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The Philosophy of Christianity

ONE of the most subtle gods of the church today is that fair, pleasing intellectualism. Men are feverishly burning the midnight oil with the object of squeezing various doctorates from their gray matter. All well and good this may be, but the greatest need of the church just now is a few doctors of *Christianity* to bob up above the murky waters of intellectualism. Forty-eight Elijahs of old, one for each State, would bring about that great change long looked for—the swelling of the third angel's message into the loud cry, which is now painfully pianissimo. Something is wrong!

We hear much these days about the philosophy of the church. It may be well for us to realize that the church has no philosophy besides that of Jesus Christ, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The philosophy of Jesus is to take away the *sin* of the world. All *sins* come from *sin*, man's fallen nature, and this must be crucified. The result will be that glorious and enviable *nothing!*

This lesson was clearly taught Nicodemus in that memorable interview with the Saviour. Nicodemus was convinced that Jesus had something the Sanhedrin lacked,

and he attributed it to the presence of God. Nicodemus was right. But he needed much more than a right conclusion about the power of Jesus; the Master attacked the philosophy of the Sanhedrin, of which Nicodemus was a member. It was necessary for him to see why they

could not perform miracles. And we have not advanced beyond this lesson.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Let us pause with that verb *see*. And permit me this paraphrase: "Nicodemus," said Jesus, "your whole concept of the kingdom is entirely wrong. Just as a gunner must of necessity see the target to hit the bull's eye, so you must of necessity get the right perspective of my kingdom. The carnal mind will always present it in a distorted view, and this can be corrected only by the divine eyesalve freely offered to everyone. Your view of the kingdom is based on a sensual platform. But in reality it is 'righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.' Rom. 14:17. My kingdom excludes racial concepts of superiority. That is why John the Baptist made it clear that Abraham's blood could not purchase a ticket to the kingdom. Matt. 3:9. My kingdom excludes pride and partiality, for 'if ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.' James 2:8, 9. Again, Nicodemus, you must of necessity be as a little child in spirit to *see* it."

It may be that we too need to pause with the subject of spiritual visibility, remembering that the Laodiceans are invited to apply the eye-

salve that they may see. But *seeing* the kingdom does not mean that we shall enter. "From what was shown me, but a small number of those now professing to believe the truth would eventually be saved,—not because they could not be saved, but because they would not be saved in God's own appointed way. The way marked out by our divine Lord is too narrow and the gate too strait to admit them while grasping the world, or while cherishing selfishness, or sin of any kind. There is no room for these things; and yet there are but few who will consent to part with them, that they may pass the narrow way and enter the strait gate."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, pp. 445, 446. Again, "We are living in a most solemn time. In the last vision given me, I was shown the startling fact that but a small portion of those who now profess the truth will be sanctified by it and be saved. Many will get above the simplicity of the work. They will conform to the world, cherish idols, and become spiritually dead. The humble, self-sacrificing followers of Jesus will pass on to perfection, leaving behind the indifferent and lovers of the world."—*Ibid.*, vol. 1, p. 608.

These folk *saw* the kingdom but did not like its simplicity and worldlessness, so they would not *enter*. But Jesus does not leave Nicodemus with *seeing* ability only. He continues: "Now, Nicodemus, the first birth that you must receive is the 'eyesight' birth. Let us call that spiritual discernment. Moreover, you

need two more births. 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of *water* and of the *Spirit*, he cannot *enter* into the kingdom of God.' You see, the first 'eye' birth not only makes you see the kingdom but makes you see yourself—how miserable, poor, blind, and naked you are. Then in disgust at your nakedness and shame, you submit to the Spirit. Thus He enters in and makes a new creature in Christ Jesus. How marvelous! This is conversion, Nicodemus! 'True conversion is a change of heart, of thoughts and purposes. Evil habits are to be given up. The sins of evil-speaking, of jealousy, of disobedience, are to be put away. A warfare must be waged against every evil trait of character.'—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 95. Now then, Nicodemus, this is the second birth, and at this point you are ready for the third birth, the water of baptism. This will give you entrance into the kingdom, not only as a church member, but as Christ's member, a part of His flesh and bones." (Eph. 5:30.)

This is the philosophy of Christianity, and the only philosophy that must be preached to make citizens for the kingdom of grace and glory. We have none other to gloat about.

The Jewish leaders heard the message that the kingdom of God was at hand, and waited feverishly for its consummation. Becoming impatient of its delay, they demanded of Jesus when the kingdom of God should come. The reply of Jesus needs serious consideration. "He answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with outward shew [margin]." Notice that "outward shew" is not accounted. It is not in a wonderful display of earthly possessions, accomplishments, or achievements. It does not include our colleges, sanitariums, academies, medical institutions, and what not, important and necessary though they be. "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there!" It is not sectional or geographical. It is not found in North America or any other continent or island of the sea, although the work is necessarily world wide. "For, behold, the kingdom of God is

within you." Luke 17:20, 21. Oh, how marvelous! How glorious! The kingdom in me and I in it! This is the consummation of love and all its graces. This is the mystery of the philosophy, "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

"By the life we live through the grace of Christ, the character is formed. The original loveliness begins to be restored to the soul. The attributes of the character of Christ are imparted, and the image of the Divine begins to shine forth. The faces of men and women who walk and work with God, express the peace of heaven. They are surrounded with the atmosphere of heaven. For these souls the kingdom of God has begun. They have Christ's joy, the joy of being a blessing to humanity. They have the honor of being accepted for the Master's use; they are trusted to do His work in His name."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 312.

When this philosophy becomes an experimental reality, then will the worldly seekers after truth approach us with the words, "Rabbis, we know that you are teachers come from God, for no other group of men can do these miracles, these astounding exploits for God, that you do, except God be with them."

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Los Angeles.

WHEN working for others, sink yourself out of sight; seek their interests. Make yourself necessary to those who employ you by industry, fidelity, and scrupulous integrity. Selfishness is fatal. Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Demand more of yourself than anybody expects of you. Keep your own standard high. Never excuse yourself to yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master to yourself, but lenient to everybody else. Concentrate your force on your own business; do not turn off. Be constant, steadfast, persevering.—HENRY WARD BEECHER.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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THERE was great cause for rejoicing in the Wabash Avenue Church at Wichita, Kansas, on Sabbath morning, August 7, when five persons came forward to unite with the church by baptism, in response to a call made by Elder T. M. Rowe. This makes a total of ten who have accepted the message as a result of the effort being conducted by Elder W. E. Penick in the church building. Elder Rowe reports that many more interested persons were found as he and Elder Penick visited several homes one Sunday afternoon. Sister M. Fitch, who is assisting Elder Penick, is constantly on the go, answering calls from those who want Bible studies.

Baptism in Pueblo

THREE persons were baptized in Pueblo, Colorado, on Sabbath, July 24, bringing the membership of the church there to thirty-one. The pastor, Brother Vashni T. Davis, is in the midst of a short effort, which he hopes will round up many interested ones for an early baptism.

T. M. ROWE.

I OWE all my success in life to always being a quarter of an hour beforehand.—LORD NELSON.

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Dorcas Society Entertains Blind

SUNDAY afternoon, July 4, the Dorcas Society of the College Avenue S.D.A. church in Topeka, Kansas, entertained the blind of the city at the home of Sister Carrie Woodson. A variety program arranged by the Dorcas Society and the civic leaders of the blind was presented. The Dorcas Society has been active all year and is doing a great work for the betterment of humanity.

XAVIER BUTLER.

ELDER T. M. ROWE reports that Elder F. J. Bryant is conducting a successful effort in Des Moines, Iowa. Elder Bryant is systematically visiting every home, and has found many who have been waiting for the message. The members of the church are supporting the effort very faithfully.

V. M.

Too many men make the mistake of waiting until they feel reasonably sure that things are perfect. That consumes an awful lot of time. All perfections must be developed from a start. Sometimes a poor start ends in perfection. It all depends upon the man and his ability to take advantage of his mistakes. All perfection is the result of mistakes overcome. If you want to get anywhere in your occupation, start something.

—Kodak Salesman.

"THE father of success is—Work.
The mother of success is—Ambition.
The oldest son is—Common Sense.
Some of the older boys are—Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Foresight, Enthusiasm, Cooperation.
The eldest daughter is—Character.
Some of the sisters are—Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Care, Economy, Sincerity.
The baby is—Opportunity."
—Selected.

EXCESS is an archenemy of success.—B. C. FORBES.

News From Liberia

PASTOR HENRI, in his recent letter to the editor, writes:

"The INFORMANT reached us in three days! What speed! But much more thrilling, what a paper! From cover to cover "jam-packed" with the news that gives us a half-hour furlough right back into the thick of things in the good old U.S.A. Why, you know it isn't so great a sacrifice, and there isn't the lonesomeness in this part of the mission field when you open the envelope and that wonderful INFORMANT drops out. Thanks to the editorial staff, thanks to Elder Peters, thanks to a loving heavenly Father for such a paper! We will endure the climate, we will endure the mosquitoes, we will endure the hardships, we will endure the food, we will endure all—just send us the INFORMANT!

"Enclosed is a letter which we just received from His Excellency, the president of Liberia. We would like to share it with the readers of the INFORMANT. It was a real pleasure for us to receive this letter. From the trend of the president's letter one can readily see that God has opened the way for the presentation of the third angel's message in Monrovia. We praise God for the favor in which the Advent message is held by those in high position. A glorious opportunity awaits us in Liberia. May God help us to rise to the challenge! We need a church building. We need evangelistic equipment. But above all, we need the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may press through the breach while the door is ajar. Three years hence is Liberia's presidential election. There may arise 'a Pharaoh that knew not Joseph.' Now is our day of opportunity. We ask you to join us in prayer for President Tubman and the people of Liberia.

"C. DUNBAR HENRI."

"LOOK up! and not down;
Out and not in;
Forward! and not back;
And lend a hand."
—EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

"The Executive Mansion
"Monrovia, Liberia

"22 August 1948

"MY DEAR PASTOR HENRI,

"Your note of a week ago, expressing thanks for having joined me in luncheons on two occasions, has been received.

"I assure you in all sincerity that it was indeed a great pleasure to have had Mrs. Henri and you with me, not only because of the substantial contribution which your mission, through you, is making to education and civilization within our territory, but because I consider you to be my personal friends.

"Please allow me to express how deeply I was impressed and edified by your most soul-stirring sermon delivered at the funeral of the late Dr. Carey. It has been the talk of the town. I wish we could get you before the public more often. Were you not returning home so soon, I would ask Liberia College to request you to deliver their baccalaureate sermon, which will come off around the middle or end of November.

"Hope to be seeing you soon again.

"Kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Henri and you, believe me,

"Very sincerely yours,

"W. V. S. TUBMAN,
"President of Liberia."

Suggestions for S.D.A. Travelers

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, while traveling on pleasure, vacation bound, or in the pursuit of business interests are carrying with them our Prediction Tracts or the little leaflet entitled "An Hour With Your Bible," and are leaving them in the hotel room or the tourist room on the bureau or in the Gideon Bible. In this way the next traveler who follows them and occupies the same room will receive a piece of our literature and may become deeply interested in Bible truth.

J. E. E.

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Liberian Missionaries Interviewed

LOS ANGELES—(ANP)—Interesting notes on the Liberia of today were given our listeners and studio audience on a recent radio broadcast here by the Reverend G. Nathaniel Banks, superintendent of the Liberian West Africa Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, and Miss Rose Benson, a native of Liberia. They were guests on the Sunday morning Sentinel Hour, sponsored by the Los Angeles *Sentinel*, a weekly newspaper, on station KFOX at 10 A.M., July 18.

Speaking of life in the Liberian capital, Monrovia, Missionary Banks said, "To our surprise, many of the people were dressed like us Americans and seemed just as highly cultured. English is the official language of the country. The money used is American dollars and cents."

Regarding his missionary work there, he said: "Our Seventh-day Adventist mission operates five main stations and five sections of the country. We operate four schools, including one boarding school for boys. Of course we have a number of churches in connection with our evangelistic programs. Our greatest need, at the present time, is to add a doctor and a nurse to our present staff. We must develop our medical work in order for our mission to do a more effective and complete work. We employ a number of African people as teachers and evangelists who have been especially trained for their work."

Miss Benson, whose native name is Howah Igema, is one of the Reverend Banks' staff members. She gave a demonstration of tom tom beating, and explained its position in native life: "In the villages of Africa, especially back in the interior where civilization, as we know it today, hasn't made too many changes, we

still find the tom tom as one of the leading instruments of festivity. As a child I remember hearing them many times."

The Reverend Owen A. Troy, departmental secretary of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, introduced the guest speakers. His conference covers territory in California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and the Hawaiian Islands.

Interviewing the guests was Mrs. Violet Moten Brown, society editor of the Los Angeles *Sentinel*.

Miss Benson is in the United States to study. She was born in Grand Cape Mount county in northern Liberia. A member of the Vie tribe, she taught in missions and later worked as a telephone operator for the Pan American Airways office in Liberia. She became interested in the Seventh-day Adventist Church when she moved to Monrovia. She taught at mission headquarters and became a member of the church.

The Reverend Banks left the United States for Liberia, October 1, 1945. He took with him his wife and two children, and a staff of two other families to start his missionary work.

New Notes

A REAL homecoming awaited Missionary Banks, superintendent of the Liberian Seventh-day Adventist Mission. A large congregation of members and friends of both groups turned out, Sabbath, July 17, to hear Elder Banks and his family tell of the protection and blessings of God in their first years of foreign mission work. Elder Banks formerly labored in the Southeastern California Conference. Miss Benson, the native African teacher who accompanied Elder and Mrs. Banks to the States, thrilled the audience with the story of her conversion from heathenism to Christianity. An offering was received to assist Miss Benson in furthering her education at Oakwood College, after which she will return to her native land to help lift her people out of sin and degradation.

A social occasion was enjoyed in the evening after the Sabbath, when Elder Banks showed moving pictures of Liberia.

Master Comrades

ON the last Sunday of the La Sierra camp meeting, at the young people's pavilion, many witnessed the seventeen colored youth and adults who were invested as Master Comrades, Companions, and Friends. They were the first of our group to receive such honor in the Southeastern California Conference. Mrs. Mildred Lane, the M.V. leader, has done splendid work, along with her associates of Shiloh, in preparing the group, who received excellent grades in Bible doctrines and denominational history. Many Vocational Honors were received. Among those invested were schoolteachers, a nurse, and a medical student of Loma Linda.

New Churches

WE are happy to announce two new churches that have been added recently to the colored department in our conference. One is in Blythe, California, the results of a successful tent effort held by Pastor William E. Galbreth, Miss Justine Reed, Bible instructor, with the able assistance of the Burnetts of Turlock, California. Now some forty members and interested people meet each Sabbath at present in the Holiness Church. A building has been purchased to house the company as soon as a suitable lot can be secured on which to move it. Earl Canson, of Pacific Union College, class of '48, is intern-pastor of this new church. He reports new additions to the membership already. The other church is composed of believers who, for the most part, have moved into the Perris area from Los Angeles. It is comprised of a group of fifty who meet each Sabbath at Elsinore, California. They are very active under the leadership of C. C. Aburthnot. They recently voted to purchase a site in the little city of Perris and establish a church there.

Our plans call for a fall tent effort in the city of Perris. I shall carry the burden of the meetings, with some assistance. We hope to be able to win enough souls to organize a church in this virgin city.

J. E. JOHNSON, *District leader,*
San Bernardino, California.

Live Well Thy Life

Live well thy life!
And let no soul be gladdened
When ye become a cohort of the
sod;
But at your loss,
Let every heart be saddened.

Speak well thy word!
And let no man refute it.
Sip long and deep from lettered
wells;
Exact thy speech
So no man can dispute it.

Do well thy work!
And make a pompous showing;
Seek not the frail, destructive crown
of men,
But in that day
Claim one whose endless stars are
glowing.

Act well thy part!
While mortal tongues proclaim thee
A constant advocate of peace and
right
Live well thy life!
And wake in God's supernal light.
—MERCEDES MORAN.

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Atlantic Union Youth's Congress

THE first Atlantic Union Youth's Congress is now history. It was one of the finest youth's congresses that have ever attended. All representatives of the Northeastern Conference who attended felt the same way about it.

The very fine Missionary Volunteer choir of the Ephesus church served as the congress choir. Mr. Moses Mayne, a member of the City Tabernacle church, and a newlywed of just one week at the time of the congress, represented the youth of the Northeastern Conference, speaking on the subject "Youth, Share Your Faith." Mr. Mayne gave a very inspiring talk and represented our youth in a highly satisfactory manner.

Among the guest speakers for the congress was Elder A. E. Webb, pastor of the Ephesus church. Elder Webb electrified the thousands who attended the Friday night meeting. He spoke on the subject "Adventist Youth in a Confused, Dazed World." The speaker skillfully carried his audience as he traced the prophetic events of time and finally gave a good account for the present conditions of the world.

A high light of the youth's congress was Keith Argraves, who presented to the large audience his experiences as a paratrooper in World War II. The congress closed Sunday night, July 4, as the five M.V. secretaries, with the union M.V. secretary, accepted the "Challenge of Evangelism for Youth by Youth" throughout the Atlantic Union. As we made our exit, different ones were heard expressing deep satisfaction with the congress. Prof. R. A. Nesmith should be congratulated for the smooth and effective conduct of the first Atlantic Union Youth's Congress.

JONATHAN E. ROACHE, *Secretary,*
Missionary Volunteer Department
Northeastern Conference.

Successful Junior Camp Ends

THE first opportunity for the Juniors of the Northeastern Conference (under the sponsorship of the conference) to enjoy the beauties of nature came Sunday morning, July 11, 1948, when forty-two boys and girls boarded a bus for Pine Forge Camp, near Pottstown, Pennsyl-

vania. Parents, guardians, and friends gathered about the bus with heads bowed as Elder L. O. Irons, secretary-treasurer, asked God's protection for the boys and girls and counselors who accompanied them. Enthusiasm, joy, and happiness were clearly seen on the countenances of all present.

The spirit with which the boys and girls left the city continued through the whole camping period. Everyone who attended reported having had a most enjoyable time. The spiritual tone of camp and the deportment of the boys and girls were high lights that the counselors and visitors appreciated.

The Progressive Class work, under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Murphy, of the Allegheny Conference, and Mrs. Henrietta Foster, of the Northeastern Conference, was well conducted, and many took advantage of the opportunity to make a good start in the various classes.

It was a sad occasion for these same Juniors when, on Wednesday, July 21, at 2:30 P.M., the bus rolled up to convey them back to the city. Many expressed their desire to remain, but reluctantly left Pine Forge Camp. The campers were made happy by the presence of Elder R. A. Nesmith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, who accompanied them on a hike up Rattlesnake Mountain and told two interesting stories at the campfire. We were also pleased to have Elder L. A. Skinner, of the M.V. Department of the General Conference, who gave wise counsel and also entertained the Juniors with enjoyable stories at the campfire. Elder Skinner was accompanied by Elder O. Hershberger, M.V. secretary of the Columbia Union.

A word of thanks should be expressed to Mr. A. V. Pinkney, M.V. secretary of the Allegheny Conference, and to the executive committee of that same conference for extending an invitation to us. The president of the conference, Elder J. H. Wagner, spoke to the Juniors on Sabbath, July 17, and made us all feel welcome.

The counselors who helped to make the camp a success were: from the Allegheny Conference: Mr. A. V. Pinkney (co-director), Mrs. Myrtle Murphy, Mrs. J. Lester, Mrs. J. Powell, Mrs. Clara Hardy, Mr. T. Battle, III, Mr. R. Reynolds, Elder E. Watson, Mrs. H. Dobbins, Mrs. J. Justiss, and Mr. A. W. Clarke; from the Northeastern Conference: Mrs. Henrietta Foster, Mrs. Edna L. Williamson, Miss Sylvia Kee, Miss Virginia Greene, Miss Jessie Godley, Miss Edith Diggs, Mr. Milton Bland, and Miss Miriam Davis. Mrs. J. E. Roache was camp nurse.

The meals were prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Hardy, and the cafeteria was supervised by Elder W. A. Thompson. Some very delicious meals were served, and were enjoyed by the Juniors to such an extent that they figured prominently in the short paragraphs written on "The Things I Enjoyed While Here at Junior Camp." In short, every Junior and counselor had a most pleasant camping season.

We give thanks to God for watching over everyone during our Junior camp. Not a serious accident occurred and all returned home with sound and healthy bodies. We can look forward to another camping season next year.

J. E. ROACHE, *Co-director,*
Pine Forge Junior Camp.

The Church at Study

THE Sabbath school has been with us for a long period of time. It was born in the early days of the message, when Elder James White wrote out Sabbath school lessons by the roadside as he rested his team at noon during days of travel. From its inception the Sabbath school has had for its prime objective the study of the Scriptures through an arrangement of study outlines. It was believed that the study of the Word of God would not only stabilize those who were members of the church already, but also bring souls to Christ. The lessons were prepared with the conversion of children and youth in mind. We find, as we study

Counsels on Sabbath School Work, that most of the counsel is given toward this end. Therefore, the enthusiasm and animation which is to be encouraged in our schools, and properly directed, tend to make the Sabbath school a soul-winning agency.

When the Sabbath school spirit is received into the hearts of its members, they will endeavor to fulfill the purpose of the school by bringing souls to Christ and developing Christian growth not only at the home base but in fields afar. They will also carry out the great mission program to their utmost ability.

In the Sabbath school program in all lands, not only are the Bible lessons studied and taught, but the missionary spirit is born in the hearts of old and young. This is revealed by our mission offerings, which have aggregated more than thirty-eight million dollars in fifty-four years. Our people in the Northeastern Conference Sabbath school department can lay claim to the fact that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," for they have given of their means to assist in carrying out that commission.

As we read the mission stories we are told that the same spirit that permeates the Sabbath schools in the homeland permeates those who have been saved from heathenism. The spirit of giving comes into the hearts of all when they accept the third angel's message. In order for the Sabbath school department of the Northeastern Conference to reach its ideal and to please the mind of God, each member of the church should and must be a member of the Sabbath school. Every person should endeavor to study daily, reach his offering goal and be present and on time each Sabbath.

For the second quarter of 1947 the members turned into the treasury the sum of \$9,452.43. In comparing the offering for the second quarter of 1947 with that of 1948, we find a gain as follows:

Offering, second quarter, 1947, \$9,452.43; per capita, .292; offering, second quarter, 1948, \$10,850.31; per capita, .324; net gain, \$1,397.88. Our

conference Sabbath school membership is 2,545.

March of the Printed Pa

ELDER F. D. NICHOL, in his recent article "The Possibilities in Colporteur Work," writes:

"Unquestionably, it is only through the colporteur work that many will be reached. Only a small fraction of the population come to our public meetings, despite all our publicity and all our prayers. That is no indictment of the public meeting, but it is a solemn warning that we must employ other agencies to reach the vast number who do not attend those meetings. And how shall we reach them? The answer is clear; if they will not come to us, we must go to them. So far as a great majority of mankind are concerned, if we are to make the Advent truths ring in their hearts, we shall have to ring their doorbells first."

Our loyal army of trailblazers, known as colporteurs, are responsible for twenty-four souls baptized so far this year. We set our financial goal at the beginning of the year for \$100,000. Under the guiding hand of God and with the support of our loyal assistants and the splendid cooperation of our gallant colporteur force, we have delivered up to July 31, over \$63,000 worth of literature, a gain of \$9,000 over the amount for last year.

We are truly grateful to the Lord for His goodness. As we face the future we do so with courage, realizing the tremendous task before us.

C. M. WILLIS,
Publishing Department Secretary.

Do your work—not just your work and no more, but a little more for the lavishing's sake; that little more which is worth all the rest. And .. you suffer, as you must, and if you doubt, as you must, do your work. Put your heart into it, and the sky will clear. Then out of your very doubt and suffering will be born the supreme joy.—DEAN BRIGGS.

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Evangelistic Program

SUMMERTIME means special soul-winning endeavors as far as tent efforts are concerned throughout the South Atlantic Conference, and this year is no exception with efforts launched in ten cities in this area.

Since the latter part of May, Elder J. E. Cox, Jr., has been conducting a tent effort in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. To date, a number of fine persons have taken their stand for the truth. Associated with Elder Cox are Brother and Sister C. S. Miller and Mrs. J. J. Bentley.

Location of efforts which have begun recently and the evangelists in charge of them are as follows: Pastor C. M. Bailey, Augusta, Georgia; Elder E. E. Cleveland, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Pastor D. L. Crowder, Hickory, North Carolina; Pastor F. S. Hill, West Palm Beach, Florida; Pastor G. E. Johnson, Georgetown, South Carolina; Elder P. H. Morgan, Raleigh, North Carolina; Pastor E. C. Ward, Wilson, North Carolina; and Pastor J. B. E. Williams, Hartsville, South Carolina.

We ask that the friends of the South Atlantic Conference will remember these men in their prayers as they go about their Father's business.

New Church Building

SABBATH, August 14, was a day of rejoicing in the Deland church. For nearly ten years the congregation has been without a place of worship. They were unable to rent a permanent place for worship, and therefore had to meet from house to house. A trailer was finally rented and services held in it.

Nearly two years ago, when I came to this field, I found the members discouraged. Some had stopped working to secure funds for a church, but before long the message from

Nehemiah 2:18, "Let us rise up and build," strengthened their hands for the good work. With nine faithful members, my good wife standing by my side, and some help from the conference, the present building has been erected.

Even after the work was begun on the church this summer, we needed nearly \$350 to reach the goal set for us by the conference. But in a few short weeks this amount was raised. God worked in a miraculous way. The means were raised by selling *Message* magazines and giving health dinners and programs.

The building is of concrete blocks and has beautiful stained-glass windows. We have work yet to do on the interior, which we hope to finish soon. Elder Hastings, the conference contractor, did a fine job in the erection of the building.

J. S. WISE, *District Leader.*

News Notes

THE Orlando church is having a church school after being without one for several years.

SANFORD is planning to reroof its church.

APOPKA is a new company. They have nearly paid for three lots on which to erect the church, and have nearly two hundred dollars in the bank.

THE entire district has faithfully supported missions, and it is the only district that has a Sabbath school per capita of forty cents per member.

ELEVEN souls were brought in last year, even though I was connected with another effort a good portion of the time. We hope to exceed that number this year. J. S. W.

A "BIG" man is usually an ordinary man who has made use of an opportunity.

"THOSE who fear the future are likely to fumble the present."

Editorial News Notes

THE next issue of the *INFORMANT* will contain a detailed report of two recent big events of our work, the Youth's Congress at Oakwood College, September 1-4, and the dedication of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, September 5, which will be illustrated with pictures of the occasion. The Youth Congress was attended by youth from the South Atlantic, South Central, and Southwestern Mission conferences. The editor left to attend the congress as this issue went to press.

THE Allegheny Conference biennial session and camp meeting was held at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, the conference headquarters, July 22 to August 1. The meeting was well attended. About three thousand were present on the last Sabbath. Elder J. H. Wagner, who has served for the past two biennial periods, was re-elected for another term of office. Besides the union conference president, the union secretary-treasurer, and other union officials, there were present from the General Conference, N. C. Wilson, D. A. McAdams, Mrs. A. Moore, and G. E. Peters. A more detailed report will be published later.

THE Central States Mission held its conference session and camp meeting at Kansas City, Missouri, August 19-29. The camp was pitched on the beautiful grounds of Swope Park. A feature of the camp meeting was the appearance of the *Voice of Prophecy* and the heart-stirring sermon of H. M. S. Richards, Monday, August 23. Present from the General Conference were H. H. Votaw and G. E. Peters.

Watch for further details in our next issue.

"FAITH came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight.
Fear and anxiety, grief and gloom
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be
But faith said gently, 'Don't you see,
They really cannot live with me!'"

Draft Questionnaire

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

DRAFT-AGE men who register under Selective Service provisions will either be handed at the time of their registration or receive in the mail a Classification Questionnaire. This is known as SSS Form No. 100. This Classification Questionnaire is divided into 15 series. These are as follows:

Series No.

- I. Identification.
- II. Present members of armed forces
- III. Prior military service.
- IV. Officials deferred by law.
- V. Sole surviving son.
- VI. Minister, or student preparing for the ministry.
- VII. Family status and dependents.
- VIII. Present occupation.
- IX. Agricultural occupation.
- X. Education.
- XI. Students.
- XII. Citizenship.
- XIII. Court Record.
- XIV. Conscientious objection to war.
- XV. Physical condition.

Following SERIES XV is a place for the registrant who fills out the questionnaire to state his own conviction regarding the classification he is entitled to. The statement reads as follows:

"In view of the facts set forth in the Questionnaire, it is my opinion that my classification should be CLASS"

All Seventh-day Adventists who are not eligible for a classification in CLASS 4 as a minister or ministerial student, or because of physical disabilities, or in CLASS 3 because of dependency, or in CLASS 2 because of occupation and employment, should mark in the space provided in the above statement, "1-A-O." This status is a claim for noncombatant classification and assignment.

Any Seventh-day Adventist filling out this questionnaire who is a minister, ordained or licensed, or theological student, will fill out SERIES VI accordingly. In the case of a licensed minister he should be careful to use Selective Service terminology, and call himself a "Regular" minister.

Classes 1 and 1-A-O will consist of all those eligible for induction.

Class 2 will be those deferred as a result of occupation and employment.

Class 3 is for dependency deferment.

Class 4 is for those who will not be called because of being physically unfit, mentally unfit, outright conscientious objectors, government officials, ministers, and ministerial students.

Class 5 is for those over age. Men will be put in Class 5 when they reach their twenty-sixth birthday if not previously inducted.

The local board will decide each case individually on the basis of the facts submitted in the questionnaire, guided by the law and regulations. The registrant is entitled to an appeal if the decision of the local board is not satisfactory. This appeal should be made within ten days of the mailing of the notice of classification. The appeal must be in writing and sent to the local board. Within the same ten-day period the registrant may file a written application for a personal interview before the local board. If this is done, the time of each registrant's appeal is extended ten days from the date of mailing of a new notice of classification.

Induction is to be made on a quota basis at the requisition of the armed forces. Registrants who are not exempt will be called by the local board for physical examination. The time, date, and place to report will be given. The registrant will be sent to the examining and induction station for complete physical examination and general classification test. He will then be returned home to await orders. The local board will be advised regarding the result of the examinations. If the registrant has passed the examination satisfactorily, the local board will notify him of his acceptability for service. Qualified registrants will then be called to fill in the needed quotas. A period of ten days will be given between the mailing of the induction notice and the actual induction date.

At the present time it is planned to induct the older men first.

When a registrant claims the 1-A-O classification as a noncombatant conscientious objector, he will be sent another form, designated as SSS Form 150, known as The Special Form for Conscientious Objectors. He will be given ten days extra to fill this out. The way in which this should be filled out will be dealt with in another article.

Eye Openers

THE Omaha National Bank put in circulation the first checks printed in Braille for the blind. They can be made out in fixed amounts (\$5, \$10, \$25, and \$100) and, as a special guard against forgery, are signed with thumbprints.

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THE Port of New York Authority bought New Jersey's 500-acre, ten-hangar Teterboro Air Terminal. This closed the last escape hatch for airlines that objected to the Authority's landing fees at Idlewild and hoped to take off on transatlantic flights from Teterboro. Price: \$3,115,000. Teterboro's owner, Frederick L. Wehran, got the property for \$460,000 in 1941.

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FOR the Mediterranean run, American Export Lines has ordered two 20,000-ton passenger liners with air-conditioned cabins and the latest safety devices (radar, automatic steering controls, radios on lifeboats). The ships will be built at Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Quincy, Massachusetts, yards. Under a stepped-up program of shipbuilding subsidies the Government will pay \$20,000,000 of the \$46,830,000 construction cost.

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UNFILLED orders on automobile dealers' books totaled 7,300,000, an 11 per cent increase since January 1. The National Automobile Dealers Association figured that the industry would need 26 months to take care of the current backlog alone.

"It is unfortunate to have more dollars than sense."