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NORTH AMERICAN LAYMEN'S CONGRESS

By HENRY F. BROWN, *Associate Secretary*
Home Missionary Department, General Conference

ABOUT two years ago the Home Missionary Department began planning for a gathering of our laymen from all over North America in an endeavor to stir up in them a desire to finish the work. It took time to work this out. Finally, on August 29, the opening meeting was held. The response was much better than we had dared to hope. Instead of simply the 2,400 delegates, hundreds of others responded, and attendance at our meetings varied from some three thousand at the devotionals to seven or eight thousand in the evenings.

The equipment of the Michigan campground was taxed to the uttermost. Every cabin had eight people in it, all tents were filled, and hundreds found accommodation in Lansing, Grand Ledge, and in the country homes about.

The inconvenience of securing meals and the poor beds were not mentioned. Our people were blessed. Men received a new vision of what God wants His people to do at this time. The workshops endeavored to be practical, and the problems the lay worker has to meet received full discussion.

The commissioning service was of particular interest. Scores of outstanding laymen received their "120" pins, making them the charter members of the great 120 movement that is to finish the work.

The messages from the General Conference brethren who were with us stirred our hearts. Elder Branson told us this was one of the most important meetings since Pentecost. We can well believe this is true.

The closing meeting was perhaps the most impressive as Elder Branson held the torch of truth high. The great auditorium was in complete darkness, and the vice-presidents and other leaders lighted their tapers from his torch. The light was passed on to the union home missionary secretaries, who rapidly passed it to the local secretaries, and they rushed the light on to

more than six thousand waiting tapers. In less than two minutes the dark auditorium was ablaze with lights. Elder Branson led the procession out into the darkness, symbolic of leaving the congress with our torches freshly

lighted to go into the dark world about us. It vividly recalled the following vision of Sister White, "I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 28, 29.

Associate Secretary Elected

WE are very happy to be able to announce that Calvin C. Moseley, Jr., was recently elected by the General Conference Committee to be the associate secretary of the Colored Department of North America.



Elder C. E. Moseley

In Elder Moseley's acceptance of this call we realize that it will be hard for him to leave Oakwood College after having spent more than fifteen years of successful service as head of the Bible Department, but in coming to the General Conference he will fill a much wider field of service.

Elder Moseley comes to the department with a background of experience and preparation. Previous to his responsibility at Oakwood he engaged in evangelistic and pastoral duties. He received his Bachelor's degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, and his Master's from the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Moseley is a registered nurse from Hinsdale Sanitarium School of Nursing. We believe that this addition to the department will greatly strengthen our work and prove to be a great blessing throughout the field.

To Elder and Mrs. Moseley and family we give assurance of our fervent prayers, and join the General Conference staff members in extending to them a hearty welcome to this new office.

G. E. P.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC UNION



31st Street S.D.A. Church, San Diego, California

San Diego Church Dedication

ON a spacious corner lot 140 by 225 feet in San Diego, California, in a neighborhood of fine people, you will find a church built to carry on a complete Seventh-day Adventist program of Christianity. This church is known as the Thirty-first Street Seventh-day Adventist church.

It contains a prayer room, a spacious balcony, several hallways, a special mothers' room, a children's room, a youth fellowship auditorium in the basement, a choir dressing room, four large clinic rooms, a Dorcas workroom and storage space for supplies, closets for various departments, an organ tone chamber, a deaconesses' room for all the sacred vessels (communion set, et cetera) a food laboratory (diet kitchen), a public-address-system control room, a large baptistery, a deacons' council chamber, a pastor's study and an assistant pastor's study, a spacious choir loft, and a large auditorium for divine worship.

We learned that many builders and religious leaders of the community have referred to this church as the most complete church building they have ever seen. All work on the building was personally supervised by the pastor, Dennis T. Black. Cement work, plastering,

carpenter work, painting, or just plain hard labor always found him doing his share. Mrs. Black also did her share faithfully in every kind of work in which it was possible for a woman to take part. Earl Canson, assistant pastor, made the pulpit and communion table, and deserves much credit for the first-class work.

Special mention should be made of Brother Jesse Griffin who, we were informed, contributed almost \$2,500 in free labor. The church clerk, Sister B. Houtman, raised over \$2,500 in cash on the building program, and Sister N. White contributed over \$400 in labor. The pastor in referring to the loyalty of his many members said: "Not infrequently they have chosen to work on the church rather than to enter into the other pleasures that have beckoned to them. No minister can have a greater thrill than to know that every one of his parish has supported him one hundred per cent in a building program."

We also learned that Elder H. H. Hicks, president of the conference, and his committee made available \$30,000 in cash on the building project, and they should be congratulated for this liberality.

Dedication

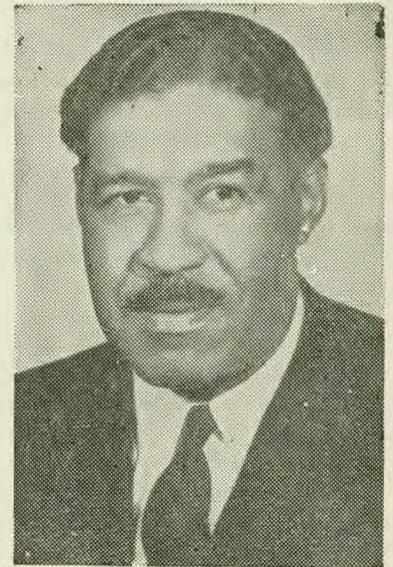
Sabbath, July 21, was a high day in Zion. Elder H. H. Hicks brought

a most timely message at the eleven o'clock hour. At 3:30 P.M. the dedicatory message was given by G. E. Peters. The prayer was offered by C. L. Bauer, president of the Pacific Union Conference. Other conference officers present were F. W. Schnepfer, secretary-treasurer of the union, and Owen A. Troy, union departmental secretary.

We rejoice with the pastor and members in this very fine accomplishment for God. G. E. P.

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DON'T be content at doing your duty. Do more than your duty. It is the horse that finishes a neck ahead that wins the race.—DALE CARNEGIE.



Elder Dennis T. Black
Pastor of the San Diego Church

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Lay Worker Who Won 115 Souls

SEVERAL years ago a colporteur called at the home of Brother C. A. Carter in Los Angeles, California, and was successful in selling him some literature. He not only sold him the books but arranged to give Bible studies in this home. As soon as the lessons began Mr. Carter called in the neighbors, who became just as interested in the studies as he was. As a result, by the time he was ready for baptism, a family of five who lived next door was ready to be baptized with him and his family.

"Thrilled with this success," said Brother Carter, "I began to give Bible studies to other neighbors and had the same result. This continued through the course of two years, and I had the joy of seeing more than fifty persons baptized into this message.

"I was not contented to stay idle, so I continued my Bible studies, and as more persons accepted this faith I was encouraged to hold my first public effort in 1948. There were twenty-five souls won as a re-



Mrs. Dennis T. Black

sult of this effort, and later still another fifteen were added to the membership in the Long Beach area church."

In June, 1949, a new church was organized, and today there are over 115 persons who have been brought into this message by Brother Carter

since that day the colporteur made his first visit to his home.

My Daily Prayer

Since in my house I must abide,
Lord, help me keep it clean inside.
Help me that I shall have no fear
When I see people drawing near.

And may I have no secret place
For things, if known, would bring disgrace.
And let my house not be so small
That I may have no room at all,

For others, Lord, in need might be;
Help me not just myself to see.
But grant that I as days go by
Can look all men straight in the eye.

And when my fellow man I meet
Don't let me exercise deceit.
I pray my life will never be
Polluted with dishonesty.

And may I, Lord, when day is fled
Have no regrets for things I've said.
Help me to live the golden rule,
Not use my friends for just a tool.

To sum it up—help me be clean,
Not do or say one thing that's mean.
For, Lord, from Thee I cannot hide;
Thou knowest always what's inside.

—Amen.

—DENNIS T. BLACK.

(More Pacific Union News on p. 9)



Congregation
of the San
Diego Church

Paris Youth Congress

By E. W. DUNBAR, *Secretary, M.V. Department, General Conference*

I AM most happy to bring to you a condensed report of the European Youth Congress held July 24 to 29 in the Exposition Park, Paris. This congress was marked from the beginning of the planning with providential leadings and answers to prayers. Paris was the logical place for this meeting because of the freedoms and attitudes which prevailed there. The Exposition halls which we secured were the only possible places where we could hold such a meeting in the city of Paris. By this I mean that the congress hall was large enough to seat the various delegations, with large twenty-to-thirty-foot aisles between. This factor had a direct bearing on the success of the translation system. And there were sufficient halls for housing.

It was necessary to have five thousand army cots to lodge the approximately five thousand delegates from Western Europe who were registered. The Exposition restaurant seats two thousand, so another cafe was set up in another convention hall for the additional three thousand. Hence it was possible to seat five thousand delegates at one time and feed them at one sitting.

At all the large meetings, including the Sabbath and evening services, it was estimated that about seven thousand were in attendance. The messages were presented to all the gatherings in eight different languages. There was but one speaker on the rostrum. After he had spoken his one or two complete sentences, the seven translators in booths at the front of the platform interpreted through microphones to the section which each represented. There was no disturbance from other language groups, because of the wide aisles and the degree of separation which they afforded. Everyone heard in his own language, whether it was French, German, Portuguese, Finnish, Swedish, English, Dutch, or Italian. Then after waiting for simply one interval, the

speaker proceeded. This proved that if we could successfully conduct a meeting in eight languages, we could do the same thing with several times that many languages. We were told by the technicians that never before in the history of Paris had so many people been addressed in so many languages.

Certainly the Lord was present in the meetings, and prayers were answered, especially on Friday night, when Elder R. A. Anderson gave us a strong consecration sermon. Contrary to the usual procedure in Europe, there were thousands who left their seats and came forward in consecration, confessing sins and signifying their desire for a closer walk with their Saviour.

Sabbath morning it was my desire to make an invitation for all who were unbaptized to unite with God's remnant people. What the results would be was uncertain, but the workers had prayed earnestly that the Spirit of God would impress the hearts of those who should be baptized, and also that those who were backsliders might be led to a decision for God. We were really happily surprised when 278 young people made this great decision and came forward onto the platform.

The young people were thrilled when Elder Arthur White exhibited the famous seventeen-pound Bible, which had never before been seen in Europe.

The German youth, of which there were some twelve hundred in attendance, were tremendously impressed by the friendly reception they received on every hand. When their special train left the station after the congress, there were several hundred French, English, and Americans to see them off and sing hymns for them. The crowd in the apartments around caught up the spirit, and as the train pulled out, they waved towels, handkerchiefs, and even bed sheets in farewell. The German young people were seen to shed tears of joy.

I sincerely believe that from such meetings as the European Youth Congress come a personalized experience in the hearts of the young

people which cannot be moved or broken down—a fortification that stands. I also believe that even though our meeting was conducted in one of the world's largest cities, it had very tangible impact on the city of Paris, and that hundreds of thousands of people there knew something of the congress and of the ideals of the young people who were in attendance. Even before the congress opened, the newspapers began to write that there were thousands of young people from Western Europe coming in who "drink water, and do not smoke." In French a little pun was made which indicated that they did not smoke because they drank so much water.

Through the planning of Dr. Nussbaum the leaders and about one hundred delegates in costume were presented to the City Council. We were taken through the Hotel de Ville, which is the City Hall of Paris, and shown the lovely Renaissance rooms and works of beauty in this building. We were also presented to the vice-mayor of the city. They took us into one room where there were one hundred glasses of wine and sweets on the table prepared for us. Dr. Nussbaum explained that we drank water, and it seemed perfectly reasonable to them as we marched right by this gracious offering they had provided. Several uniformed groups were invited to sing some of the songs of the congress, and they marched into the middle of the great circle and sang such songs as "Jesus Is Coming Again." I suppose it was the first time such Advent hymns had ever been heard re-echoing through the halls of the old Hotel de Ville.

We also had an appointment with the president of the Republic of France. We were at the Elysees promptly at 7:00 P.M., according to the arrangements, but because of a government crisis we were deprived of the visit. However, I left a beautiful French Bible as a gift to President Auriol and wrote a message of greeting from the congress in the front; also a Scripture text, Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. F

there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." A few days after I arrived in Washington I received a large photograph and a letter from the president of France (who is, by the way, an avowed atheist) expressing appreciation for the Bible and the good spirit of the youth of the congress.

The chief of police of the city of Paris had been sending a van load of gendarmes to the Exposition grounds each day. They found that there was nothing to do but read their newspapers in the van all day.

Surely the three European divisions have expressed real wisdom in placing their hope and confidence in their youth, who comprise the church of tomorrow.

Colored Delegates Attend Paris Youth Congress

THE Paris Youth Congress has left an indelible impression on each one who attended. The spirit of evangelism was fanned into a mighty flame as five thousand delegates dedicated their lives to complete the gospel message to all of Europe. Twenty-five countries sent representatives. It was recognized by all that time is very short. God has had His hand in guiding the reformation of the sixteenth century and onward. Now He is "making bare his holy arm" to complete the reformation by publishing the truth of the Sabbath and the coming of Jesus. How desperately Europe needs this message!

After the congress the North American delegates visited our institutions and churches in several European countries. Mrs. Zeola Germany Allston enjoyed her visit to England; Mr. Calvin Rock and William Deshay found inspiration in visiting Sweden, Denmark, and Holland.

On the return voyage our group embarked at Le Havre on the S.S. *Volendam*. There were sixteen hundred passengers, and a ten-day crossing gave ample opportunity for a restudy of the high lights of the congress,



Mrs. Zeola Germany Allston

However, the passenger list gave us a field for evangelism, and soon Bible studies and conversation regarding our faith were filling every hour of the day. On the promenade deck every night we held our evangelistic song service, and on two occasions Mr. Calvin Rock was the leader.

In the opinion of the writer the colored constituency selected three outstanding Christian young people in Mrs. Zeola Germany Allston, Mr. William Deshay, and Mr. Calvin Rock. They were very congenial and added strength to the delegate group from North America. We are very thankful for the growing army of Adventist youth which these three delegates so creditably represented.

L. A. SKINNER

Associate Missionary Volunteer
Secretary, General Conference.

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God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.
—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 225.

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"If you would be successful, decide where you are going and start now. No race can be won until after the start has been made."

What I Saw and Heard

By ZEOLA GERMANY ALLSTON

I WOULD like to express my gratitude to the Missionary Volunteer Societies that made the trip to the European Youth Congress possible for me, and to those who had the confidence in my ability as a worker in the cause of God to choose me as one of the twenty-six delegates of North America and one of the three to represent the colored division.

Although I realize it was a great honor bestowed upon me, I accepted it as a challenge that there is a work that God has for me to do. That congress opened up to me new worlds undiscovered, but with God's help, this experience can be ours, Adventist youth, if we would consecrate our hearts and simply share our faith.

The European Congress was held in Paris, France, July 25-29, and as the name suggests, it was not a world congress, as many thought it would be, but a congress for the European youth. So we were very grateful, as Americans, to have been invited.

Our North American delegation consisted of a representative from each of our fourteen colleges. Calvin Rock was chosen to represent Oakwood College. One person was to represent each of our twelve Union conferences. William Deshay was chosen from the Columbia Union and I from the Southern Union.

We had our first meeting as a group on Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist church in New York City, where Elder L. A. Skinner, associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, and Mr. Frank B. Knight, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, met with us prior to our scheduled flight.

On Sunday, July 22, at 12:00 noon, Elder W. H. Branson, president of the General Conference, shook each one's hand at the Idyllwild Airport as he wished us a safe trip, and bade us good-by.

The flight was a thrilling experi-

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WEAPONS

Sabbath, October 27, has been designated as Temperance Day, when all our ministers will present a stirring temperance message. As we near the close of the year, we shall be presented in a more decided and positive manner. Our message shall be made more spirited, more decided."

We trust that our people will respond to this call on World Temperance Sabbath, and that the question is to receive decided support. We shall be able to move forward with an assurance of which will be felt throughout the year.



Below: Dr. A. L. Bietz, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, W. A. Scharffenberg, Speakers at the Annual National Committee Meeting



Below: Forum Discusses the Problems of Liquor Drinking, at the Institute of Scientific Studies Under the Direction of J. A. Buckwalter, Chairman



Below: W. A. Scharffenberg Presenting Governor Johnston Murray of Oklahoma With a Copy of LISTEN Magazine, Featuring the Governor's Photo



★ LISTEN

Listen, the voice of the American Temperance Society, has called forth the enthusiastic response of educators, doctors, judges, clergymen, youth leaders, and temperance workers.

"I am delighted," writes Dr. Paul B. Waterhouse, of Hawaii, "with the *Listen* magazine. Our young people read it eagerly, and they pronounce it 'tops.'"

Listen magazine should have a much wider circulation. It meets a crying need of these times. A portion of the Temperance Day offering will be used for increasing the circulation of *Listen*.

★ POSTERS

The first series of ten silk screened, attractive, colorful, educational posters promoting the cause of total abstinence have been completed. Your contribution will assist in placing these posters in schools, churches, auditoriums, and other strategic places, and also enable us to prepare additional and more colorful posters.

★ INSTITUTE

Our second major project, the launching of the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, has been a grand success.

"Frankly," writes one student, "it is the best institute or school of alcohol studies which I have attended, and it has been my privilege to attend and to participate in many, including a Fellowship at the Yale School of Alcohol Studies."

Another writes: "Was so impressed and delighted with the atmosphere of the school and on the campus—the fine spirit of Christianity that prevailed everywhere, the kindness and sweetness of everyone, the congeniality among races, the fine spirit of cooperation and consideration, which was a joy to all, and last but not least the absence of smoking. In short, it was a most delightful experience."

From 33 States and 5 different countries 110 students attended the second session conducted July 9-20, 1951. Loma Linda is becoming the rallying center of a new total abstinence movement.



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God's people." As the funds come in we
widening program, the soul-winning influ-
world.

★ LEAFLETS

A series of ten leaflets on true life experiences in alcoholism is in process of preparation. The first three, with such intriguing titles as "Marian's Fall," "Suicide," "Murder at Midnight," have been completed. Factual leaflets on all phases of the alcohol question will soon be published. They should be circulated like the leaves of autumn. Your offering will help make this possible.

★ ALERT!

Alert, the voice of the International Temperance Association, is a 24-page, colorful, pocket-size quarterly that is slowly but surely making its influence felt in every capital of the world. Your offering will help give *Alert* an international circulation.

★ JINGLE BOARDS

The first set of reflectorized Jingle Boards, now ready, carry this message:
"A man who drives when he is drunk should haul his coffin in his trunk."
Seventy-one sets were erected along American highways this first year. Every church should erect from five to ten sets. Your offering will help make this possible.

★ ROAD SIGNS

Our third major project is the launching of a nationwide antialcohol advertising campaign. This program calls for the erection of striking and colorful signs and billboards on county, State, and national highways. Your offering will assist in making this much-needed project become a reality in your community.

★ RADIO TRANSCRIPTIONS!

A portion of the 1950 Temperance Day offering was used to prepare a series of six radio transcriptions for general publicity purposes. The first record has been completed. A liberal offering on your part this year will help us complete this project and begin our broadcasting program in the very near future.



What I Saw and Heard

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ence for all of us, the twenty-six delegates and eighteen others, including Elder W. B. Bristow, chaplain of Glendale Sanitarium, and Dr. S. E. Ruminson, of California, who with their photographic equipment made complete pictures to cover the trip from start to finish. They explained that they were making a film with sound and music which will be available to all societies either to rent or to purchase for use when delegates make tours and give reports in their local youth congresses. We hope to hear more about this.

During our twelve-hour flight from New York to Paris we were served three delicious vegetarian meals. Because of the difference of time between Paris and New York, we missed five hours of our sleep, for when we arrived in Paris it was 7:00 A.M., but in reality it was only 2:00 A.M. in New York.

The congress began as scheduled Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Elder E. W. Dunbar, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the General Conference, greeted and welcomed the five thousand present who represented twenty-five countries and spoke eight major languages. There were about 1,200 from Germany and about 750 from England. It was reported that we made history, because it was the first time in the city of Paris that eight languages were interpreted at one time.

The European congress was in a sense scheduled as any other Seventh-day Adventist congress, yet there was something entirely different about it—*those European young people were the happiest people I have ever seen.* Their smiles and words of inspiration and cheer made an indelible impression on my mind. That meant more to me than any phase of the congress. How could they smile as they did when they told of the many hardships they had undergone? Their happiness in spite of the trying experiences they had witnessed is a secret that only an Adventist can understand—the hope

for a brighter future, the only hope, the return of Jesus Christ.

They told personal experiences of how their homes were invaded during the war which resulted, in too many instances, in the loss of parents, sisters, and brothers, many of whom they have not yet found, and some they never will find. Some have not yet fully recovered from physical conditions suffered because of malnutrition. The fact that many of them had only one or two changes of clothing did not discourage but seemed to make them smile even brighter.

Instead of cars being parked all over the campgrounds, there were bicycles that had been ridden five-hundred and even one thousand miles. These young folks had looked forward to this congress, and it meant much to them. Some of them made great sacrifices to come. I think of one young man that I talked with who is a skiing instructor and who had worked for many months to save enough money to buy a motorcycle for five hundred dollars in our money, which was a fortune to him. He had come all the way from Finland. He expressed the cycle to Copenhagen; then from there he rode it through Germany, Holland, Belgium, and to France. There were those who had come in a chartered bus, and still others who had hitchhiked their way. These were all very happy.

I talked with a sister while visiting London, England, who told me, as she showed me the CARE packages that had come from America, that without them many would have starved to death. Many at that time were wearing garments that had been sent them directly from the Dorcas Societies of the churches here, and they told me to tell you they are very grateful for these kindnesses you have shown them.

These young people attended every meeting, and regardless of the length of the services, they were not bored. They welcomed an opportunity to speak a word for God. They are the ones who were forbidden in many countries to hold public meetings or pass out reli-

gious literature, but through God's help there was much fruitage for their labor. There were two sister colporteurs from Finland who had raised up four churches in eight years. From Germany fifty colporteurs represented ten souls recently won, while another group had won forty souls in six months.

It thrilled my heart as our African young people told how God has used them and how He has blessed the dollars that we have sent from America through our missions offerings. Pastor Mario Abel, from the Bongo Mission in Portuguese West Africa, told how God blessed him to win two hundred people from idol worship.

One African youth was presented by one of our white missionaries, Elder King, who said he had held this young man on his knee and nursed him when he was two years old. Now he has been trained in our mission schools that have been erected from offerings sent from America. He is a preacher, teacher, and colporteur in Liberia and has seen forty-nine persons baptized from his efforts.

These true-to-life stories do not end here. In fact, they will never end until Jesus comes.

What these five days at the congress in Paris really meant to me can never be measured in dollars and cents, nor can mere pen and paper express it. I know that as I have reconsecrated my life anew to God He has helped me to see that there is much work left undone that we as Adventist youth can do.

To every Adventist youth of North America, the European youth send their greetings. If you wish to accept them, then make it known by sharing your faith every day as they are doing.

After the congress we had ten days for sight-seeing at our own expense. In our group some visited in Germany, Switzerland, Rome, Holland, Ireland, and England. Although none of the delegates had been to Europe before, there were many who visited relatives there.

Our return trip was made by boat on the *Volendam*, a Holland-Am-

can vessel. It was a long and profitable trip. It only took us twelve hours to go to Paris, but we spent ten days sailing from Le Havre, France, to Montreal, Canada. At first some of us complained when we learned that it would take so long getting home. Now we are happy for the experience, and I am sure God had a hand in it.

Our regular prayer bands met at ten o'clock every morning, and from twelve noon to one o'clock each day there was a consecration service for those who chose to come. Many passengers, especially our Dutch friends, looked forward to our song service every evening on deck from nine to nine-thirty, when we sang our Advent hymns. When the tunes were familiar they sang with us in their own tongue. We were able to share our faith many times, and we took advantage of every opportunity that was ours to do so.

We are grateful to God for a safe trip to Europe and back, and we thank Him for the inspiration of the European Youth Congress.

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Successful Effort Starts New Church

I HAVE just returned from Virginia, where I visited Elder R. T. Hudson, conference evangelist, who has been conducting an effort in the virgin territory of Roanoke.

For years the conference had thought of starting some work in this large and prosperous city in the heart of Virginia, where there is a population of some fourteen thousand colored people, with not a single Seventh-day Adventist. As a result of the evangelistic effort this summer thirty-eight have already signed cards stating that they wish

become members of the new church. This was the outcome of the first call. Other calls will follow shortly and weekly. The testimony

of these new believers is thrilling and most inspiring. Many of them are prominent citizens and former leading church members of the community. They are willing to give up all and are making a complete sacrifice, forsaking everything contrary to Bible practice.

We solicit our churches to remember in prayer this new light-

house in the Shenandoah Valley of the beautiful State of Virginia.

J. H. WAGNER, *President,*
Allegheny Conference.

The publishing department of the Allegheny Conference is leading the world in sales. This conference has sold more books and magazines so far this year than any other conference in the world. As of September 8, \$132,906.18 worth of books and magazines had already been sold. Hats off to the Allegheny Conference.—EDITOR.



Delaware Avenue S.D.A. Church, Santa Monica

Santa Monica Church Grand Opening

THE official opening of the Delaware Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church of Santa Monica, California, took place Sabbath, July 28.

This beautiful building, valued at \$100,000 complete with all furnishings, was erected under the leadership of Elder Garland Millet, pastor.

Among those taking a leading part in the opening ceremony were R. R. Bietz, president of the conference; O. A. Troy, departmental secretary of the union; and G. E. Peters, of the General Conference.

The spacious edifice contains a mothers' room, a missionary, youth, and prayer room, a Dorcas room, and junior Sabbath school room. It has stained-glass windows with medallions appropriately portraying the departments of our work, such as publishing, Missionary Volunteer, medical, et cetera. Above the main entrance is a large transom with a stained-glass picture depicting the second coming of Christ. There is

an elevated baptistry fronted by maroon draw drapes. An overflow room is separated from the main auditorium by a leatherette "curticion." The entire wing can be divided into three rooms, or made into one as the requirements occur. The Spanish-type exterior of the building is finished in gray stucco, trimmed in white. The capacity of this church is 275, including room for an overflow audience.

We must not forget to mention the interest manifested by the conference president, Elder Bietz, and his committee and their liberality in donating \$30,000 from the conference as a gift toward the building program.

It is also quite obvious that Elder and Mrs. Millet and the constituents of the Delaware Avenue church have labored faithfully and sacrificially to make possible this very fine house of worship.

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"EDUCATION is a good thing, but it doesn't go far enough. It merely teaches a man how to speak—not when or how long."

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Lake Region Junior Camp Report

THE annual Lake Region Conference Junior camp was conducted at the "Group Camp" grounds of the Indiana Dunes State Park the week of August 4-12, 1951. This park is on the shores of Lake Michigan, ten miles east of Gary, Indiana. The private "Group Camp," nestled in the sandy, mountainous dunes, sprinkled with its many trees, evergreens, shrubbery, and trails, made a very cozy place of abode.

There were 150 campers. It is understood that this was the largest camp conducted by our colored conferences. There were 65 girls, 61 boys, and 24 counselors. The park had only 135 beds, so 15 additional army cots were obtained. The Missionary Volunteer department is sorry that there were not enough cots for some thirty or more additional junior campers who were turned away. Six other accepted campers had all their fees paid, but transportation failures at the last minute kept them from coming.

What were the camp results? Were any of its objectives realized? Please let me share with you some portions of our early mail.

"DEAR ELDER DAVIS,

"We all arrived home safely. . . . I enjoyed myself very much at camp, and I just hated to leave, but I am planning to come next year."

PHYLLIS MAYCOCK,
Detroit, Michigan.

"MY DEAR ALTHEA [Mrs. Davis],

"I want you and your husband to know how happy the children are that they could attend camp. You and Elder Davis worked so hard to give the children a good time and make the camp a real success. You will probably never know to what extent you have helped the youth

whom you have come in contact with.

"I am sure you will be overjoyed to know that the Harris children [3 came to camp] went home and told their mother, 'We are not Baptist any more. We are Adventist. We didn't have any meat, but the best meals—better than you fix. We don't want any more hog meat'—and much more was said. I just couldn't write it all. Now my mother has been asked to show Mrs. Harris how to cook greens and beans without pork. She also wants to learn how to use the health foods. Mrs. Harris took her stand at Elder Dykes' tent Sunday night. She says we don't know what the camp has done for her children. She is so happy. . . . I received a letter from Shirley Moss telling me how much she enjoyed camp. [Shirley Moss and three other older campers are Catholics and live in Evanston, Illinois. These youth attended all the Sabbath services at Shiloh, Sabbath, August 18, and have expressed a desire to attend one of our boarding schools.]

"Tell Elder Davis I am as anxious as the children are to have another camp come around."

(MRS.) DOROTHY CLARK, girls' unit counselor, Belleville Heights, Michigan.

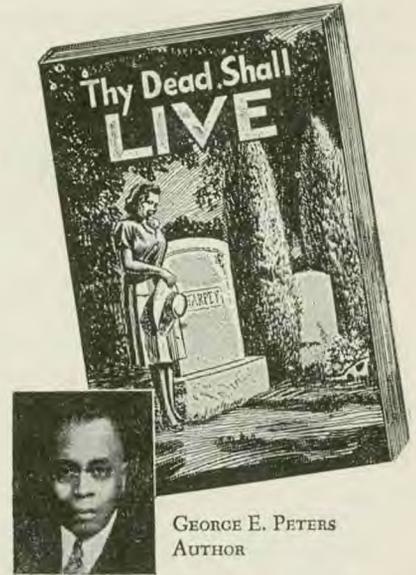
Mrs. Violet Rhinehardt, girls' unit counselor, writes from Marion, Indiana: "Thanks for such a lovely ten days in the 'Sand Dunes.' I am going to keep the two who stood Sabbath close to me in a little study group until the pastor comes. . . . Altogether I think you put over a fine Junior camp. May you ever be faithful in the Lord's service."

Brother R. Ivan Thomson of Hartford Avenue church writes:

"DEAR ELDER DAVIS,

"It was very kind and considerate of you to enable me to participate in the camp. The food and general treatment accorded me was grand. The association with your staff was very inspiring. . . .

"I appreciate the unit you gave me; only sorry that I could not have it always rating in the top honor



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class. My consolation is, however, that six of the children decided *definitely for Christ*, and two of them joined that Sabbath when you made the call."

You can see from these letters that conducting a Junior camp is not only good for recreation and association for our youth but also a great soul-saving project.

I am grateful to God for the splendid corps of counselors and for the good work each did. Like last year, this staff of workers donated their services for this great cause. They are the ones who made our camps possible. It would be impossible to pay them their worth. I greatly appreciate the sacrifice of these youth leaders, our staff personnel: Pastor R. C. Smith, boys' counselor, and Mrs. Ida Johnson, girls' counselor. The boys' unit counselors: Robert Watts, Ernest Peterson, R. Ivan Thompson, Robert Haynes, Cecil Johnson, Winton Ford, Terrell Bond, and Walter Murrell. The girls' unit counselors: Miss Eunice McQuerry, Mrs. Dorothy Clark, Mrs. Myrtle Simpson, Miss Marvene Jones, Mrs. Myra Herring, Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Mrs. Violet Rhinehardt, and Mrs. R. C. Smith.

The crafts were taught by Miss Thomasine Longware, Mrs. Louevia Longware, Miss Ruby Morman, and Pastor Smith.

The dining room was in charge of Mrs. Deborah Dodson, assisted by Mrs. Sadie Murrell, Mrs. Magdalene Benson, Mrs. Agnes Hill, and Mrs. Althea Davis.

Our union Missionary Volunteer secretary, Elder John Hancock, was with us one day. Elder D. B. Simons spoke Sabbath and made the call. He wore a native African costume. For Sabbath mission offerings \$37.50 was given. About fifteen juniors stood and joined the church. Elder F. N. Crowe gave a very fine Friday evening vesper service.

A memorial service was held by the Juniors for Brother Charles H. Moore, Wednesday, the day of his funeral. The flag was lowered, and a short talk made by the director.

The camp was conducted free of debt, with a small surplus. Around

\$1,800 was spent to run the camp. In addition to this, donations were estimated at \$200.

All our young people's leaders are to be commended for their promotional work for our camp. Particularly do we mention the Detroit East Side church. Every auxiliary of the church, such as the Young People's Society, the Sabbath school, and the home missionary division, et cetera, sent a Junior to camp. The Ecorse, Michigan, and Marion, Indiana, societies are also to be commended for their outstanding work.

Next year we anticipate that from 200 to 250 Juniors will apply to attend camp. There is also a strong demand for a Senior camp in the field. Our deserving youth are looking to us. We need help. It is difficult to find quarters large enough to house our youth. It is even more difficult to rent camps for the period of days we need and during the time of the year suitable for camping.

Our new president, Elder H. W. Kibble, has expressed a keen interest in this very important work. Many youth are being won to the truth as a result of Junior camps. The youth are an opening wedge into many outside homes. Young hearts are being saved and established in the truth. We are thankful to God because He has blessed our Junior camp program. We ask your prayers that God will continue to bless by opening doors for our great needs for another year and our broad plans for future years.

L. H. DAVIS, *Secretary,*
Missionary Volunteer Dept.

Nuptials

ON Sunday afternoon, June 24, in a very beautiful ceremony, Evelyn Jackson became the bride of Curtis Burton at the home of her parents in Topeka, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by Elder R. L. Woodfork, pastor of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church, Kansas City, Kansas.

The former Miss Jackson, during the past three years, was instructor of music and music education at

Oakwood College. The newlyweds live in Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Burton is secretary-treasurer of the Central States Mission.

As this happy couple share their lives together, their many friends wish for them an abundance of God's richest blessings.

A Tragic Death

WHILE in attendance at the funeral service of Elder Kinney, at Nashville, Tennessee, the sad news of the tragic death of Brother Charles H. Moore, one of the assistant publishing department secretaries of the Lake Region Conference reached us.

We learned that Brother Moore and his wife had been out Saturday evening after the Sabbath with a group of magazine workers. On his way home about 11:00 P.M. he stopped and parked to make a purchase from the grocery store. While returning to his car he was knocked down by a hit-and-run driver, the car dragging him about one hundred feet. He was rushed to the hospital, where examination proved that his body was badly broken. Our brother never regained consciousness, but passed away within a few hours.

Brother Moore served as an active colporteur evangelist for over six years and as associate publishing secretary for four and a half years. He also served as pastor of the Ecorse church in addition to his other duties. His burden for souls caused him to conduct a Bible school in the Ecorse church, which, we are informed, resulted in several converts to the faith.

It may be difficult to understand why our brother's life was cut short while still in the prime of life, but "some day we will understand."

To the bereaved wife, Sister Moore, and to all sorrowing relatives we extend our sincere sympathy.

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Whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor; whatever our sorrow, bereavement, or loneliness, we have a sympathizing Friend.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 173.

THE VALUE OF CROSS BEARING

THE great requirements for one to be a follower of Christ are self-denial and cross bearing. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me." Matt 10:38.

Christ, a condemned prisoner, on His way to His crucifixion was compelled to carry the transverse beam of His own cross. This was a mark of ignominy. Carrying the cross was also painful and laborious, especially when the condemned person was weakened and lacerated from the scourging. Thus bearing the cross signifies enduring difficulties, pains, and reproaches. However, God who "is faithful, . . . will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. It is noteworthy that we cannot be Christians without self-denial. The gospel saves us by delivering us from sinful indulgences, and therefore giving up that indulgence is a self-denial involved in the very nature of salvation. A sick man in being cured must take up his cross by drinking the bitter medicine, submitting to the painful operation, and confining himself to the proper diet ordered by his physician. And it is impossible for us to be saved by the Physician of souls without our giving up whatever causes spiritual disease.

Sinful habits, however inveterate, though they cling to us as a part of ourselves, must be broken off. Christ taught how severe yet how necessary such self-denial is when He said, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." We are to obey Christ at any cost. If He requires it, we must be willing to give up property, friends, reputation, position, life itself. And if we refuse to do this, we show that we love other things more than Jesus. He then tells us that we cannot be His disciples. His followers in former times were often called to suffer severe persecution. "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented." Heb. 11:37. They "had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment."

I think of Huss, Jerome, Cranmer, Tyndale, Ridley, Latimer, and the host of martyrs who died at the stake, not accepting deliverance.

Though we may not be exposed to such sufferings, yet by faithfully following Him we may incur derision and hatred, injure our worldly interests, offend those on whom we are dependent, and grieve

and alienate our best friends. The cross we have to bear may sometimes be a heavy one, but we must not hesitate to take it up. Every follower of Christ may be quite sure that on his way to heaven he must always imitate a cross-bearing Saviour. A road without a cross should at once make him suspect it is not the true one. Only the *strait* and narrow road leads to heaven, and when the cross lies in the way we must be prepared to carry it.

The consecrated cross I'll bear,
Till He shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to wear,
For there's a crown for me.

To keep the commandments of God frequently involves taking up the cross, but we are told, "He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

He gives us strength to bear the cross. To "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." John 1:12.

It is through "much tribulation" that we enter into the kingdom of God. But when we remember that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9), we can be encouraged to go forward.

It would be infinitely cheap if we had to give up the whole world and a thousand lives in order to possess that "better country" where there is no disappointment, no sorrow, no sickness, and no death.

In the matter of cross bearing we have the example of Jesus, who went forth to be crucified carrying His cross until He fainted beneath its weight. And this was typical of His whole life, which was one constant career of cross bearing and self-denial. It was not necessary for Him, as it is for us, to follow a course of discipline and self-denial to obtain holiness and happiness; for He enjoyed the blessedness of glory and the homage of the angelic host before He came to dwell with men. It was on our account alone, to atone for our guilt and to enable us to overcome evil, that He bore His heavy cross. His cross was far heavier than ours. "The Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53:6. Yet how cheerfully He bore it; He did not murmur or complain.

Once more we quote the words of Jesus, "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:38. Therefore let us feel that there is something decidedly wrong if our path is strewn with flowers, and we are entirely exempt from trials.

G. E. PETERS.