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THE leaders of this movement, under God, are laying plans for an aggressive program for a speedy finishing of the work. The foreign missions program of the Seventh-day Adventist church continues to advance and make progress the world around.

Reports are reaching us from various parts of the world field indicating unprecedented opportunities in many places. These reports constitute a real challenge. The signs of the times indicate quite pertinently that our time to work for the harvesting of souls in all the world is about to run out. We hear the voice of the Holy Spirit pleading with us, saying, "That thou doest, do quickly."

"Upon us rests the weighty re-

sponsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. . . . God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world, perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 16. "Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—*Ibid.*, p. 14.

The call in behalf of our foreign missions program was never more urgent than at this time. In the past year (1950) 187 new appointees were sent out to various countries. It is quite evident that the hand of Providence is promoting this great mission enterprise. To send forth and sustain such an army of workers, besides providing for the work and workers already in the field, demands an enormous budget. Truly we walk by faith and not by sight; for in the prosecution of this stupendous task placed upon our shoulders by the Master, the leaders of this movement, in their planning, have often launched "out into the deep," as it were, depending on the loyal self-sacrificing constituents of our churches.

What will be your response to the SPECIAL MIDSUMMER MISSIONS OFFERING to be taken in all our churches, Sabbath, July 14?

REMEMBER!

Special Midsummer Offering SABBATH, JULY 14

Because of the many needs so apparent in the world field at the present time, the General Conference has requested that the Midsummer Offering this year be an exceptionally large one, averaging at least one dollar per member in all our churches.

"Our talents, our means, our knowledge, are not merely for our own benefit; they are to be used for the salvation of souls, to elevate man from his life of sin and bring him, through Christ, to the infinite God."—*Ibid.*, vol. 4, p. 80.

My brethren and sisters, in this call of urgency for a SPECIAL MIDSUMMER OFFERING what will be your response to the sacrifice of Calvary? "The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. Christ's self-sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. That man might be saved, He gave all He had, and then gave Himself. The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of every follower of the blessed Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 14.

In this special offering let all our believers demonstrate their interest in the final triumph of the work of God in all the earth, by coming up "to the help of the Lord."

GEORGE E. PETERS,
Field Secretary.

Visit to Missions in Europe and West Africa

By MRS. HARVEY A. MACKEY

A DREAM became a reality when Mr. Mackey and I, on October 1, 1950, after three years of saving and economizing, took flight to visit mission stations of the denomination in Europe and West Africa. Early we must give credit to our dear friends, Elder and Mrs. P. E. Giddings, who are stationed at the Konola Mission in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, for encouraging us to visit them in their mission station. Now home, we consider it one of the rarest privileges that we have ever had, and do not regret the time and effort spent in making such a trip possible. We wish to thank our many friends throughout the United States whose prayers followed us as we traveled seventeen thousand miles by air, boat, rail, and bus.

Leaving Chicago on the United Air Lines, we made an uneventful trip to the city of New York, but there we had our first feelings of insecurity when the flight board at the Idylwild Airport revealed that our plane to London would be delayed because of engine trouble. We waited for several hours and finally departed for Boston, Massachusetts, where again we were delayed overnight. Early on October 6, when we should have been nearing London, we were just at Gander, Newfoundland, ready to start our flight across the ocean. Out six hundred miles we again developed engine trouble and had to return to Gander. We boarded another plane and when out to sea about five hundred miles communication could not be made with Shannon Airport, and consequently we returned to Gander a second time. I was now definitely ready to return home, feeling that this trip was not for us. On our third attempt, however, we made it safely on a double-decked Pan-American plane.

A beautiful sight to behold was the green fields of Ireland below. We soon boarded another plane for



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Mackey Taking Flight From Chicago

London, and halfway across the Irish Sea we encountered plane trouble again. With a start I noticed that engine number three had stopped, and we landed at the London airport on three engines. Terra firma never felt so good to me as it did at that time.

We were very much impressed with the city of London. The people were very friendly, and I fell in love with the British accent. We had a 1950 *Yearbook*, with the addresses of all our institutions, and we were quite pleased at our being able to follow directions and find the Watford Sanitarium and our conference office on our own. The sanitarium is quite large and is established on beautifully landscaped grounds. It was also used by the University College of London under the British Ministry of Health during the last war to take care of the blitz patients. On the same grounds we saw the Advent Press and health-food factory. It was a real

treat to see our large presses turning out truth-filled literature for that area.

Back in the city of London, we visited the famous Westminster Abbey, and there we stood at the tombs of such great men as David Livingstone, Robert Browning, Sir Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Rudyard Kipling. I can yet see in my mind the statue above Handel's tomb of a man holding a scroll, which read, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Also in beautiful Westminster Abbey was a stained-glass chapel, which had been built in commemoration of the members of the RAF who lost their lives in the Battle for Britain. We visited the Amen House of the Oxford University Press, then after a brief tour of the Shakespeare country, boarded a train for Newcastle, where we took the steamship *Jupiter* across the North Sea at Norway.

Our next stop was at Bergen, Norway. This city was founded in the year 1070, and is said to have been an active city since Viking times. There are many waterfalls and beautiful fiords. One of the interesting places in Bergen is a stave church, the foundation of which is allegedly nine hundred years old. There are no windows in the building, and it has been built without nails. The architecture looks very much like that of the Far East. We were told that because the Vikings

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were sea rovers they no doubt touched upon the coast of China and brought back this type of architecture to Norway. We were in the city only one day, and lacked opportunity to find our Adventist brethren, but we were pleased to know that our guide had heard of the Adventist church and drove us to the spot.

From Bergen, we went to Oslo, a city nine hundred years old. In that city we saw the Vigeland Bridge, a park where there is sculpture done by one man only, and for whom the park has been named. There was a huge monolith, which took him thirty years to do, which is the sculpturing of mankind from the cradle to the grave. We visited the famous Sidelstal Park, where there are replicas of homes of the Norwegian people of the Middle Ages.

We visited the Adventist union office in Norway, and were entertained in the home of the secretary-treasurer, Brother R. Abrahamsen. During our visit we saw the first printing press used by the Adventists, around the year 1879, and we also saw the church building and publishing house.

From Oslo we traveled by train to the city of Stockholm, which is bordered by many islands. We were there for the Sabbath, and visited the church and conference buildings, which our people have owned for twenty-five years. We had the opportunity of hearing Elder A. Varmer, a worker in the Northern European Division, at the eleven o'clock hour. He mentioned that he had just learned that there are sixteen students enlisted behind the iron curtain in Tibet and Afghanistan in our Bible correspondence school; and in India in one day five men with Ph.D. degrees came to enroll in the Bible school. We also learned from Brother Varmer that in Holland every Sabbath our believers go out in two's to enroll the people in the Bible studies. In Stockholm alone more than seventy persons have joined the church through this medium. We were sorry that we could not stay longer in this beautiful city of the north,

where there is a standard of living which we would say would be comparable only to that which is known in the United States, but which would seem even better, in that we saw no indications of slums anywhere.

In contrast to the people of Norway, we found the Swedish people friendly but much more reserved. However, with our Advent brethren we felt perfectly at home.

We traveled by both boat and train to reach Copenhagen from Stockholm. There we visited the famous Elsinor Castle, where the play *Hamlet* is given each spring. In the courtyard of this famous castle we saw a Roman fountain that had been brought from the city of Rome some two thousand years ago.

We were thrilled to see the Skodsborg Sanitarium, which is in the suburbs of Copenhagen. It has beautiful white buildings, which face the sea and are backed by a majestic forest. The sanitarium can accommodate more than two hundred patients. No surgery is done here, for it is considered a sanitarium and rest home. We saw seven different types of baths that can be given. There is a staff of six Adventist doctors besides other doctors from the city of Copenhagen coming out to give their services. On the grounds also is a beautiful little building which we were told, was formerly the country home of Frederick II. It is called the "Little Castle." The entire sanitarium and grounds are immaculately kept. We were the guests of the management for dinner while visiting here. Two thirds of the sanitarium was taken over by the Nazi soldiers during the days of occupation.

From Copenhagen we went by train to the beautiful little country of Holland, traveling across the country of Germany, where we were able to see much bomb damage from our window. Holland suffered much during the German occupation, and it is reputed that 150 people died daily on the streets in the cities from starvation during the last six months of the war, most of them being old folks and children.

Our guide himself told of having lived for three months on cooked tulip bulbs and sugar beets.

We visited the conference office and the publishing house of the Netherlands Union, and met one of the ministers, Elder J. Lankhorst, who told of his escape from the Germans, and how he lived underground in his house. He also stated that the Dutch underground was very kind to the young people in our boarding school.

In Amsterdam we visited the Ryks museum, where we saw the famous painting *The Nightwatch*, by the old master Rembrandt. This picture was hidden in the sand dunes along the North Sea during the Nazi occupation. It was painted in 1642, and it is alleged that the great artist received the paltry sum of forty dollars for his nine months of work.

From Holland to the capital of Belgium, Brussels, we had the honor of riding in the same compartment with the Belgian ambassador to The Hague. He told us that there are about ten million black people in the Congo and about thirty thousand whites, who administer the colony's affairs. The climate is very bad for the whites, and therefore the blacks are being trained as rapidly as possible to take over administrative responsibilities. There are one-half million black children in the Congo in school.

We were in Brussels only a short time, but found our way to the Seventh-day Adventist conference office and visited two of the churches that are in building. In Belgium services are conducted in Flemish and French.

From Brussels we took the train to Paris. There we visited the Adventist church and conference office, which is on a beautiful and prominent boulevard. We were shown around the headquarters by J. P. Fasnacht, who is the speaker on the French Voice of Prophecy program.

We were deeply impressed by the fine Missionary Volunteer hall, where the young people hold their social gatherings. There is a mem-

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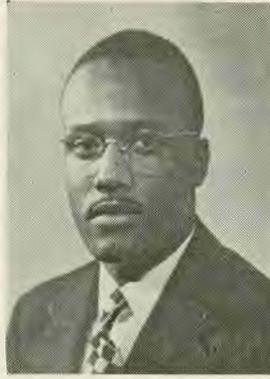
SOUTH CENTRAL

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In the Interest of Youth

Two youth congresses were held for the young people of the South Central Conference during the months of January and February. For four months they had looked forward to these occasions, preparing to participate in the oratorical contest, the theme of which was temperance. Under the leadership of the MV secretary of the conference, L. A. Paschal, who was elected at our last camp meeting, these congresses were planned with the idea of inspiring youth to do a greater work for the Lord and to re-establish the youth associations according to States. The oratorical contest was to instill in the minds of the youth not only that *total abstinence* is the way to good health but that abstinence from indulgence of any appetite or passion will strengthen the spiritual desire.

The first congress was held in Memphis, Tennessee, on the week end of January 26-28. The youth of the Kentucky and Tennessee churches were greatly thrilled and



L. A. Paschal, Educational and M.V. Secretary

inspired throughout the services, from the opening song at the consecration service on Friday evening until the closing prayer Sunday evening. Speakers for this particular meeting included L. M. Nelson, MV secretary of the Southern Union; H. R. Murphy, president, South Central Conference; L. A. Paschal, MV secretary of the South Central Conference; C. A. Dent, M.D., medical director, Riverside Sanitarium; E. F. Carter, E. T. Mimms, and P. C. Winley.

The climax of this meeting came Sunday morning, when the nearly three hundred adults and young people packed the church to hear the six contestants orate on the subject of temperance. The two top

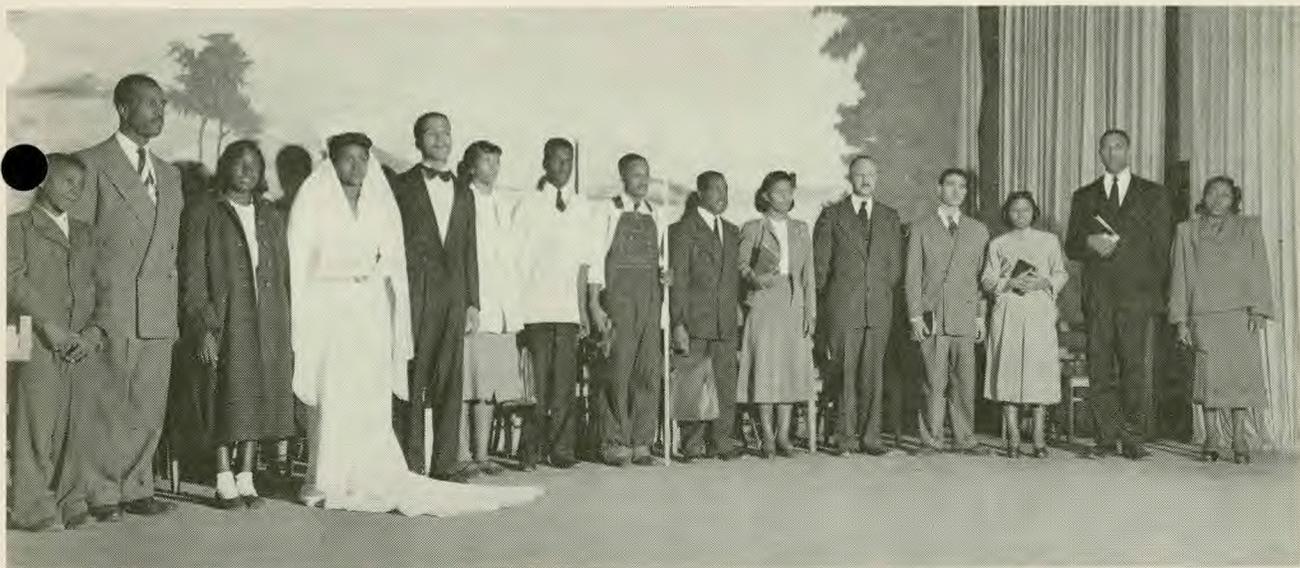
winners in this contest were Miss Carmen Hyde, of the Nashville Meharry Boulevard church, who took first place, and Miss Martha M. Ligon, of the Riverside church who took second place. Miss Hyde will compete with the top contestant of the Alabama-Mississippi youth, which contest will be held later in the year.

The Meridian youth congress was held February 9-11 and was equally as successful as the meeting held in Memphis. The speakers for the meeting were L. M. Nelson, E. E. Cleveland, F. B. Slater, and other ministers in the conference; C. A. Dent, M.D. (of Riverside), and C. E. Moseley, of Oakwood College.

One outstanding feature of both these meetings was a pageant depicting the various avenues of Christian education as offered in our schools. This feature, entitled "Pageant of a Day at the Conference Office," began with the morning worship of the office family. It carried through the various activities of the president's office. The various departments then came on the scene for ten minutes in the following order: the treasurer, home missionary, publishing, Sabbath school, Book and Bible House, 20th Century Bible School, Missionary Volunteer, and educational. The



Young People in Attendance at Youth's Congress, Memphis, Tennessee



Pageant Depicting Various Avenues of Christian Education as Offered in Our Schools

object of this demonstration was to make plain to the young people the functions of the conference and to show them what part they were to play in various lines of church activities.

The presentation of the educational department was most striking, for it demonstrated the objectives of Christian education. In the picture you will notice on the extreme left the educational secretary, L. A. Paschal, with a boy on one side and a girl on the other. These are juniors in the church school. If these young people continue to the college level in church institutions, they can aspire to service in the following fields, which are represented by the individuals in the pageant featuring various vocations [see picture]: church school teacher, minister, Bible instructor, college professor, office secretary, colporteur evangelist, skilled tradesman who can be self-supporting in missionary work, doctor, and nurse. Many will also find among Christian associates their partners in life and join in holy wedlock. At the close of the pageant the young people were admonished to stand by our program of Christian education, and thus someday fill one of the responsibilities cited.

The oratorical contest that was presented in Meridian, Mississippi,

was magnificent. The ten speakers were well prepared. They came from various churches in Alabama and Mississippi, and each did an excellent job. Enthusiasm ran high, and the youth were thrilled with the dynamic speeches. First place was taken by Jack Dodgett, of Oakwood College, and second place by Charles Savage, of Greenville, Mississippi. At the close of the contest, which concluded the congress, Brother Paschal announced that at a future date there would be another youth's congress, which would include the entire conference and that the winner of this contest and the winner of the contest of Kentucky and Tennessee would speak—contesting for the first place in the conference.

Brother Paschal made known to the youth the time and place of the Junior and Senior camp, which is August 19 to September 1, at the Fuller State Park, near Memphis, Tennessee.

L. A. Paschal is nearing the completion of his first year in the MV department, and is succeeding in making church activities grip the hearts of the youth.

We solicit the prayers of the readers in behalf of our young people, that they may give of their best to the Master and gain a greater insight of the task God has for them.

Major Eugene M. Dasent Arrives From Korea

MAJOR DASENT of the U.S. Third Army, son of Elder and Mrs. J. Gershon Dasent, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, arrived in the United States by plane from Tokyo, Japan, on Sunday, March 11, 1951. The flight was made in thirty-six hours.

In the home of his parents he was surrounded by friends and admirers who have carried him on their prayer list since he left these shores more than three years ago, when he had the rank of first lieutenant connected with the 25th Division Medical Corps. He recalls that he was among those who retraced their steps after the Chinese entered the conflict. Vividly he spoke of miraculous deliverances, which came as an answer to prayers offered in his behalf.

Major Dasent accompanied his parents to worship on Sabbath, where he was warmly greeted by friends. He is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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Allegheny Conference.

WE are to have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. A faith that does not result in this, is of no value.—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 185.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Successful Youth's Congress at Shreveport

HUNDREDS of delegates from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana poured into Shreveport, Friday, March 23, for the Southwest Region Conference Youth's Congress. By Friday night more than two hundred from the States named above had gathered, and all enjoyed the opening services, which were held at the Antioch Baptist church. The meetings began with a rousing singspiration, and sincere praise in song rose from those assembled. The keynote address was delivered by Elder W. A. Howe, Y.P.M.V. leader of the Southwestern Union Conference. His message pointed out the fact that most of our problems arise from our own waywardness. He emphasized that we should be willing to let God lead in our lives and should follow His directions uncomplainingly. Then our lives would be much smoother, and we would be sure of a good end.

Sabbath morning, March 24, began with a live Sabbath school, where young people and adults joined in the study of God's Word. The offering amounted to over \$125 for the support of mission work in Africa. The eleven o'clock hour was high-lighted by special music from the Congress Youth Choir; a vocal solo by Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the conference; and an inspiring sermon by Elder J. E. Cox, pastor of the Ephesus church, New Orleans. He exhorted the youth to search the Scriptures and to make sure they know why they are following God; then they can go forward confidently facing the future and sharing their faith with others. More than four hundred delegates and visitors were present at the eleven o'clock hour.

In the afternoon we engaged in

"Operation Doorbell." The youth divided themselves into teams of two, and each of these teams went out to three homes, rang the doorbell, invited the family to join in a free Bible study course, and had prayer. The report of interesting experiences was really thrilling. When the final count was made 60 young people visited 105 homes and had prayer in 88. All this was done in about thirty minutes, demonstrating the possibility of youth-for-youth activity. This program was followed by a talent hour in which the youth from various churches gave musical numbers and dramatic readings. Saturday night the youth enjoyed a social at the Lakeshore Community Center.

The program for Sunday was held in the Y.M.C.A. at nine o'clock. A "Share Your Faith" workshop was conducted which presented definite things which youth can do to win other youth to Christ.

The fitting climax to the Congress' activities was a Temperance Oratorical Contest. Young people from New Orleans, Houston, Baton Rouge, Little Rock, Shreveport, and Dallas orated on the subject: "Why I Do Not Smoke or Drink." The ten contestants did so well that the judges had a difficult time in making their decisions, but the report was finally rendered that Miss Myrtle O'Neil, of Houston, was the winner. Miss Hubbard, of New Orleans, and Miss Stevenson, of Houston, tied for second place. Miss Johnson, of Baton Rouge, was third. All contestants presented excellent papers in a creditable manner. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of first, second, third, and fourth place.

We wish to express our appreciation to the pastor and members of the Shreveport church for acting as hosts to this youth congress. We especially thank the Shreveport community for so graciously opening their doors to our youth who visited Shreveport over the week end. The hospitality of Shreveport will not be forgotten.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM.

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Berean Bakersfield Church

DURING the first quarter of 1951 the Berean Bakersfield church of California progressed over \$1,450 toward their new church building fund goal.

A believer of means, seeing the need of a new church building, gave to the Berean church a field of cotton for the second picking. The church had a net profit of \$960 from this cotton project of two weeks of work.

A few weeks later this same brother gave the church twenty acres of small potatoes. In four days the potatoes were taken from the field to the dehydrating plant. The church received a profit of \$500.

The Berean church has many members giving Bible studies. One missionary band of three sisters has given over an average of a Bible study a day during the first quarter of 1951.

Eight souls were baptized during the first quarter.

W. E. PENICK, *Pastor.*

Correction and Omission

PAGE 3 of the March-April issue of the INFORMANT, paragraph 2, reads as follows, "Elder J. E. Cox and Sister M. Warrington, Bible instructor, have been conducting a twelve weeks' effort in the Los Angeles Academy auditorium."

This should have read, "Elder J. E. Cox and Sister M. Warrington, Bible instructor, have been conducting a twelve weeks' effort in the Philadelphian, San Francisco, church. The Webb brothers and Sister H. Perkins and E. Dav Bible instructors, also conducted an evangelistic effort in the Los Angeles Academy auditorium."

We sincerely regret both the error and the omission.—EDITOR.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Central States Workers' Meeting

It was a thrilling and enjoyable inspiration to worship in the new auditorium on Sabbath, March 17, at the dedicatory service of the beautiful Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas. Truly our hearts gave thanks to our heavenly Father for such marvelous blessings and accomplishments.

On Sunday morning, March 18, in the auditorium of our Kansas City, Missouri, church, Elder F. L. Bland, president of Central States Mission, welcomed all workers and Home Missionary leaders from our various churches at the most inspiring and unique workers' meeting yet held in Central States.

The devotional speaker, Elder J. G. Thomas, visiting evangelist from the Southern Union, inspired the workers to attempt greater things for God in the field of evangelism.

The keynote of this meeting was evangelism, and each speaker's topic was centered on how to achieve greater results in evangelistic endeavors. Among the guest speakers during the day were the following: M. V. Campbell, J. A. Buckwalter, D. E. Reiner, and R. S. Watts. These speakers challenged each worker to attempt greater things for God in these closing hours of earth's history.

As each worker and member joined in singing to close the meeting "Stand Like the Brave," I am sure the challenge to go "Forward With Confidence" was accepted and a new determination made to give ourselves unreservedly to God, realizing that "God will soon do great things for us; if we be humble and believing at His feet, more than one thousand souls will soon be converted in one day."

VERTIS M. BARNES, JR.

Dedication and Ordination Services

Kansas City, Kansas

SABBATH, March 17, was a day of great rejoicing, and will long remain in the minds of the members of the Bethel church of Kansas City, Kansas. It was the day when the beautifully remodeled church was dedicated to the service of God.

The sun was obscured by clouds, and intermittently rain was falling; nevertheless, at 9:15 A.M. the auditorium was filled and every ear was eagerly listening to the melodious tones of the newly installed Wurlitzer organ.

After a very interesting Sabbath school, which began at 9:30, our thoughts were again lifted heavenward as we listened intently to twenty-five minutes of beautiful organ meditations.

By this time the auditorium was filled to overflowing with our people, who had come from nearly every church in the Central States. We were especially privileged to have present M. V. Campbell, president of the Central Union Conference, who preached the dedicatory sermon. Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Mission, led us in the act of dedication. Elder J. G. Thomas, of the Southern Union Conference, presented the building and all present to the Lord in a prayer of dedication.

We were furnished with beautiful music throughout the day by our efficient choir and guest musicians from greater Kansas City.

At 4:00 P.M. the auditorium was filled again to witness a beautiful ordination service when Xavier Butler and G. H. Taylor were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder F. L. Bland delivered the ordination sermon.

On Sunday night, March 18, the evangelistic services began with Elder John G. Thomas, of the Southern Union Conference, as the speaker. Large crowds have been attending, and good results are being achieved.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Elder and Mrs. Thomas

for the inspiration and blessing they have brought to the members of our church and to the people of Kansas City.

We solicit the prayers of all as we work together for the finishing of the work of God in this part of the vineyard.

R. L. WOODFORK.

Visit to Missions in Europe and West Africa

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bership of five hundred in this French church, and there is another church in the city with a congregation of one hundred and fifty. There is no church school for our children in Paris. We were told that the city is so large it would constitute too great a hazard for the children to travel such great distances.

We visited the Palace of Versailles, and saw in the chapel the impressive carving of Jesus in the Temple as a child and also in another room the interesting carving of the flight into Egypt.

Lausanne, Switzerland, was our next stop. Upon reaching there, we found our way to the Adventist church and conference office, where we met Brother M. Guy, the secretary-treasurer, and Sister Jeanne Petter, one of the conference workers. The following morning at Sabbath services we were surprised to find that the speaker of the hour was none other than the president of the Southern European Division, Elder Beach. He was very happy to see Advent believers from the United States visiting in his country. Words cannot describe the scenic beauty of Switzerland with the high-towering snow-capped Alps and its beautiful lakes.

In Italy we stopped in the cities of Milan and Florence. Leaving Florence, we took the bus through the hill town of Assisi and Perugia, to Rome. We were fortunate to arrive in Rome on Wednesday evening, November 1, which was a high day in all Catholicism. It was the day of the Dogma of the Assumption of

the Virgin Mary in body and spirit from the earth to heaven. There were many, many torches and candles burning throughout the city, and the streets were filled with people. It was estimated that there were a million pilgrims in Rome for this one occasion. We visited the famous Saint Paul's church, where allegedly Saint Paul and Saint Timothy are buried, and the church of Saint Peter in Chains, where in a coffin we saw chains which are supposed to be the ones that held Saint Peter when he was in prison. We saw the arena where many Christians lost their lives in the early centuries, and the pantheon, built in 27 B.C., which is now turned into a Catholic church. The same bronze door is in use which was hung in 27 B.C. The Tiber River runs underneath this building. Inside the pantheon we saw the tomb of the great painter Raphael, who died at the age of thirty-seven. We also went to see the mother church of Catholicism, Saint Peter's, which is huge and ornate. There we saw the holy door through which many pilgrims were passing and kneeling to kiss the steps as they entered. We saw the famous cathedral in Rome which has steps that are said to be the ones which led to Pontius Pilate's court, where Jesus was taken for trial. We observed the pilgrims climbing those stairs on their knees and saying prayers for special indulgences.

We remained in Rome over the Sabbath and visited the Adventist church, which is a beautiful white concrete building on a wide boulevard facing the Tiber River. It is only a short distance from Saint Peter's in Rome.

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Home on Furlough

ELDER AND MRS. P. E. GIDDINGS and their two young children arrived from Liberia on furlough on the S.S. *Washington*, March 28.

H. W. Kibble, pastor of the Bethel church, Brooklyn, New York, and F. E. Roy Jeffries, pastor of the City Tabernacle, with other

friends, were on hand to meet the missionaries.

The Giddings spent a day at the home of Elder and Mrs. Kibble, then left for Washington, reporting to the General Conference and spending several days at the home of relatives. They then left Washington for Chicago, where they will spend a few weeks at the home of Mrs. Giddings.

While in Washington, Pastor Giddings visited the Ephesus church and gave a brief report of his work in Konola and of his experiences while he traveled through Europe en route to the States. He will be heard at several camp meetings this summer. He reports that the work in Liberia is moving forward successfully.

Elder Giddings brought greetings from Elders N. G. Banks and C. D. Henri. He states that these missionaries and their families are quite well and of excellent courage.

We are sure that our many readers will join the INFORMANT in wishing the Giddings an enjoyable and profitable stay during their furlough in the homeland.

Those Who Rest From Their Labors

It is with deep sorrow that we mention the death of Elder P. W. McDaniels, who passed away in New Haven, Connecticut, April 12. Less than six months ago Elder McDaniels responded to a call from the Northeastern Conference to pastor the churches of New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut. Our brother had just completed his fifth year as pastor of the Sharon S.D.A. church, of Portland, Oregon. During his labors in Portland the first colored Seventh-day Adventist church was organized; which grew, during his ministry, from twenty to one hundred. He was also successful in purchasing the church building, which was at first rented from the Methodist congregation. His illness was very brief, and came to us as a great shock.

To Sister McDaniels and her

daughter, and to all other members of the family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

We also regret the passing of Elder Richard E. Loudon, April 13. Elder Loudon labored the territory of the Southwestern Union Conference for a number of years. Because of failing health about eight years ago, our brother retired from active labor.

We wish to express to Sister Loudon and all relatives our sympathy and our sorrow at their loss.

News and Views

THE first news bulletin on self-supporting and rural-living interests was issued in June, 1947. This was a mimeographed monthly, usually six pages, called "The Newsletter." "The Newsletter" has been mimeographed up to the present; but beginning with the year 1951, it is being printed, and the name has been changed to *Self-supporting NEWS and Rural-living VIEWS*, or *News and Views* for quick reference. The paper will now appear as a small four-page printed monthly.

"The Newsletter" was first issued as a medium of exchange among self-supporting and private institutions, to encourage laymen to launch enterprises for God, rather than engage in commercial enterprises for the world, having in mind particularly small sanitariums, rural schools, health-food stores, treatment rooms, vegetarian cafeterias, and so forth. It contained matters of interest to these groups, including news, announcements, experiences, reports, inspirational articles, committee actions, lists of opportunities and openings, items on rural living, gardening, manual arts, industries, medical missionary work, outpost evangelism, and healthful living.

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