



Distinguishing Features of the Advent Movement

THERE are two distinguishing features of this great Advent Movement borne out by the following scriptures: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19:10.

The remnant church, the people of the Advent Movement, were to keep the commandments; and they were to have the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, one of the gifts bestowed upon the New Testament church. (Eph. 4:11-13.) The ushering in of the Advent Movement in 1844 was marked by a little group of believers in Christ's soon coming. They were known as Adventists. They saw the truth of the unchanged Sabbath of the Lord, the sacred seventh day of the fourth commandment. They began to keep the commandments of God fully. Soon others joined them. The truth concerning the investigative judgment in the heavenly sanctuary was made plain to them as they studied with other believers. And after they

I fervently sought the Lord, it was made clear that a message of preparation for the judgment hour and the coming of Christ was to be preached to the world. This was the threefold message of Revelation 14.

In fulfillment of prophecy the

hour of God's judgment began in 1844. It was during this time that the definite Advent Movement arose, which has developed the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a people preaching the message of the judgment hour in all the world.

When God led His church forth in that special movement from Egypt to Canaan, He placed the gift of prophecy with them. By this medium the movement was organized, instructed, and guided in God's way. "By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13. It is quite significant that in the first movement the Lord put the gift of the Spirit of prophecy in His church in the wilderness. The Lord has now "set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant church of His people . . . from the four corners of the earth." Isa. 11:11, 12. And according to His plan, when the final movement should rise, He would again give to His church the gift of the Spirit of prophecy.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible that the church, to whom is committed anew the work of lifting up the downtrodden law of God and repairing the breach made in the fourth commandment, should also have the restoration of the prophetic gift? In the great falling away predicted by the apostle Paul the law of God and the truth of God were trampled underfoot; but with the reviving of the primitive faith, the commandments of

God, and the faith of Jesus, a revival of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy appeared as foretold in the revelation of Jesus to John on the Isle of Patmos.

In 1844, eighteen centuries later, God selected a young woman in the Advent Movement and gave her visions of the glories of Christ's second coming and of the New Jerusalem and the heavenly land—the same themes on which the prophet John on Patmos had written. She presented them as glories soon to be revealed. For seventy years the messenger of the Lord spoke, bearing messages of counsel in the Advent Movement. In *Early Writings* she made the following statement:

"I recommend to you, dear reader, the word of God as the rule of your faith and practise. By that word we are to be judged. God has, in that word, promised to give visions in the 'LAST DAYS,' not for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth."—Page 78.

It is of great importance, therefore, that the church waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ study prayerfully and diligently the counsel and instruction God has so graciously given for the guidance of His remnant church, remembering that the Spirit of prophecy is as "a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.

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Advancement in Northern California

DURING the first quarter of this year it was our happy privilege to see twenty-six souls reborn through the sacred rite of baptism. Fourteen of these were from the Market Street church, and came in as a result of the untiring efforts of our Bible instructor, Sister Jessie Gully. The other twelve were from the newly organized church in Richmond. These persons were baptized as a result of the faithful efforts of Pastor and Mrs. A. T. Johnson and the Richmond Bible instructor, Miss Veva Knox. This new church was the first in the conference to go over their Ingathering goal this year, turning in more than three hundred dollars. Along with her many other activities Mrs. Johnson conducted a very successful cooking class among the new believers, in order to point out the effectiveness of health reform.

MANY members of the Market Street church are rejoicing in the professional help they are receiving every week from Mary Frazier Carter, R.N. Mrs. Carter comes from the St. Helena Sanitarium to conduct a series of conference-sponsored home-nursing classes in the Golden Gate Academy. Now that the rains are about over and the weather is clement, Sister Elody Hamilton, wife of the late Dr. V. C. Hamilton, will soon start her anticipated class in cooking and dietetics.

THE Oakland church members are happy to realize that they have victoriously completed their Ingathering goal. They turned in over two thousand dollars, which was well above their set goal.

ALTHOUGH previous mention has been made of the evangelistic effort being carried on every Sunday night in Vallejo by the college students, I think it would be most fitting to

introduce some of the personnel of the group. Major White, Earl Canson, and David Hughes are directly in charge. Some of the other young men who are closely associated are Owen Troy, Jr., Otto Stokes, Ted Fortier, Matthew Kates, and Andrew Mitchell. The young ladies who are assisting this evangelistic group are Gloria and Leona Orme, Artie Helen Smith, Nel Wilson, Barbara Maxwell, Amelia McAdoo, and Meryl Joseph, pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter lend their assistance from time to time. These young people are a symbol of that army of youth that need your effectual and fervent prayer as the Spirit uses them in finishing the work of God. R. WENDELL NELSON,

Philadelphian Anniversary

THE San Francisco Philadelphian church observed its fourth anniversary with appropriate services honoring its pastor, Elder J. E. Cox, and at the same time commemorating the anniversary of the dedication of the church. Among the speakers during the week of May 8-16 were Elder R. C. Baker, president of the Central California Conference; Elder Scott Donaldson, secretary-treasurer of the Central California Conference; Elder W. A. Nelson, president of the Northern California Conference; Elder R. W. Nelson, pastor of the Market Street church in Oakland, California; and Elder Owen A. Troy, departmental secretary of the union.

A few days after this celebrated occasion Elder and Mrs. Cox and Miss Marian Warrington, Bible instructor, left to visit relatives in the East while on their vacation.

Arise and Build

THE Fresno Bee printed the following story in a recent paper:

"FUNDS ARE SOUGHT FOR \$45,000 CHURCH.—A campaign for funds for the construction of a \$45,000 Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Fresno will be opened Saturday at the Sabbath

services in the West Fresno Church.

"Owen A. Troy of Pasadena, the departmental secretary of the Negro department of the Pacific Union Conference of the denomination will be the speaker at 11 o'clock A.M.

"R. Edward Berry, the pastor of the church, said several thousand dollars already have been raised for a building fund.

"The new building will be located on four lots which were purchased about five years ago at D and Calaveras Streets, and the present building, a converted dwelling house at 1447 F Street, will be sold.

"The church will be equipped with a sanctuary which will seat 350 people, a pastor's study, Sabbath school rooms, and a full basement for social activities and youth meetings. It will be finished with white stucco.

"Plans for many fund raising events are being formulated by the congregation. Among them will be a series of public programs by the church choir."

Elder Berry, in a recent letter to the department, says: "The Lord is indeed blessing the work here. I am planning for a major evangelistic effort right after camp meeting. We are now busy with the Ingathering and building campaigns. To date we have raised \$4,500 on the building and hope to start soon. Since March we have baptized sixteen, and there are several still in the baptismal class to be baptized sometime in June.

"Please remember us in your prayers."

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News From Youth's Congress

THE Southern California youth's congress was held in Los Angeles. The scores of youth who attended were admonished to share their faith as never before.

Many of the youth were given an opportunity to tell how they were sharing their faith among their fellows. Here is one story that was encouraging to everybody that heard it. Charles Carter, assistant M.V. leader of the Wadsworth church, has been an Adventist for three years. Every week he gives five or six Bible studies. At the present time he has interested eleven families in Long Beach in the truth, and is hoping to organize a colored church there. In the three years that Charles has been an Adventist he has won twenty-five people to the message. Those of this number who were present at the congress were asked to stand, and it was a thrilling moment when at least twenty of Brother Carter's converts rose to their feet.

This was but one of the many experiences told by our white and colored youth at that Los Angeles meeting. These stories inspired everyone to do more than ever before in sharing their faith with others.

Elder F. G. Ashbaugh was in charge of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Forum. Outstanding temperance orations were given by three students from P.U.C. and three from La Sierra College. The three winners were John Tarr (P.U.C.), Herbert Logan (La Sierra), and Earl Canson (P.U.C.). They received \$200, \$100, and \$50, respectively. The other participants received \$20 each. Earl Canson has recently graduated from P.U.C. and will intern in the Southeastern California Conference with Elder J. E. Ineson.

The total attendance at the congress was estimated at eight thousand. In two offerings \$2,074 was received. All the money above expenses will be used for improvements at Cedar Falls Camp.

A new denominational record

was established at the congress! There were 820 young people invested in the Progressive Classes, and they were awarded 7,300 Honor Tokens! The classes invested were 376 Master Comrades, 76 Comrades, 168 Companions, and 200 Friends. The investing was done by 62 Master Comrades as the various classes marched across the stage of the Shrine Auditorium. The actual time for the investing was fifty minutes. The conference gave each individual invested a neckerchief and pin free. Sashes and Honor Tokens were purchased beforehand, and each individual brought his sash to the investiture and handed it to the Master Comrade who invested him.

Among those invested were 9 ministers, 12 doctors, 17 nurses, and a large number of teachers. Even Eddie's Cantor's personal secretary was invested.

Homecoming for Missionary

THE following story was clipped from the Los Angeles *Sentinel* and sent to the editorial staff of the INFORMANT. We are happy to share it with all our readers.

"On furlough from Liberia, West Africa, Missionary G. Nathaniel Banks, superintendent of the Liberian Seventh-day Adventist Mission, was honored at a banquet reception attended by 450 churchmen and friends last Monday evening, at the Griffith Hall of the Second Baptist church.

"Responding to the after-dinner speeches made in his honor and that of his wife, the former Etta Blue of Los Angeles, the Reverend Banks stated that while California was his original home Liberia is really his home now because they plan to return there in September. Even his two children, he added, refer to Liberia as 'home.'

"It was near the close of the war that Reverend and Mrs. Banks and family went by plane to Liberia where he was to become the first Negro American to head up a mission field operated by the Seventh-

day Adventists. Five large mission stations under the direction of Reverend Banks and his corps of associates conduct educational, medical, and religious work among the 2,000,000 indigenous peoples of Liberia.

"On arriving in Liberia, we and the other two American families who went out with us were heartily welcomed by the Liberians. President Tubman invited us to his mansion for a state dinner and officially welcomed us," Rev. Banks told his audience.

"Master of ceremonies was Professor Garland Millet of the Los Angeles Academy. Speakers on the program were the Reverends R. H. Robertson, W. C. Webb, H. A. Lindsay, A. A. Esteb, Principal Dent and Drs. R. I. Rodriguez and Carl Dent. The Rev. Owen A. Troy was general chairman and introduced the guests of honor. The King's Daughters auxiliaries had charge of the food and serving. Music arranged by Mrs. Maude Masters included numbers by Harvey Huggins, Shirley Verrett, Malita Phipps, G. Burton, little Toni Robinson, and a ladies' trio. Miss Rose Benson, native Liberian, here to complete her education was introduced."—June 3, 1948.

"ONE way to have a clean mind is to change it occasionally."

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"THERE is no strength in exaggeration; even the truth is weakened by being expressed too strongly."—GOLDSMITH.

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"MANY a beggar at the crossway, or gray-haired shepherd on the plain, hath more of the end of all wealth than hundreds who multiply the means."—TUPPER.

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"THE real measure of a man's resources, the true test of one's genuine worth, is not in the fact that he can be fair and square with those who trust him, but that he can be big enough to rise above those who are unfair to him."

ALLEGHENY

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Ethnan Temple Academy

OUR teachers daily bend all their efforts in working with Christ to accomplish the purpose of true education: the harmonious development of body, mind, and soul.

The total enrollment of our school is sixty-one. In the elementary department the teaching staff includes Mrs. Ceola H. Jones, teacher of grades 1 to 4, and Miss Suella Fisher, teacher of grades 5 to 8. Both these teachers are giving commendable service. Miss Thirza Henry, A.B., Atlantic Union College, teaches science, Bible, mathematics, and typewriting in the academy. Mrs. Louise E. Davis, A.B., Knoxville College, is principal and teacher of English and foreign languages.

Among the added features this year is the physical-education program which is being conducted at the Centre Avenue Y.M.C.A. under the direction of Mr. Bennie Taylor, one of the staff members. Gym and swimming classes are held every day except Friday.

The purchase of a 16 mm. projector and a new set of *Compton's Encyclopedia* has greatly enriched our educational program. A large collection of selected books, which furnish adequate outside reading material, has been added to our library through the courtesy of the Bykota Club of Ethnan Temple and the public library.

Educational trips during the year have included visits to the Mellon Institute, Phillips Conservatory, Carnegie Museum, Carnegie Music Hall, the WPIT radio station, and the Pittsburgh *Courier* office. Recently the eleventh-grade students sponsored a Spring Music Festival directed by Mrs. Davis. The proceeds amounted to two hundred dollars. The class visited Riverside Sanitarium and attended the commencement exercises at Oakwood

College during the first week end in June.

We cannot fail to mention the garden project which the students take great pride in tending. Watching the vegetables grow has taught them to appreciate the handiwork of the Creator.

Ethnan Temple Academy is ever mindful of the fact that even the best is not good enough for our children who are to become our leaders of tomorrow.

LOUISE DAVIS, *Principal*.

Bible House Managers' Convention

THE Book and Bible House managers from all over the country met for a five-day session at the Embassy Room of the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha, Nebraska, for a discussion of Bible House problems. The council is alleged to have been the first of its kind in fifteen years. Representatives and delegates from the North American and Canadian Bible Houses as well as men from the General Conference and our leading publishing associations effectively discussed every phase of the publishing work.

Elder W. P. Elliott, of the General Conference Publishing Department, acted as chairman, and many speakers from union and local conferences were heard and appreciated. Mayor C. W. Lehman, of Omaha, augmented the occasion with his heart-warming speech. Delegates from the colored conferences were L. O. Irons, V. L. Roberts, P. C. Winley, L. B. Baker, H. T. Saulter, C. L. Benjamin, and J. Norman Porter. The council proved highly informative to all.

J. NORMAN PORTER,
*Book and Bible House Manager,
Central States Mission.*

"It is vain to use words when deeds are expected."

"PROFIT is a by-product of work; happiness is its chief product."

"THE kindness we mean to show tomorrow cures no headaches today."

Eye Openers

U.S. CITIZENS now smoke a billion cigarettes a day, according to the calculations of the Federation Tax Administrators.

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NEW YORK CITY officials totaled up the results of a year's vandalism in public parks: 1,000 trees ruined, 11,000 square feet of windowpanes smashed, 500 wire trash baskets destroyed, 4,500 light fixtures broken, five miles of slats bashed from park benches.

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NEW YORK'S Democratic Congressman Arthur G. Klein suggested that the Treasury print a three-dollar bill, bearing a portrait of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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U.S. CITIZENS are spending \$10,000,000 a month for gift parcels to Germany. Military Government officials called it "the most extensive spontaneous relief effort in history."

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HELIOTROPE, a freshly caught frog from the Sierra Nevada foothills, outleaped some 150 rivals to win the annual Jumping Frog Jubilee of Calaveras County, California. The winning jump: 11 feet, 5 inches.

We Need God

IF we do not have the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, to nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them and say, "God have mercy on us." If you ministers have not the Spirit of God, you had better not preach, and you people had better stay at home.

I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God rather a curse than a blessing. you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are as a tree bearing no fruit standing where a fruitful tree might grow.—CHARLES H. SPURGEON.



Allyn Dumas Lee

Concert Artist Thrills Washington

ALLYN DUMAS LEE, soprano and well-known concert artist, was heard in recital at Columbia Hall, Washington Missionary College, Saturday night, May 22. Mrs. Lee's technique thrilled her audience and resulted in several encores. Some of the numbers featured were "Omnipotence," by Schubert; "Zueignung," by Strauss; and "Widmung," by Schumann. The finale was a group of spirituals rendered with pathos which evoked a spirit of reverence.

The following Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, Mrs. Lee was again heard in concert by a large audience at the Shiloh Baptist church of Washington, D.C. On both occasions she was accompanied by Miss Carol Klooster, of the Washington Missionary College music department. Her skill at the piano added "rhythm" to the program.

Mrs. Lee, who resides in Detroit, is one of our own members and has filled concert engagements in a number of cities. Recently she has given recitals at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama; and Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien

Springs, Michigan. Her engagements in Washington were in behalf of an educational project of the Washington Union Academy, sponsored by our two churches.

G. E. P.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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News Notes

ON Sabbath, April 24, the beautiful new church building at Thomasville, Georgia, was dedicated free of debt. This church was erected under the leadership of Elder O. S. White, and is indeed a credit to the denomination. Elder H. D. Singleton delivered the dedicatory address, which was followed by the dedicatory prayer given by Elder L. S. Follette. Visiting ministers and citizens from the city of Thomasville were present and commended our work in that city.

THE conference truck recently made a trip moving the furniture of Elder D. E. Davis to Savannah, Georgia, where he will be in charge of the district. Elder J. W. Jones was moved from Savannah to St. Petersburg, Florida, which will be his new district. Elder O. S. White moved from Thomasville, Georgia, to Macon, Georgia, to take charge of the work in that city.

ELDER L. B. REYNOLDS, editor of the *Message Magazine*, and Elder N. G. Simons, home missionary secretary of the conference, returned to the office with a glowing report of a very successful tour among several of the churches in the South Atlantic Conference in the interest of the *Message Magazine*. They reported about 2,300 subscriptions. We are happy to have had Elder Reynolds in the South Atlantic Conference for this period of time.

THE friends of D. L. Crowder, pastor of the Asheville, North Carolina, and Greenville, South Carolina, district, will be pleased to learn of his marriage on April 4 to Miss Carrie Patterson, of Asheville.

The ceremony was performed by Elder J. W. Jones.

RECENTLY ten persons were baptized as the result of the labors of Brother E. C. Ward in Rocky Mount and Wilson, North Carolina.

SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

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News Notes

APRIL 11 to 18 were enjoyable days of intensive evangelism with Elder W. S. North in our Fort Smith, Arkansas, church. We had well-attended meetings at the church each night and at the Rowell Funeral Parlor on Saturday nights. Sabbath, April 17, two persons were given the baptismal rite.

Besides assisting in one or more evangelistic campaigns each year, Elder North scatters thousands of tracts and magazines, holds cottage meetings, and makes hundreds of visits at the age of seventy-five. He is always in demand by more workers than he can possibly assist. He does most of the baptizing in the district, and still fills his post of duty as the man behind the man.

We have held similar meetings during the latter part of April and the month of May in Hominy and Tulsa, Oklahoma. God has blessed in a remarkable way, and we have hope of definite fruit in these places. Plans for a representative church building for Hominy have been worked out.

The offerings from these short meetings paid advertising expenses and contributed toward Riverside and church building funds. In each of these places we were privileged to address the high school groups.

R. E. TOTTRESS.

"JEROME P. FLEISHMAN, of Baltimore, suggests this prayer for the discouraged: 'Lord, I will keep on rowing; you steer the boat.'"

Card of Thanks

I TAKE this opportunity to thank kind friends everywhere for the warm expressions of sympathy and wishes for the recovery of my health. Hundreds of cards and letters as well as gifts of flowers and fruit came from all over the field. I am most grateful to each one for these tokens of Christian love and esteem.

My illness came as the result of a fall from a scaffold three stories from the ground while supervising the work on one of the buildings here at the school. It was necessary to undergo a very serious spinal operation. I thank God for help and healing, and I thank you for earnest prayers. I am able to walk again after a period of four months in the hospital and in bed. May the Lord bless you for your kindness.

J. L. MORAN, *Principal,*
Pine Forge Institute.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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More Blessed to Give

MRS. MARION BERNARD, president of the Bethel Choir of Kansas City, announced the gift of a new grand piano to the church. The announcement was followed by the strains of a rich choral anthem as excellent as the gift. The choir presented themselves with new church hymnals for special use. Mr. Omar Berry is the choir director and is doing a fine work.

Dorcas Society

A recent health dinner was sponsored by the Dorcas Society with overwhelming success. Because of the liberal donations of food, a tasty and complete meal was served at prewar prices. The society was urged to make the occasion a monthly affair.

A presentation of a large number of new hymnals to the church is

another sample of the society's outstanding work this month.

Press Secretary.

Activities in Topeka

THE following is an excerpt from a letter written by Mr. G. L. Daniels, Sabbath school superintendent for Topeka College Avenue church:

"Last year I wrote to Elder G. Nathaniel Banks, whom I met while he was attending the Seminary at Washington, D.C., and asked him how our Sabbath school could help in the mission fields in a more direct way than through our regular channels. He told me of several needs. Among these he mentioned the great need of clothing and schoolbooks. I made an appeal to the Sabbath school for clothing, and several members gave bundles. I sent these packages along with my personal gift. Elder Banks received them, and both he and his wife wrote to me and the members of the church to thank us for our donations. I am preparing another shipment of clothing and shoes, and I am sure the members of the Sabbath school will want to send another.

"Sister C. Woodson and her family have been aiding a Filipino sister through school for some time. Brother William Woodson became acquainted with this sister during the war. She was adopted by two of the Sabbath school classes last year, and the entire school aided her throughout the year. Much help has been given to others from time to time. We are thankful for every opportunity to carry out the great commission that our Saviour has given us."

Cherry Street Church

BECAUSE of the faithful work of one of our present colporteurs, Brother Frank H. Lindsay, of Wichita, Kansas, this story is made possible:

On Sabbath morning, May 8, an overflowing crowd of God-fearing people, gathered in the beautiful

white church located on Cherry Street in Wellington, Kansas, for the opening services. Elder T. M. Rowe gave the morning discourse, but before doing so, he felt it fitting and proper to commend those men and women who had worked so earnestly and untiringly to make this church one to be looked on with reverence, and respected by all who passed. Much emphasis was placed on the soon coming of Jesus and the fact that we must have our hearts and souls ready to meet Him.

Elder B. R. Spears delivered a soul-stirring message in the afternoon, entreating all present to a higher plane of Christian living. During the day I related some of the many providential experiences in the establishment of the church. A husband and wife of the baptismal class gave two of their lots for the building site. For seven months God allowed nothing to hinder our building program on Sundays. Less than twenty-five dollars was paid out for the construction work. On the opening day the complete inside furnishings for the church were included in the cost of material, and yet it was more than three fourths free of debt. After hearing this good news, Elder Rowe made an appeal for an offering to make the church possible for an early dedication. The many friends and believers responded generously, and now the members are planning the dedicatorial services.

W. E. PENICK.

Hub of Harmony Concert

THE busy members of the College Avenue S.D.A. church in Topeka, Kansas, decided to use music as one means of filling their money bag for a new church. This decision led to the concert that was given in Topeka on the night of June 3, 1948, at the Municipal Auditorium by the Hub of Harmony, a group of eleven well-trained young men. These men are students at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Their renditions were enjoyed by a very large audience of attentive listeners, living in or near Topeka.

Connected with the group is a quartet known as the Hub Four. They helped to make the program one worth remembering.

The director of the Hub of Harmony is Mr. Frank Hale, Jr., and the narrator is Mr. Andrew Donnelly, both from Topeka. Their accompanist is Miss Lois Bookhart from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, also a student at Union College.

VIRGINIA McCLURE.

News Notes

THE St. Louis Berean church school had its closing exercises Sunday evening, May 23, which were sponsored by the teacher, Miss Vernice Jones. The program was the climax to a successful school year highlighted by a visit to Oakwood College by the upper grade students.

Tuesday evening, May 18, marked the end of the Beacon Light church school of Kansas City, Missouri. The closing exercises were sponsored by Miss Juanita Danley, teacher. Miss Danley showed through her students that her year of planning and training had not been in vain, but rather, had been a very profitable one.

May 29 was to have been the date for the baccalaureate service for the two graduates of the Sharon church school in Omaha, Nebraska, but because of an epidemic of measles the service was postponed until Sabbath, June 5. The teachers, Misses Coley and Wiggins, had the program well arranged and everything moved with dispatch. Elder Thomas Rowe gave the morning sermon, which was based on God's standards and care for His people. On Sunday evening, June 6, a very interesting program was given by the school, which included the graduation exercises for the two who had completed the eighth grade. An appreciative group of church members and friends was present to encourage the hearts of teachers and pupils, and to wish heaven's blessings on those who passed through the doors of the

church school into fields of wider service.

THOMAS M. ROWE.

Baptism at St. Joseph

ON Sabbath afternoon, May 22, five persons were baptized into the St. Joseph, Missouri, Seventh-day Adventist church. It was a day of rejoicing as we saw these five souls bury their sins in the watery grave and arise to walk in the new light of God's truth. One of the candidates was a dear old man eighty-four years of age who has accepted Christ for the first time in his life. There are five others in the baptismal class whom we expect to baptize within a few weeks.

R. L. WOODFORK.

A Simple Formula

THE first memory I have of my saintly father was on an unforgettable spring Sunday when he took me by the hand and walked me up to the top of a West Virginia hill. It was a stiff, hard climb, and my legs ached before we got to the top. Toward the end of the climb, my father, who was walking out ahead, kept yelling back at me: "Come a little higher, son! A little higher!"

Finally, I caught up with him, and we stopped and turned. Miles and miles of dazzling terrain stretched out before our eyes. My father pointed out the winding curve of the beautiful Ohio River, the hills of Ohio beyond the river.

"The higher you climb, the more beautiful it becomes," he said. "The farther up you get, the wider your vision and the more you can see. It's a great and glorious world, son!"

Just then a red cardinal flashed past us and alighted on a mountain laurel twig. The laurel was a pinkish white and the leaves a deep green. That crimson cardinal was such a flash of color against that green background that I have never forgotten it.

"That's a cardinal bird, son. We call it a red bird. . . . God made the cardinals, the Baltimore orioles, the red-winged blackbirds, the scarlet tanagers, the eagle and the

wrens. God did a beautiful thing when He made the birds, didn't He?"

And, somehow, on that immortal morning, my father introduced me to God in a simple, convincing fashion, which made Him seem very real to me.

On that same trip my father would stop and say: "Willie, this is a hickory-nut tree . . . here is a chestnut tree . . . that is a beach tree . . . and here is an oak tree. In the Fall those maple trees will turn golden, that sumac tree will turn crimson, the oak trees change into tawny brown. In that way God makes the world as beautiful in the Autumn as He does in the Spring. God hangs the hills with a golden, crimson tapestry in the Fall and carpets the meadows and fields with a golden, Oriental rug. God is a great artist, son!"

On another memorable Sunday afternoon my father and I were sitting on our front porch when Max Bachenheimer, our town's only Jew, walked by. He smiled as father greeted him. Then my father told me what a fine, generous family man Max was. He told me how hard Max worked and what a good citizen he was; how faithful he was to his duties. That same afternoon one of our town negroes also passed by. He was a simple, faithful soul, worked hard, took care of his large family, always attended church and tithed his small income. All of this my father told me simply and naturally, and I drank it in.

Then my father said to me: "Max is a good father, son. He loves his family and looks after them like a father should. That is the way God does. He is the Father of the whole human family, and we are all a part of that family. That's why we pray 'Our Father' in 'The Lord's Prayer.'" Through that simple explanation I came to look upon men of all colors, creeds and nations as a part of the Human Family. It is a simple formula—but it works. . . .

My father taught me to see God through Nature, through a social conception of the Great Human (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Riverside Sanitarium Offering

	March	April	Total
Atlantic	\$69.57	\$31.95	\$101.52
Northeastern			
Canadian	48.29		48.29
Central	161.59	20.01	181.60
Central States	46.50	194.05	240.55
Columbia	190.03	4.47	194.50
Allegheny	1,000.00		1,000.00
Lake	85.95	41.32	127.27
Lake Region	17.11	4.00	21.11
Northern	197.74	28.62	226.36
North Pacific	223.15	15.78	238.93
Pacific	1,108.79	47.26	1,156.05
Southern	87.52	106.00	193.52
South Central	87.05	13.75	100.80
South Atlantic	28.89	22.62	51.51
Southwestern	76.46	15.53	91.99
Southwestern Mission	1,196.44	634.08	1,830.52
TOTALS	\$4,625.08	\$1,179.44	\$5,804.52

1947 Total Receipts	\$51,550.25
1948 January and February receipts	33,398.52
Special Donation	1,000.00
1948 March and April receipts	5,804.52
GRAND TOTAL	\$91,753.29
Amount to Raise	\$28,246.71

Departmental High Lights

The 1948 camp meetings for South Atlantic, South Central, and Southwestern conferences are new in history. From everywhere we have reports of the excellent meetings held at these campgrounds and of the many souls who were directed to a personal Saviour.

There remains \$28,246.71 to be raised on the Riverside offering before the proposed goal of \$120,000 is reached. We are still counting on the colored constituency to raise the remainder of this amount.

The Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital building is now occupied by the hospital staff and patients. The date for the dedication of this building is September 5, 1948. There will be present for this occasion many general, union, and local leaders.

Plan to attend your sectional youth's congress this summer and join in with hundreds of youth who are sharing their faith in '48. The following is a schedule of youth's congresses to be held:

Atlantic Union	July 1-4
South Lancaster, Mass.	
Lake Union	July 1-4
Berrien Springs, Mich.	
North Pacific	July 28-31
Gladstone Park, Oregon	
Columbia Union	Aug. 26-29
Philadelphia, Pa.	
Southern Union	Sept. 1-4
Oakwood College	

For further information regarding these congresses, please write to the M.V. secretary of your local or union conference.

Faith

As daffodils, when April storms are done,
Lift tear-wet faces to the sodden sun,
May I, when grief is spent, seek out the One
And say in simple faith, "Thy will be done."
—RUBY C. HUTCHESON.

Mutual Burial Association

THE Mutual Burial Association, organized two years ago by Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, one of our faithful members of the Columbus, Ohio, church, will fill a long-felt need in assisting some of our members of average means to provide a respectable burial for their dead.

Sister Barnett states that this organization was conceived a long while ago in the minds of some few of our members who are aware of the good derived from other burial associations in our churches, especially the one established for many years in the Southern Union. She further states that this organization was not brought about for profit but to fulfill the admonition which says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Concerning this association, write to Mrs. J. Estelle Barnett, 1432 Hildreth Avenue, Columbus 3, Ohio.

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Family whose father was God, through family prayer and through a direct and simple religious experience. . . .

That was my father's way of leading me to see the face of God and it is still a good and a certain and a glorious way.

WILLIAM L. STIDGER.

"GETTING an idea should be like sitting down on a pin—it should make you jump up and do something about it."

"MORNING prayers are a poor substitute for a day of religion."

"LIFE! We've been long together,
Thro pleasant and thro stormy weather.
It's hard to part when friends are dear;
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear,
Then steal away, give little warning.
Choose thine own time. . . .
Say not Good Night, but in some brighter
clime,
Bid me Good Morning!"