionary*)

I WAS baptized and confirmed long ago. So my wife have too. We try to join the church; wish to be members of Christian people. We left our old religion twenty-five years ago. We live among white people that does not talk about Jesus. Sometimes we remind each other that we have learned little of Jesus.

Read from the Bible and I read other books; I like outline *History of the World* by Walsh, and read Holy Bible few times, but I did not understand.

I cannot find the truth. I'm very sick longing and hungry for that truth. I wish someday very soon God will send us teacher in person that may help us to find the truth.

Eskimos and Indians are hungry for that truth. We need leader to lead us to Jesus. I know some Eskimos feel lost like I am and misunderstand the longing for truth. I think more Eskimos would like to keep up the Christianity. Do not wan'd to see it vanish, for it is the only way to happiness and comfort.

That is why we need leader to show us the way to truth.—STEWART EMERY.

“PRESENCE of mind and courage in distress

Are more than armies to procure success.”—DRYDEN.

Tidings From Liberia

GREETINGS to our friends and fellow workers! God has been and is being very good to us. After two years and two months on the west coast of Africa and in the Republic of Liberia, we are happy to report that we are in good health. No malaria, no smallpox, no yaws!

Let me give you the high lights of our work in the county of Grand Bassa for 1947. Our station is sixty miles down the coast from Monrovia. This entails a two-day walk, a six-hour motor truck ride, or a day and a night on the ocean in an open sailboat. Whichever mode of transportation you choose is not pleasant. We have two main stations located seven hours' walk apart. This year we were able to operate a school and church at both stations. The work is growing slowly, oh, so slowly, if counted in hours of labor and walking, but thank God, it is growing. This year we were able, by God's grace, to baptize thirty-six souls.

The school here in Lower Buchanan is the largest Adventist school in Liberia. Our enrollment was over one hundred and seventy-five, and is still growing. Because of the liberality of the General Conference and the West African Union, we were able to erect a fine concrete school building costing nearly five thousand dollars. This is the first such structure built by Adventists in Liberia. To this project the people of Bassa contributed \$200, and the government of Liberia gave \$200.

Although Ingathering has not been done in Bassa for several years—actually over a decade—in one month our offering soared to more than \$175. You might compare this, but consider that wages here run from four to eight dollars a month for the native people.

There have been many hardships, troubles, and embarrassments, but even these God uses to His glory. On the occasion of His Excellency William V. S. Tubman's (president of Liberia) visit to this county, all Seventh-day Adventist men and boys were placed in prison. The president

came on Sabbath, and our men could not be a part of the military guard of honor, so we spent that Sabbath in jail; however, as a result of this experience and through the personal intervention by His Excellency, the president, we were relieved from all military duty on the Sabbath and placed in the medical corps. Thus again the light of the Sabbath was placed before the eyes of Liberia's leaders, for as we stood before the president to defend our position, the speaker of the house of representatives, senators, governors of all counties of the republic, military leaders of note, and prominent citizens were present. Though the opposition was bitter, God gave us favor in the eyes of the people, and God's cause was vindicated.

Yes, Liberia is joining that remnant group of people who will stand in these last days giving the "trumpet a certain sound," and that message is that Jesus is coming soon. Pray for the work in Liberia and in Grand Bassa County especially.

C. D. HENRI.

Missionaries Arrive

PROFESSOR AND MRS. PHILLIP E. GIDDINGS and their baby daughter, Cynthia Ruth, arrived in New York on the S.S. *African Pilot*, January 5, to spend their furlough in the homeland.

The Giddings spent several days in Washington with G. E. Peters, the uncle of Brother Giddings. They then proceeded to Chicago, the home of Mrs. Giddings, to visit her parents. Both Brother and Sister Giddings have many other relatives and friends in this city.

The Giddings have many interesting experiences to relate concerning school and church activities in Konola, Liberia. One soon discovers in talking with these missionaries, that their love for the souls there supersedes climatic and other difficulties. They plan to return on expiration of their furlough.

On behalf of our conferences and churches in North America, the IN-

FORMANT extends a hearty WELCOME HOME to the Giddings.

Advice to Our Youth

Does it pay to finish school?

(By the Editor)

WE are gaining some new conceptions of the function of education. Not many years ago education was synonymous with the elementary school. In recent years, however, there has been a tremendous increase in high schools. The proportion of those enrolled in colleges and universities has also increased rapidly, for which we are thankful.

Sacred history presents many illustrations of the results of true education. It presents many noble examples of men whose characters were formed under divine direction; men whose lives were a blessing to their fellow men. Among these are Joseph, Daniel, Moses, Elisha, and Paul. In this group we find the greatest statesmen, the wisest legislator, and one of the most faithful reformers. When Joseph was called to the court of Pharaoh, Egypt was the greatest of nations. In civilization, art, and learning she was unequaled. Through a period of utmost difficulty and danger Joseph administered the affairs of the kingdom, and this he did with such efficiency that he won the admiration and confidence of both king and people. This would not have been true with Joseph had he only superficial learning. It is evident that he secured a thorough education of heart and mind.

Do not be too easily satisfied. Keep on climbing. Education is strength. It is an essential in making contact with men in all walks of life. Deficiency in education develops an inferiority complex. It pays to set a high goal. Christ had a goal, and did not stop until He had climbed every rung of the ladder. Concerning Him we read, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law." Isa. 42:4.

In planning your education, do not forget, however, that the heart must be educated as well as the head. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." You will need much of this spiritual and mental wisdom to face the issues of life to help others successfully. A complete preparation for life's responsibility is the pertinent need of the hour; therefore, "Keep on keeping on" in your studies.

The road may be rough, but you must go on. There may be thorns in your path, but you cannot stop. *Persevere!* After completing high school training, go on to college, and if at all possible to the university. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Tim. 2:15.

An Answer to Our Opponents

IN some places opponents of our message are circulating an attack on Seventh-day Adventists by E. B. Jones, in the form of a pamphlet entitled *Why You Should Not Be a Seventh-day Adventist*. Some arguments are set forth against what we really believe, but the author, through false charges, isolated statements, and garbled quotations, has grossly misrepresented our teachings.

In some places this attack has been distributed free from door to door, thereby prejudicing people against Seventh-day Adventists before they have had a chance to learn the truth concerning our teachings. Similar attacks are also being made by Mr. Jones in certain religious periodicals and even some secular papers.

We certainly do an injustice to people who receive this literature, as well as to our church, unless we do what we can to counteract this deceptive propaganda. We should not enter into any bitter controversy with our opponents, yet it is surely our duty, in the spirit of love, "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

All who have the pamphlet b,

E. B. Jones, or who have been influenced by his propaganda, should have our reply in a pamphlet entitled *Bible Reasons Why You Should Be a Seventh-day Adventist*, by M. E. Kern. This can be secured from your Book and Bible House at a very special price of 15 cents a copy.

only about half this amount has been raised. All eyes are on you and Riverside. Let us raise the money quickly, so it will not be said, The colored constituency will not support its projects.

J. M. Cox, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

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Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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An Urgent Appeal

RIVERSIDE needs your help to get the necessary furnishings and equipment before the beautiful new sanitarium and hospital building can open. We have been struggling for more than ten years to have a first-class sanitarium and hospital for the colored people of North America. The General Conference has been liberal enough to appropriate the funds for the actual building, and it is up to the colored constituency to furnish it.

It would be humiliating to allow the magnificent architectural structure, which is finished and ready for occupancy, to remain empty while people are being denied medical care which should be given. The servant of the Lord states: "It was God's purpose that it [the sanitarium] should stand forth with scientific ability, with moral and spiritual power, and as a faithful sentinel of reform in all its bearings." Riverside is attempting to follow this instruction by having the best equipment and staff.

Hardly a day passes without someone's asking, "When will the new building be opened?" The only answer is, When the money has been raised by the colored constituency for furnishings and equipment. There are many who are willing to give to this project if only you would ask them. Every dollar raised will multiply manifold in service rendered. We need \$120,000, and

Notes to the Editor

"OH, we are delighted to know that the INFORMANT will be published every month for 1948! We have thought so much of it that we have had two subscriptions to it. We really *devour* the contents of it. It certainly brings the proper inspiration and is so informing."

R. E. TOTTRESS, Pastor,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

"To my mind, the publishing of the INFORMANT is a privilege which the constituency of our movement should be proud to have. I love to read its pages, for they are inspiring. The paper is dignified, well written, and well arranged. I, personally, am proud of it. May God continue to bless you in your leadership."

OLIVE EDWARDS, Student,
Atlantic Union College.

Sympathy and Prayers

WE offer our sincere sympathy to Elder and Mrs. E. A. Lockett, who lost all their personal belongings in a fire which destroyed the parsonage in which they lived, and which caused great damage to the newly acquired church edifice in White Plains, New York.

Not a single piece of furniture or clothing was saved. Included in the loss were our brother's entire library, a stereopticon machine, and slides. Elder Lockett had recently moved into the parsonage. The loss was a severe blow to this family, as there was no insurance coverage.

Elder Lockett is pastor of our churches in New Rochelle and White Plains. Until further notice, his address will be c/o Northeastern

Conference, 560 W. 150th street, New York City.

OUR workers and the many friends of Elder F. C. Phipps, who have been praying for him during his recent illness, will rejoice to learn that he is improving and that our gracious heavenly Father is helping him to recover from an attack of apoplexy, which threatened to impair the usefulness of his right side. We share with our readers a few paragraphs from a letter received from his brother, N. O. Phipps, dated January 20, 1948:

"I have been advised that Fred's progress is very pleasing to the doctor. He is permitted to sit up as long as possible; he sat up for two hours without getting tired. He is better able to move his legs."

Let us continue to remember Elder Phipps in prayer. His address is 1054 Wesley Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

G.E.P.

LAKE REGION

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Year-End Report

THE New Year is here. As the Lake Region Conference looks over the pages of the past twelve months, we are pleased to notice marked gains along many lines.

Our additions by baptisms and profession of faith totaled 155. We have shown a splendid gain in tithes. The tithe in 1947 exceeds that of 1946 by nearly \$8,000. The tithe for 1946 was \$158,206.33, and for 1947, \$166,194.01. The total missions' offerings for the same period was \$57,138.97, or 42.4 per cent per member; this is an increase of three cents more than the preceding year.

The prospects are bright for the opening of our academy this fall. The main building will be com-

pleted about the middle of spring. We are also looking forward to our first camp meeting; the tentative date set for this meeting is June 25 to July 3.

Our colporteurs have done an outstanding piece of work under the leadership of Brother Gibbons and his associates. Their deliveries in books and magazines amounted to \$131,162.08, and sales over the counter of the Book and Bible House have swelled this amount to \$138,093.21. These figures are considerably higher than those of a year ago, when less than \$120,000 was reported.

We are truly grateful to our heavenly Father for the accomplishments of the past year. We face the future with courage and confidence. We have nothing to fear for the future as long as we continue to walk in the path outlined for us by our great Leader.

J. GERSHOM DASENT, *President.*

God Grant It So

That I not demand perfection in a friend,
When the essence of this virtue I offend.
That I should see the just in every foe,
God, grant it so.

That I not think my life prevailing over all,
And with your gifts my fellow men
enthrall,
That a contrite spirit ever should I know,
God, grant it so.

That I might go and find the divers poor,
Not wait until they knock upon my door;
That love and hope to them I might bestow,
God, grant it so.

That when intolerant, ne'er think you
cannot be,
But patiently forever wait on Thee,
That in abundance of Thy grace I shall
o'erflow,
God, grant it so.

That I never find my cross too hard to bear,
Nor let the carefree lot of others interfere,
That this ponderous cross one day I might
outgrow,
God, grant it so.

MERCEDES MORAN.

If thou canst not make thyself
such a one as thou wouldst, how
canst thou expect to have another in
all things to thy liking.—THOMAS
A KEMPIS.

Remember !! Riverside Sanitarium Offering February 14, 1948

SPECIAL DAYS FOR 1948

Adopted by the Autumn Council, 1947

(For which programs are provided)

January 3	Home Missionary Day
January 24	Religious Liberty Day
February 7	Christian Home Day
March 6	Home Foreign Day
March 13	Missionary Volunteer Day
March 13-20	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
April 3	Ingathering Day
May 1	Medical Missionary Day
June 5	Home Missionary Day
June 19	Sabbath School Rally Day
July 3	Home Missionary Day
July 17	Midsummer Offering Service
July 24	Educational Day
August 7	Home Missionary Day
September 4	Missions Extension Day
September 25	Temperance Day
October 2	Colporteur Rally Day
October 9	Voice of Prophecy Day
November 6	Home Missionary Day
November 13-20	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 4	Home Missionary Day

Dates of Campaigns for 1948

January 17-24	Liberty Magazine Campaign
February 21-28	Signs of the Times Campaign
April 3-May 15	Ingathering Campaign
September 4-11	Missions Extension
October 16-23	Our Times and Message Magazines Campaign
November 6-27	Review and Herald Campaign

Dates of Special Offerings for 1948

January 10	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
January 24	Religious Liberty Offering
February 14	Riverside Sanitarium Offering
March 13	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
April 10	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
May 8	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
May 22	Voice of Prophecy Special Offering
June 12	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
July 17	Midsummer Offering
July 24	Elementary Schools Offering
August 14	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
September 11	Missions Extension Offering
September 25	Temperance Offering
October 9	Voice of Prophecy Offering
November 13	Second Sabbath Mission Offering
November 20	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering
December 11	Second Sabbath Mission Offering

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings for 1948

March 27	Southern Europe
June 26	Australasia
September 25	Provisional Northern European Division
December 25	Middle East, West Africa, Ethiopia