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Selfless Sacrificing

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SACRIFICE, sin, salvation—inseparable words these are, both in essence and in fact. Each word involves the other in experience; each word implies associations and relationships with the other in fact. Indeed sacrifice underlies humanity's first outward manifestations of sin, and sacrifice lies at the foundation of human salvation.

Human sin was produced in sacrifice, and by sacrifice is humanity saved from sin. Sin invaded the human race when the woman was seduced into transgression. Through subtlety Eve was deceived into believing that by doing the very thing that was forbidden of God she would become more godly. Thus she sacrificed her life. Yet unlike the woman, but beholding her in the folly of transgression, "Adam was not deceived." (1 Tim. 2:14.) He chose to forfeit his existence; his was a deliberate sacrifice of life for the woman whom he loved.

As by deliberate sin mankind sacrificed himself unto eternal death, so by deliberate sacrifice of Himself in behalf of man the Saviour of the race redeems men and gives him eternal life. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. "But now once the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacri-

fice of himself." Heb. 9:26. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

All sacrifice is born of love, whether that love be human or divine. "Love begets love," and love begets in its possessor the spirit of sacrifice also. In fact, love builds the altar upon which sacrifices are made; what is more, love chooses the victim to be sacrificed and inspires him to mount the sacrificial altar. Thus it was that Adam sacrificed his life for his wife. But his was a misguided love, since he chose to transgress and die with his wife rather than be separated from her.

How many persons there are today who are repeating this blunder, being guided by self-interests alone. Simply to die with another rather than be separated may be heroic, but to die sacrificially in behalf of another's salvation, that alone is divine. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. This is the love that constrains the Christian to make sacrifices for others.

Any who share the Father's great love share also the Father's spirit of selfless sacrifice for others. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. Such

a love had the believers at Philippi, and Epaphroditus in particular, for Paul. Their beloved leader and brother, now aged, broken in health, and deprived of the necessities to sustain life, had "suffered the loss of all things" and was imprisoned for his faith. To come to the apostle's rescue meant to risk open opposition and persecution from the Jews, arrest and possible imprisonment by the Roman authorities. Yet the Philippian believers, themselves beset with strife and schisms by enemies from within, were constrained to share their meager possessions with their helpless and needy brother. Epaphroditus, an ardent believer and friend of Paul, was chosen to bear the gifts of the church to the imprisoned apostle. The experience almost cost him his life, but Paul's life was spared by the gifts of love which were brought, a "sacrifice," he said, which was "acceptable," and "wellpleasing to God." Phil. 4:18.

All Christianity is indebted to this experience of sacrificial love which saved the life of one of the stalwarts of the faith, and that debt can be adequately repaid only by perpetuating the spirit of sacrifice. We have our heavenly Father to thank that in His remnant church both the necessity and the opportunity for specific sacrificial living and sharing have been provided.

How good it is that in the forthcoming Annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice, which comes this year November 29-December 6, the occasion is given us of deliberately associating with our Lord in sacrificing for the salvation of others! What kinship of joy and love, what fellowship with His spirit, this experience should provide! How may we more surely partake of His divine nature, and hasten our preparation to be ready to meet Him in peace at His return? May our sacrificial sharing at this season represent the full measure of our love and devotion to Him for all His benefits to us.

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A Press Secretary's Visit to Junior Camp

It was the writer's happy privilege to enjoy Sabbath, August 9, at the Lake Region third annual Junior camp. The camp was scheduled August 3-10 at the beautiful Indiana Dunes State Park. The day was one of interest and inspiration throughout. Elder L. H. Davis and his splendid corps of counselors were in high spirits as the Sabbath dawned.

After rising on Sabbath morning, spending a quiet period in their unit groups observing the Morning Watch, the youngsters were ready to fall in line with the day's activities. A hearty breakfast followed the giving of proper respect to the flag and the pledging of allegiance to live up to all that makes for good citizenship. The flag-raising and -lowering ceremonies fell under the direction of Brother Harold Kibble. He did a splendid job each time in putting the honor guard through its steps.

The regular routine of inspection was carried out, soon after which the campers began converging on the assembly ground preparatory to going to their Sabbath school activities. This was a typical well-conducted Sabbath school with several

Juniors contributing particular parts in one way or another. Elder J. Parker Laurence conducted a very interesting lesson study, and the review of the past week's lesson by Brother John Hunter made clear in simple language the vital points of the lesson. The directing of the singing was largely and ably done by Brother Harold Kibble assisted by Miss Jackie Steele. The enthusiasm of the youth showed their appreciation for the lovely songs and music. Sister Dorothy Clark, who served as counselor and camp pianist, was ever on hand to give excellent accompaniment to the songs.

The many visitors who came to see, hear, enjoy, and be inspired were heartily welcomed. The camp management was glad for their visit, and hope that at another camp gathering it will be able to offer better accommodations to the guests.

"He Lives" was the inspiring theme of the eleven o'clock hour of worship and praise. Elder Rothacker Smith introduced his discourse of the morning with the simple but effective story of the man who was cornered by a lion, yet escaped alive. He told the youth that there is another more fierce than the lion that all Juniors will meet. This lion, the adversary of souls, will try to

destroy them in any way possible. Elder Smith stressed the importance of maintaining healthy, clean bodies, of avoiding unclean and spirituous drinks and tobacco, and emphasized that Jesus walked the way before us and is ready to go along with us today if we will permit Him. A fitting climax to the discourse was the invitation to all who will let Jesus come and abide in the heart. It was heart warming to note that all the campers stood, thereby signifying that they wanted Jesus to come and dwell in their hearts.

A religious life is a well-rounded life. The Junior camp management endeavored to provide just that. During the week there were special field trips in the study and observing of nature with one of the Dunes State Park naturalists. Those who went on these special trips spoke highly of them. The high light of Sabbath afternoon was in the form of a grand nature hike to the top of the highest peak at the Dunes, led by Camp Director Davis and other assistants. Guest speaker, as the large group assembled on the beautiful, clean sand, was Mrs. Anita Mackey, of Chicago. These nature adventures not only proved of great interest but also served as a means of providing adequate outlet to the



Boys and Counselors, Lake Region Junior Camp

physical development and response of the adolescent. The bird study conducted at six-thirty one bright morning was well attended and appreciated.

The Sabbath school was interesting, the devotional hour Spirit-filled, but it was the model young people's meeting and the vespers that were most impressive. The Missionary Volunteer program was under the direction of Mrs. Althea Davis. Her presentations bespoke careful thought and planning. The subject was temperance. Some printed excerpts from leading national characters were placed on the wall. Each group facing an excerpt was called on to read the same for the benefit of the entire audience.

Sister Davis stressed the fact that temperance calls for "a moderate use of all that is good and a complete abstinence from all that is injurious." That, she said, meant eating, drinking, and playing. By means of visual education she brought to the attention of all the great effort the devil and his aids are making to entrap the world and youth in the drink habit. Her display, nearly one hundred feet in length, consisted of full-page clippings of liquor ads over a period of three months from a well-known magazine. These pages were fastened end to end to form a great roll. After this Brother Harold Kibble gave his original temperance oration. An opportunity was given to all to become members of the American Temperance Society.

In an unusual program Sister Magdalene Benson had representative presentations from each unit of some form of missionary activity or other appropriate public presentation stressing acts of missionary work, such as inviting others to Sabbath school and church services, distributing literature, holding cottage meetings, or having part in other missionary activities. Brother John Spencer, of Detroit, Michigan, presented his group in appropriate and inspiring singing of gospel songs. Although there were nine unit groups participating, the time went by interestingly.



Girls and Counselors, Lake Region Junior Camp

The grand climax of the Sabbath came just before the closing Sabbath prayer. Director Davis spoke feelingly about the part that each one may have in the plan of service to one another and to humanity. He introduced his staff, and encouraged the campers to go from the camp with the thought in mind to let their lights shine for Jesus. This was emphasized by the inspiring candle-lighting service for the Lord. When all candles were aglow the lights were turned out, and "This Little Light of Mine" was sung. This was followed by the entire group marching outside. Then all bowed their heads reverently in prayer with their lighted candles in hand while Elder Davis committed those present to God for the night, thanking Him for His blessings and mercies of the day.

Interesting moving pictures were shown evenings during the week, and on Saturday night special films and recreational games and marches were the exciting events. Appetizing refreshments closed these happy hours.

Our union conference president, Elder M. L. Rice, presented his trick dog, Betsey, to the camp group Monday evening, August 4. One had to be present to really appreciate Betsey's performances, and the boys and girls were truly interested in everything she did.

Our conference workers who spoke to the group included Elder T. M. Rowe, pastor of the Shiloh church in Chicago, and Elder E. S. Dillett, of South Bend, Indiana, pastor of the Berean church. The services of these ministers were deeply appreciated by the entire group.

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Shiloh Celebrates Victory Day

SABBATH, August 2, 1952, was victory day in Shiloh, for the Ingathering goal of \$6,300 was reached with an overflow of nearly \$100. This is truly remarkable, and to God we give the glory, for Shiloh has carried a heavy program and yet has not fallen short of that required of her.

Too much cannot be said for all the loyal members who got their Minute Man goal and those who raised two, three, four, five, and even ten Minute Man goals each! This shows that God's people are fully aware of the times in which we live and that we all must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man will be able to work.

Shiloh was happy too because

Elder H. K. Halladay, of the Lake Union Conference home missionary department, was present and able to witness the reaching of the goal. He brought a stirring message that will long be remembered.

The climax of the victory day was a church-sponsored social, which was held at the Wabash Avenue YMCA. Elder Donald Simons, Lake Region Conference Sabbath school and home missionary secretary, was master of ceremonies. A most interesting and entertaining program of home talent by all age groups was given, including recitations, solos, and selections by the young people's choral group. After the chairs were moved back, young and old participated in marching and recreational games. Elder T. M. Rowe made the closing remarks and smilingly displayed the deed to the property of Shiloh's new home, which is in the beautiful residential Park Manor area on the corner of 70th and Michigan streets.

After delightful refreshments we all went home rejoicing in the finishing of our goal and looking forward with new zeal to the gathering in of more souls for the kingdom.

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Northeastern Camp Meeting

AUGUST 8-17, 1952, will be well remembered in the hearts and minds of hundreds of our members and well wishers who attended the Northeastern camp meeting at Milton, New York. Every moment was filled with inspiration, and the blessings in abundance were evidenced in the facial expressions of every believer. Despite the few adverse circumstances and frequent showers,

the spirit was not dampened one bit. Enthusiasm filled every heart.

Both Sabbaths found the people crowding into the big tent from far and near. It reminded one of the time, as promised, when Jesus will return to this earth and claim His own and call them from the four corners of the earth. These people will be the redeemed from all ages. What a day of victory that will be!

Throughout the entire meeting a feeling of unity, spiritual uplift, and satisfaction was displayed. Over hills and dales verbal expressions could be heard indicating the feast of good things, which was immensely enjoyed by all.

The music was superb. The melodic strains could be heard in the gentle rippling waves of the beautiful Hudson River, which borders the campgrounds. The buildings, cabins, and small tents that housed the people reminded us of the Israelites, and that we are mere pilgrims here journeying to a better land.

The fourth biennial session of the Northeastern Conference preceded the camp meeting, and the end of the session found the same officers re-elected for the ensuing biennial period.

On Sabbath, August 9, the Sabbath school, under the direction of Elder James J. North, of the Northeastern Sabbath school department, began at the usual hour. Acting superintendent was Mrs. Esme Husbands, of our Bethel Brooklyn church. Acting secretary was Mrs. Minnie Keith, of our Berea Nyack church. Elder J. E. Edwards, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, spoke words of encouragement to us and gave several interesting historic data concerning the Sabbath schools throughout the world field and how they began.

The hour of divine worship also followed through as usual with Elder L. E. Lenheim, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, as our guest speaker. The Bethel Brooklyn Choir, under the capable direction of Mrs. Marguerite O. Daly, rendered several outstanding anthems and spirituals during the services throughout the day.

In the afternoon Elder G. L. Peters, of the General Conference, delivered the ordination sermon after which five of our faithful workers were ordained—John S. Greene, Jr., George R. Earle, Jonathan E. Roache, Russel T. Wilson, and Charles M. Willis.

During the week the meetings continued as scheduled featuring many guest speakers and musical artists from the local, union, General, and neighboring conferences. All blessings, we know, come from above, and it was the Heaven-inspired services of our local and visiting brethren and workers that made our camp meeting the real success that it was.

On Sabbath, August 16, Sabbath school convened as usual with Mrs. E. F. Carter, of our Bethel Brooklyn church, acting as superintendent and Mrs. Minnie Keith as secretary. Her minutes brought back to our minds in detail the happenings of the previous week and also indicated her ability to write poetry. The Sabbath school lesson was reviewed by Elder E. A. Lockett, pastor of our Boston church. The current lesson was taught by Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of our own *Message* magazine. He also sang a beautiful solo that thrilled the hearts of all those who listened.

At the eleven o'clock hour Elder F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College, delivered the sermon that brought great response from the oversized attentive audience. The combined choirs of the Ephesus church in New York supplied the music under the able direction of Professor Jones.

In the afternoon Elder William Cheatham, pastor of the Baltimore church, expounded the truth from the Word of God. His choir followed him to the campgrounds and praised God in song. At six o'clock that same evening thirteen were buried in the watery grave in the camp pool, renouncing sin and its forces, and by the grace of God promised to hold high the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel.

Among our distinguished guests

were G. E. Peters, General Conference; F. L. Peterson, president, Oakwood College; H. D. Singleton, president, South Atlantic Conference; T. M. Rowe, pastor of Shiloh church, Chicago, Illinois; G. N. Banks, missionary, West Africa; J. H. Wagner, president, Allegheny Conference; M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer, Allegheny Conference; L. B. Reynolds, editor, *Message Magazine*, Southern Publishing Association; H. S. Walters, president, West Jamaica Conference, B.W.I.; W. L. Cheatham, pastor Berea Temple, Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. C. A. Dent, Riverside Sanitarium; Miss M. C. Jones, dietitian, Riverside Sanitarium; J. B. Mallory, Allegheny Conference; L. E. Lenheim, president, Atlantic Union Conference; T. R. Gardner, secretary-treasurer, Atlantic Union Conference; L. E. Esteb, Sabbath school and home missionary departments, Atlantic Union Conference; E. L. Branson, president, Greater New York Conference; and M. D. Howard, treasurer, Greater New York Conference.

We can truly ask, "What hath God wrought?" We feel that our first attempt was a great success. A few months ago, even one month ago, one would say, It can't be done; but our workers, ministers and Bible instructors all shed their regular responsibilities during the week and put their shoulders to the wheel, and by combined efforts the work of God was accomplished and a great spiritual revival was enjoyed by all who attended.

We look forward with great pride and enthusiasm to future camp meetings in years to come, with larger and improved facilities and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as never before, and hope to realize a vast harvest of souls. When the last song was sung and the chairs were folded away on the Northeastern campgrounds, a little sadness filled our hearts, but we could all say, cheerfully and hopefully, "Did not our heart burn within us, as we listened?" and, "I was glad when they came unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Our determina-

tion now is to be counted worthy to enjoy one eternal camp meeting with King Jesus as our Leader and Redeemer.

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

News Notes

EBENEZER church, Rochester, New York, was the scene of a very lovely wedding, which took place on June 29, 1952, joining in holy wedlock Mr. Clifford Barrett and Miss Estherline Moore. Elder James J. North officiated at the ceremony.

A wedding reception followed at the Montgomery Youth Center where a host of relatives and friends gathered to honor the wedded couple. A panorama of their courtship was presented in song and by instrument, and many lovely gifts were given to the couple.

We trust that the richest blessings may rest upon Mr. and Mrs. Barrett as they continue to work in God's vineyard.

ARLENE BRATHWAITE,
Press Secretary.

You Know What?

ON July 2, 1952, Elder and Mrs. F. E. Roy Jeffries, of the City Tabernacle church in New York City,

had an 8-pound 3½-ounce visitor by the name of Denise Joy Yvette Jeffries. She came to join her older brother and sister in making life happier and more complete in the home of Elder and Mrs. Jeffries. We wish for her and the family God's richest blessings in making this home a little heaven on earth.

E. MALLORY.

Northeastern Conference Conducted Junior Camp

THE Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists conducted its first Junior camp at Camp Northeastern, Milton, on the Hudson, from July 3 to August 1. More than 150 boys and girls were treated to a month of enjoyment of God's nature and pleasure in the country.

The camp was directed by the MV secretary, Jonathan E. Roache, assisted by an able staff of workers including Miss Jessie M. Godley, girls' director, and Mr. N. E. Ashby and Mr. Samuel Gooden, co-boys' directors. The medical staff included Dr. Price, of Poughkeepsie, and Mrs. J. E. Roache and Mrs. Helen Martin, of New York City. The teaching instructors were Mrs. Eva B. Strother and Mr. Emerton Whidbee, craft instructors; Misses Angela Steward and Rebecca R. Riley, nature in-



Staff of Counselors, Northeastern Junior Camp



The Entire Camp Family at Northeastern Campground

structors; Mr. Corloyd Thomas, music instructor; Misses C. Washington and Gloria Norman, swimming instructors; Miss Henrietta Granderson and Mrs. Beatrice Garnett, MV classes instructors; and Miss Gloria Norman, first-aid instructor. Camp pastor was Elder Charles Eaton.

The culinary department was under the supervision of Mrs. Antoinette Ballard, who kept all happy with very tasty meals. Mrs. Ballard was assisted by Mrs. Stella Dixon, Mrs. Samuel James, and Mrs. Gloria Eaton. Other counselors were Florence Saulsbury, Minette Philips, Millicent Ford, Vivian Smith, Hubert Saulsbury, Lloyd Wilson, Jesse Blackman, and Samuel Lightbourne.

The camp was blessed of God from the very outset. In spite of the fact that there was much activity on the part of workers preparing for camp meeting and many hazards around, not one serious accident occurred. We truly thank our heavenly Father for His watchcare over our Junior boys and girls throughout our camping period.

The boys and girls, in addition to having a pleasurable time playing volley ball, table tennis, baseball, swimming, and hiking, enjoyed their craft and nature classes. During the day many budding entomologists could be seen roaming the camp-

grounds in search of some rare specimens of insect. Many youngsters made useful articles of leather, felt, or paper, which they took home proudly. It was with much regret that we closed camp until another year. Many youngsters left Camp Northeastern with tears in their eyes, wishing that they could remain for a longer period.

More than thirty boys and girls confessed their sins to God and indicated their willingness to follow Him even unto death. Yes, Camp Northeastern's Junior camp was a success from the standpoint of helping the Juniors physically, morally, socially, and spiritually. We are looking forward with great anticipation to 1953's Junior camp.

JONATHAN E. ROACHE,
Camp Director.



A Campfire Scene at Northeastern Junior Camp

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President's Report

[To the delegates assembled for the fourth biennial session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.]

GREETINGS:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps. 133:1.

It now falls my lot to report on the progress of the South Atlantic Conference during the past biennial period. First of all, I would like to say that the text just mentioned describes the spirit existing throughout the conference—among workers and laity. We have worked harmoniously to foster the progress of God's cause, and God has blessed.

In unity we have gone forward to win souls. Evangelism in this field has been signally blessed of God. The soul winning by the laymen has been most successful by means of lay efforts in tents out of doors, in schools, in homes, as well as by other methods of work. This year we are launching our greatest lay program for soul winning, which calls for every layman to be active in some phase of evangelistic endeavor.

During the years 1950 and 1951 we are happy to report 1,519 souls baptized and added on profession of faith. For the year 1951 South Atlantic came within 14 of baptizing the largest number of any one conference in North America. During that year alone 850 were baptized.

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Outstanding additions were made during that period to the following churches: Clearwater, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Miami, Orlando, and Sanford, Florida; Charlotte, Kinston, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Macon, Georgia; and Anderson and Greenwood, South Carolina. These are just some of the larger baptisms; many fine baptisms were held in other churches.

Our constituents will be happy to know that since the beginning of the South Atlantic Conference in 1946, more than 4,000 persons have been added to the churches by baptism and on profession of faith. Compare this with the fact that we had only 3,614 members at the time we organized. We closed the year 1951 with a membership of 5,861. At the time of our organization we were fourth in size among the conferences of the Southern Union, but now we are just a few members short of being the largest conference. Certainly our heavenly Father must be praised for His great blessings in making our evangelistic program the success it has been.

The following churches and companies were raised up during the past biennial period: Anderson and Greenwood, South Carolina; Burlington, North Carolina; and Bartow and Plant City, Florida. The following are to be admitted into the sisterhood of churches during this session: Anderson and Greenwood, South Carolina; Laurinburg, North Carolina; Fort Valley, Georgia; and Fort Myers and Plant City, Florida.

In order to expedite the extensive evangelistic program, the conference has purchased 9 new evangelistic tents and 2,300 new metal chairs since our last session.

One of our great needs is church housing, not only for the new believers who are being brought in, but for many of our older congregations as well. In the years ahead there lies before us the large problem of doing something about proper housing. A number of choice pieces of land have recently been purchased, and several of our congregations

are busily engaged in raising funds with the idea of soon beginning the construction of adequate church buildings. There are at present several building projects going forward.

Unitedly we have gone forward to raise funds for the progress of God's work in the conference. Our tithe for the biennial period amounted to \$397,942.05, which is just a little short of \$400,000.00. Our offerings to missions amounted to \$208,582.17. We also raised \$3,124.00 for the Oakwood expansion program.

God has greatly blessed the conference in its financial operations, and we are happy to report that we are in sound financial condition. All our bills are paid; we have the best of credit rating; we have never had a check to come back from the bank.

We think it is of real interest to note a statement in *Testimonies*, volume 9, page 225: "In a recent number of *The Gospel Herald* [1907] it is reported that 'fifteen years ago there were not over twenty colored Seventh-day Adventists south of Mason and Dixon's line; but today there are seven hundred. Twelve years ago there was only one colored Seventh-day Adventist church; today there are fifty, not counting those in Africa and the West Indies. . . . The tithe of the colored people last year in the United States amounted to five thousand dollars; fifteen years ago it was not over fifty dollars.'"

That means that in 1892 there were 20 colored Seventh-day Adventists in the South. All the colored believers in North America paid only \$50.00 tithe. There was one colored church organized by 1895. In 1907 there were 700 members—remember, South Atlantic baptized 850 last year. Fifty churches paid a tithe of \$5,000.00. Today throughout North America there are 339 churches and companies, 28,171 Seventh-day Adventists, paying a tithe during 1951 of \$1,693,496.31. You can see from the report today, the South Atlantic Conference has had an important part in making this record possible.

For some time we have been interested in obtaining our own camp meeting ground, and have spent a great deal of time searching in south Georgia and north Florida. A few months ago we were directed, we believe by God, to the site we have now purchased as the ideal location. This forty-acre tract has its own private lake, and the beautiful setting affords a place where we can seek God in natural surroundings each year when we come to our annual gathering. It is also suitable for Junior camp and other general meetings. We are happy to report that we own the deed to this property—it is clear of all encumbrances. The improvements that you see here are all paid for. This is your camp site. Every one of you owns property with a private lake in the State of Florida. This is yours; you can walk around this land with freedom. We want you to make yourselves at home just as any owner would.

Unitedly we have sought the Lord for spiritual growth. We are seeking for showers of blessing and the outpouring of God's Spirit upon His people. We are asking that at this camp meeting you pray earnestly for greater power and unity. Let us remember that before the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost, they were all of one accord.

We wish to express our appreciation to our faithful secretary-treasurer, Elder L. S. Follette, who has served well during the entire existence of the South Atlantic Conference. He has made a large contribution to the fine spirit existing in the conference and to its successful management. We shall greatly miss him as he takes up his new responsibilities as business manager of the Riverside Sanitarium. The conference is not going to be the same without Elder Follette.

Our energetic Sabbath school and home missionary department leader, Elder N. G. Simons, will have a good report to make concerning the progress of those departments. Elder F. H. Jenkins has served well as leader of our youth and educational work; in due time you will hear

from him in detail. Since our last session Elder R. P. Robinson has left the position as leader of our publishing work; and S. McClamb, assisted by S. Thomas and J. L. Williams, has gone forward in giving strong leadership to the colporteurs. I will not enlarge upon the work of this department since you will hear from Brother McClamb shortly. The Book and Bible House has been directed by Brother W. A. Darby during the last year of the biennial period. This department is making real progress as you will learn from Brother Darby's report.

Seldom seen by our constituency but nevertheless having a very important part in the operation of our office is our secretarial staff. To these young women—Miss Irene Miller, secretary to the treasurer; Mrs. Laura Merideth, secretary to the publishing, educational, and Missionary Volunteer departments; Mrs. Charlye Mae Bliss, who for a number of years has done faithful work in the Book and Bible House; and Mrs. Virginia Norman, secretary to the president and Sabbath school and home missionary departments—we wish to express our appreciation.

Workers now active in the field who were not with us at the time of our last session are H. L. Cleveland, R. B. Hairston, I. J. Johnson, C. B. Rock, R. E. Tottress, J. L. Williams, and Miss Sadie Richardson.

We, whom you entrusted with your leadership two years ago, account today for our stewardship. We have tried to serve you well, but we have not been without some mistakes. We thank you for your loyal support; we thank God for His marvelous blessings. We thank the leaders of the Southern Union—V. G. Anderson, H. E. Schneider, and the others—for their excellent help. We thank the leaders of the department in the General Conference—G. E. Peters and C. E. Moseley—for their counsel.

For the success reported no man should accept praise, for "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Ps. 127:1.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. SINGLETON, *President*.

Camping With the Believers

FOUR great camp meetings and an equal number of conference sessions are now history. They are the annual encampments of the Southwest Region, South Atlantic, Lake Region, and Allegheny conferences in the order named. South Central held a conference session in the Birmingham, Alabama, church in lieu of camp meeting.

Each camp site was well suited to the needs of the campers. The oak-shaded campus of Jarvis Christian College, at Hawkins, Texas, and the ample facilities of this institution proved to be all that one could wish for this camp. South Atlantic's new campgrounds near Hawthorne, Florida, situated between two large lakes and shaded with moss-draped oaks and slender pines, provided the campers a place of quiet rest in a setting of natural beauty. Lake Region camp was spread upon the campus of the conference academy near Cassopolis, Michigan. The full facilities of this institution were used to advantage during the chill and rain that were encountered. Allegheny's grounds at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, and the appointments of Pine Forge Academy were needed to accommodate the campers of this conference.

All camp meetings were well attended. An estimated eight hundred or more persons taxed the dormitories and tents at Jarvis Christian College over the week ends. More than two thousand jammed the grounds on the week ends in South Atlantic; a slightly less number were in attendance in Lake Region and slightly more in Allegheny. Campers at all these meetings expressed their pleasure for the conveniences of their surroundings and the courteous attention of those in charge of the camps.

At each encampment expressions of satisfaction, gratitude, and pleasure were freely voiced for the manner in which the services were conducted, for the highly spiritual tone of the various sessions, and for the practicability and general helpfulness of the messages heard.

This genial atmosphere, so common to the camps, was reflected also in the elections of new officers in the respective conferences. In a majority of the elections the key officers of each conference were returned to office. Such changes as were made were mere shifts of officers within the local fields. A notable example of this was the election of Elder Norman Simons to the treasurer's office in South Atlantic; the vacancy in the home missionary department created by this change went to M. T. Battle. Again when O. Dunn, Southwest Region, vacated his field missionary post for a conference district, this vacancy was filled by a former assistant, Frank Jones.

Camp meetings and conference sessions have come and gone through the years, but few of them have been characterized by greater earnestness and sincerity on the part of officers and laymen in seeking after God for the guidance of His good Spirit in Christian service and for strength from His Spirit for the duties and emergencies ahead.

C. E. MOSELEY, JR., *Associate Secretary, North American Colored Department, General Conference.*

SOUTHWEST REGION

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President's Report

[To the delegates assembled at the first biennial session of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Hawkins, Texas.]

GREETINGS:

I would like to preface my report with a portion of Scripture recorded in the thirteenth chapter of the book of Joshua, reading the last clause of the first verse: "And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

This particular verse is very significant to me because it is the dividing line, as it were, between the conquered lands of chapter 12 and the still unconquered lands of chap-

ter 13. Chapter 12 is a report of the administration of Moses and Joshua, and it is a glorious record of accomplishment. There you will find listed by name thirty-one kings killed by Joshua and the children of Israel, not to mention the subduing of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites.

I repeat. It was a glowing report. But in the midst of Israel's rejoicing God gave a gentle rebuke to His servant. He reminded him that in spite of the great accomplishments of the past, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

In submitting this report of the achievements under God during this biennial period, we too, like Joshua of old, are reminded of the fact that here in the confines of our conference territory, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," for there lieth yet ahead of us in this vast virgin field, comprising the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, literally hundreds of unentered cities, towns, and counties with their teeming thousands of colored people who have no knowledge of the third angel's message and the ultimate return of Jesus. We are indebted to these hundreds of thousands of judgment-bound souls; and this debt, by the grace of God, we must pay by the proclamation of the message given by God for this hour—the only message that will bring a floodlight of hope to a world darkened by sin.

To pay this debt, God is depending upon the services of 23 ministers, 15 ordained and 8 licensed; 2 Bible instructors; 14 church school teachers; 3 office secretaries; 50 full and part-time colporteurs; and 46 churches and companies comprising 2,213 members.

What we have accomplished under God in making payments on our debt to Jesus in service rendered during this first biennial period sinks into insignificance when viewed in the light of what yet lies ahead of us. With this sobering thought in mind we shall now bring to your attention some of the high lights of the accomplishments made by the

workers and laity under the blessing of God during the past biennial period in the Southwest Region Conference.

Evangelism

Believing as we do, that we have come to a momentous hour and that it is later than we think, we have striven to create a real fervor for evangelism both in our conference workers and in our laity. We believe that the sole purpose of our existence as a conference and as a church is to evangelize. During the past two years we have not spared our funds when it comes to evangelism. We spent for evangelistic equipment alone approximately \$7,500, purchasing two 50' x 90' tents, two 40' x 60', one 30' x 60', and 500 chairs. We now have on hand for evangelistic purposes seven tents and two thousand chairs. The evangelistic program of the conference for the year will find all of these in use.

From January, 1950, to December 21, 1951 (the period covered by this report), 509 were added by baptism and profession of faith. There were 472 who were baptized and 37 united by profession of faith. Our most fruitful efforts during this period were conducted in New Orleans, Houston, and Monroe. Nearly thirty-five were baptized in Monroe. The following workers shared in this harvest: C. E. Bradford, S. D. Meyers, Mrs. Marie Kimble, and Mrs. Viola Valentine. In Houston recent additions have brought the total to nearly seventy. Sharing in this fruitage were D. C. Batson, D. J. Dixon, W. C. Jones, Mrs. M. Fitch, and Clayton Pritchett. In New Orleans the total additions exceeded seventy. Sharing in these blessings were J. E. Cox, Jr., and our very faithful and fruitful Bible instructor Sister Birdie McCluster. Contributing valuable services also were the wives of these workers, students from our colleges, and talented laymen.

The following towns and cities witnessed the proclaiming of the third angel's message in the form of tent efforts during the past two-

year period: Fort Worth, Mosier Valley, Oklahoma City, Ardmore, El Paso, Shreveport, Little Rock, Houston, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge. The results of these and other types of evangelistic efforts have not only strengthened the local churches involved, but we now have as a result two flourishing companies, Navasota, Texas, and Ardmore, Oklahoma, and one newly organized church at Monroe, Louisiana. Brethren Batson and Pritchett are responsible for our company of believers in Navasota, Texas, and my old and beloved gray-haired dad is responsible for the resurrection of the company at Ardmore. His efforts and the gracious efforts of Brother Roy Johnson, a true friend of the colored work, have resulted in the revival of our work there.

Permit me to give you a glimpse of things to come evangelistically speaking. Immediately after camp meeting is over, the following towns and cities will hear the proclamation of God's special message for this hour: Dallas, New Orleans, Austin, Tyler, West Helena, and Tulsa. These will be supplemented with hall and church efforts. Already in Baton Rouge and Jennings, Louisiana, church efforts have produced a ripe harvest. Pastor Meyers has already baptized between fifteen and twenty, and Pastor L. B. Baker is having an unusually successful effort in a hall in Jennings, Louisiana. He now has a class of between thirty and forty keeping the Sabbath. Brethren, there is a "sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees."

With these facts and figures before us we should seek God for wisdom and for the leading of His Spirit so as to know how to close up the gaps in our churches, to know how tenderly to care for the lambs and sheep within the fold; and, yes, to know how to keep, to hold, and to add to the fold.

New Church Organization

Our hearts were thrilled during the first Sabbath of May, 1952, when we organized the first colored
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Visiting Our Work in Haiti and Jamaica

By NORMAN G. SIMONS

(Continued from August-September Issue)

Very soon a neighbor said, "There's Jamaica." And sure enough I could already see the beautiful white sands of Jamaica, truly a jewel in the British crown. As we first came over land we noticed acres and acres of palm trees lying as though some great giant had carefully arranged them in line like matchsticks. We inquired of the steward, and he told us that it was part of the destruction of the hurricane that hit Jamaica last year. Later we were to see other mute evidences of the fury of that tropical storm. We passed village after village where in many cases nothing was left to mark the site of the village but broken foundation lines of houses that had been removed in the storm's anger. Later on we found that thousands of families were still living in the temporary tents provided them.

In the city of Kingston on Sabbath we visited a congregation where inside the broken walls of their church they had pitched a tent and were

carrying on the worship of God. We were to find in the days that followed that Seventh-day Adventists were well known and greatly respected because of the help we had given in wake of the hurricane. Approximately forty thousand dollars was given by Seventh-day Adventists for hurricane relief, and many tons of clothing and bedding were contributed.

Soon we had passed Port Royal, the ancient den of iniquity and pirate haven that was engulfed by the celebrated earthquake. Now as the plane began to lose altitude we encountered the heavy air thermals, for it was much warmer in Jamaica than Haiti. Our heavily loaded plane began to toss like an impatient bronco. After I had gotten control of my feelings I looked around to see what the other passengers were doing, and I found that the steward himself was holding on with both hands. Soon our plane banked over Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica—colorful in the brilliant sunlight—

and glided gently over the bay to The Palisadoes, a finger of land that projects seven miles into the water. Here we found new buildings replacing the old airport structures that had been leveled in the storm.

As we were being cleared by immigration and customs officials, I mentioned to one man that I was a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Thereafter he showed such marked courtesy in expediting our passage through customs that I asked whether he were a Seventh-day Adventist. He replied, "My wife is, and I know and like you people."

Elder H. D. Colburn, president of the East Jamaica Conference, met us at the airport, and soon we were moving rapidly back the five miles to the city proper, to begin ten of the most eventful days in our lives. For here in this tiny island, about 140 miles long and 50 miles wide at the maximum points, we found convincing evidences that God is exhibiting His power through His people in the might of Pentecost.

Jamaica is, of course, a British possession; and everywhere we found evidences of the British touch, the British accent. There is no open prejudice or segregation, and we heard brown, black, and white alike say proudly, "I am a Jamaican."

Sabbath we visited and spoke briefly in a number of the churches in Kingston. We found eleven Seventh-day Adventist churches there, the largest of which is the North Street church with a membership of thirteen hundred eager Seventh-day Adventists. While we were there Elder Robert Boothby was conducting a well-attended evangelistic effort in the North Street church.

Sunday morning we climbed into one of the little English cars and roared through the winding, treacherous mountain roads to the other side of the island where a church officers' convention was held at Port Maria, in the parish of St. Mary. It was a general convention, including home missionary, Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer office. Approximately six hundred persons



Port Maria, Haiti, Church Officers' Convention

were present. All along the road as we approached the church, we saw truckloads of Seventh-day Adventists neatly dressed, headed for the place of meeting. Elder E. C. Walton had obtained for the meeting, free of charge through the courtesy of its owner, a huge theater at the end of the main street and on the banks of the Caribbean Sea.

This meeting was for Elder Walton's district alone, comprising twenty-two churches, in which last year he baptized two hundred new members, most of whom were won by lay preachers. One unusual thing that you notice in all the public gatherings in Jamaica is the fact that all women from little girls about four or five years old through eighty and ninety wear hats while attending meetings. It was thrilling to hear the beautiful voices of our people raised in praise to God and to hear the testimonies of laymen who have been active on the front for God. Going home that evening, we saw several Seventh-day Adventist churches high in the mountains, beside the roads, in the valleys; in fact, Adventist churches are as plentiful over there as Baptist churches are in the homeland.

After the meeting we were interested to see so many people working on Sunday. In places we noticed them breaking the rock for road construction. Men and women would be bringing the rock up from the creek beds on their heads. We saw extensive banana groves and sugar plantations. At times as we wound through the mountains banana fields would be up on the sides of sheer inclines and beyond that a little cabin. We marveled as we whizzed by that the occupants did not fall into the valley below. Elder A. C. Stockhausen, union home missionary secretary, told us that many different minerals have been found on the island, but that they all belong to the crown. They told us how a few days previously a gold-bearing strand had been found in the creek beds when gold nuggets were found in a bird's craw that had been shot.

Of course, no visit to the East



Elder H. S. Walters
President, West Jamaica Conference

Jamaica Conference is complete without a visit to the lovely Andrews Memorial Hospital. The sanitarium is under the able leadership of Dr. A. R. Parchment, the medical director. A new building has been added recently, which greatly increases its capacity and service. It is in a beautiful section of Kingston, not too far from the governor's mansion.

Thursday morning, after speaking to the laymen who gathered for a giant laymen's convention from all over the East Jamaica Conference, Elder H. S. Walters, president of the West Jamaica Conference, took us across the boundaries to spend five days in the West Jamaica Conference. That night we traveled through a winding road high into the mountains. To describe this type of road in America, we use signs saying, "S curve"; in Jamaica the sign does not say, "Curve," but, "Corner"; and we found very soon that it meant exactly that. My wife did most of her traveling in Jamaica hanging on with both hands for dear life.

Thursday night we attended a meeting at Rock River, high up in the mountains. Darkness had enveloped all and shut us out from the outside, but there in the tent illumined by a portable generator

we found every pertinence of modern evangelism. There were a record changer, a portable organ, a public-address system, and electric lights. We found the tent crowded and fenced in by a sea of faces of standees, despite the fact that it had rained for two hours that evening. Elder K. G. Vaz was the evangelist, assisted by Keith Boyd, energetic song leader, and how they made the hills ring with the glad accents of the message of the coming King that night. They are expecting an especially rich harvest in their effort, and from what I saw that night there are many waiting only to be garnered in.

The next day Elder Walters showed us a letter reporting on Elder O. U. Holness' meetings being held on the Cayman Islands. In his meetings held in Grand Cayman in the town hall seven hundred more people turned out nightly to hear him than did to hear the governor when he visited there.

We found an aggressive program of lay evangelism here. On January 15, 250 lay evangelistic efforts were begun. When I first heard this I was tempted to scoff a bit, for it was marvelous; but in the days that followed I was able to see many of these evangelists at work, the men and women in the baptismal classes, and the churches built by these men.

The spirit of sacrifice found in these people is well illustrated by the spirit of the men and women at the Bird's Hill church. The church was leveled by the hurricane, and only three Adventist homes were left standing. The government gave cement allotments to all who had lost their homes to aid in rebuilding these homes. These people, out of their spirit of sacrifice and love for their church, gave the cement allotted for rebuilding their homes to rebuild the church instead.

We found at Fishing Bay, in a desertlike section of Jamaica commonly called a "hard place" because of the ungodly nature of many of the seagoing people, a neat, substantial chapel built by laymen on the Pedro Plains.

We learned of many outstanding laymen. A Brother Boddie raised up a Seventh-day Adventist church. He went to neighboring villages and pulled teeth for a small charge, and used the money to support his evangelistic effort and to build a church.

At Big Yard we found a new church and a new company won by Brother Wellington. Twenty-three persons have already accepted the truth, and seven more are to be baptized. He laid a cement floor, reared bamboo poles, put on a thatch roof, and under that simple shelter preached the gospel. That morning in the Sabbath school two charming eight-year-old girls sang a duet, "Beyond the Sunset." We were much impressed during our stay in Jamaica that we found no gospel swing songs and jump music, but instead the solemn stirring hymns of the Advent message.

Up at Aucthen Bedy, where we arrived late at night, we found a meeting that had been started by Brother Freddy Drummond, a lay preacher. Later on, as the attendance swelled to a nightly average of 150, he had to send for help from the pastor, Elder J. Palmer. In the darkness that night, where the only illumination was brought by one Coleman kerosene lamp, after the service the members formed lighted torches and stood outside the little church down the hill to light our path as we went back to the car. I was thrilled as I saw those lights burning in the darkness, and thought how not only are they giving light for us to walk by but they are symbolic of the light that the earnest laymen are holding aloft in the island of Jamaica to lead men to God. Everywhere one finds expansion. Everywhere we find the men and women who are on fire for God, going out in some type of evangelistic endeavor to win souls who are longing for a knowledge of God.

In Newel is a church that has been expanded four times in the past four years. As we stood there that day inside those walls that are in the process of construction—

today in the fourth expansion—we found that it was full again. There is a membership of 246, every one of them won by lay preachers. Fifty-six were in the baptismal class. While we were there eleven consecrated lay preachers were holding eleven new efforts; and that day as Elder Walters looked at that eager sea of faces looking at the new walls, he said, "Brethren, there is no use trying to complete those church walls where they stand today; you are already too large for these walls; you might as well move them out again."

Elder E. J. Parchment, the veteran minister and pastor of the district, told us how one of the members had only one hen but she pledged to give that one to see her church completed.

We concluded our brief tour with a visit to the West Indian Training College, where we looked in vain for evidences of the new building made possible with the funds taken in the thirteenth Sabbath overflow taken in the last quarter of 1951; and we were told that the funds had not yet reached the college. As we stood on those grounds, high in Mandeville, we saw the very real need at this training school where men and women are prepared for service in the West Indies, and never have we been more grateful for having given than for that which we gave in that thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The final Sunday just before we boarded our plane with the others of our passengers who like ourselves were getting rather homesick, we attended a giant laymen's rally in picturesque Montego Bay, the site of the last year's gigantic baptism of some 550 persons, a meeting attended by some 30,000. We found very soon that the meeting had made a profound impact on the city; for as the people in the streets would learn that we were Seventh-day Adventists, they would say, "That meeting that you folks had last year is the biggest thing that ever happened in Montego Bay." These laymen have set as their motto "Pentecost in 1952," and

under God this year they are seeking to win three thousand men and women to Jesus Christ.

We were mightily impressed as we felt the measure of their consecration and devotion to the cause of the crucified Christ, and the thrilling words of record found in *Acts of the Apostles* came to mind: "For the carrying on of His work, Christ did not choose the learning or eloquence of the Jewish Sanhedrim or the power of Rome. . . . The Master-worker chose humble, unlearned men to proclaim the truths that were to move the world. . . . Not by human might or human wisdom was the gospel to be proclaimed, but by the power of God." —Page 17.

I felt indeed that we had seen evidences of the power of God in Jamaica and that it presaged a day when the same measure of God's power would be evidenced in the lay evangelistic work in the homeland.

The trip home was anticlimatic. Our airliner, loaded to capacity with men and women heading rapidly home, charged through façades of clouds. Passing over Cuba, we ran into rough air, and at times it seemed that our plane wanted to plunge through the towering clouds below. Then through the great breach in the heavy clouds we saw an enormous opening, and below lay beautiful Cuba in rectangles of varying colors. Then as quickly as it had come it was lost; and in a little while our plane was banking over Miami for its landing at the International Airport. We believe that many of our people will find great inspiration in spending a few days with our island believers, and discover new wonders and friends among the kindly peoples of our neighboring countries.

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★ AN excellent memory is formed by paying close attention to details.

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★ A MAN who wins fame sets goal at the beginning and works it ward it.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Recent Temperance Contest

SABBATH, July 12, was an interesting day for the youth of the Nashville, Tennessee, church, and the many visitors from the South Central and the South Atlantic conferences. The long-expected temperance contest between the two conferences—South Central and South Atlantic—came at the close of the Sabbath. Beginning at the MV hour, the church was filled and the congregation was led in a most lively and interesting song service by Elder L. M. Nelson. The group was very much impressed with the new songbook designed for the MV Societies, known as *Chorus Melodies*, especially prepared by the Southern Union MV secretaries. Each society present brought a special musical number, which the congregation greatly appreciated. A very interesting and unique quiz was prepared by the conference MV office secretary, Miss Doris Merideth, which sharpened the "wits" of the MV's concerning the various aspects of the society such as reporting missionary work and activities of the Master Guides. When we were through with these features the sun had set, and it was time for the contest.

Participating in the contest were the following: Henry Mattox, of Atlanta, Georgia; Lola Wilson, of Nashville, Tennessee; James McLean, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Bobby Tate, Memphis, Tennessee; Barbara Black, of Greensboro, North Carolina; Lois Yates, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Lovie Copeland, of Birmingham, Alabama. All these young people did an outstanding job. If only the world could have heard the truths they heralded! From start to finish they held the audience spellbound. At the conclusion the following decisions were brought in by three competent judges:

Henry Mattox, first prize of \$100;
Lola Wilson, second prize of \$75;

James McLean, third prize of \$50; honorable mention in the following order—Bobby Tate, Barbara Black, Lois Yates, and Lovie Copeland all received \$10. The judges for this contest were Prof. Arna Bontemps, of Fisk University, chairman; Mrs. S. H. Freeman, English teacher at the city public high school; and Elder L. M. Nelson, temperance secretary of the Southern Union Conference.

This contest was sponsored with the aim in mind of encouraging our youth to attend our own Oakwood College. These young people appreciated the decisions of the judges, and the meeting concluded with enthusiasm banked high for another like meeting next year.

MRS. MARTHA L. GRAHAM,
Office Secretary.

President's Report

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Seventh-day Adventist church in Monroe, Louisiana, with a membership of thirty. Most of these believers are here tonight. We will officially accept them warmly into the sisterhood of churches of the Southwest Region Conference.

This pioneer work of evangelism was conducted by Pastor C. E. Bradford and S. D. Meyers during the summer of 1951. These men were ably assisted by their wives and by two of our very fine lay Bible instructors, Mrs. Marie Kimble and Mrs. Viola Valentine. Pastor and Mrs. John Smith were called to bind off the work in Monroe, and they too deserve much credit for making possible the organization of a strong work in that thriving city.

Building Projects

We feel justified in taking pride over the building program now under way in the Southwest Region Conference. The ever-increasing appeals that are coming for help on new church projects are a healthy indication of the substantial growth of our constituency over the past few years.

During the period covered in this

report two of our largest churches, New Orleans and Dallas, have been completed, furnished, and dedicated free of debt.

Our New Orleans church is very unique in that spacious provisions have been made for the Sabbath school to conduct its services in the downstairs assembly room. One must see this church in order to appreciate its beauty. Credit must be given to Pastor J. E. Cox, Jr., for the tremendous job he has done in completing the work on the building and in the raising of thousands of dollars during the past twelve months in order to liquidate all encumbrances, so as to make the dedication possible. This church is a credit to the denomination. It could not be duplicated for \$125,000.

The Dallas church was dedicated in June, 1951. It is completely furnished and is a real asset to the cause. This building is also unique in its construction. It is built on the evangelistic center style. To replace this church with all of its equipment and furnishings would run around \$75,000. Pastor Charles Bradford has given excellent leadership to the work here. He has raised hundreds of dollars in recent months to wipe out indebtedness on new church equipment.

In Wichita Falls, Texas, we have just completed one of the most attractive churches to be built in recent years. Here we have a cement-block building with beautiful stained windows and a seating capacity of 250. A model schoolroom has also been erected in connection with this fine structure. Pastor L. R. Proctor deserves credit for his leadership in the erection of this beautiful church. Its value when furnished will be around \$25,000.

Under construction at the present time in Kenner, Louisiana, is another church building. It is being built out of cement blocks with brick veneer. Its seating capacity is 150 with an estimated value when completed with furnishings of \$15,000. Pastor J. E. Cox, Jr. is personally supervising this building project.

Within the next few weeks ground will be broken for the erec-

tion of a new church building in Alexandria, Louisiana. The plans have been approved, the funds are available, and Pastor Leroy Baker is leading out in this building program.

Now under construction we have a \$7,500 addition to the Baton Rouge church for educational purposes. This new wing will enhance the present fine church that we have in Baton Rouge. Pastor S. D. Meyers is leading out in this program in a strong way.

In Fort Worth, Texas, we have purchased a very attractive church building in one of the finest residential sections of the city. Pastor S. D. Meyers led out in the securing of this edifice. Pastor L. Williams is successfully leading the forces of the church in the liquidation of its indebtedness and plans to arrange for the dedication of the church free of debt this summer.

A neat little frame building has been completed in Nacogdoches. Our believers here, under the leadership of their former pastor, Allen Humphrey, moved on faith in the erection of this house of worship. Elder T. M. Fountain, who has recently come to us from the Lake Region, states that arrangements for dedication will soon be made.

In the city of Lubbock, Texas, a very neat frame church building was purchased and moved to its new location where a schoolroom was attached. Now our believers are meeting in a well-equipped building which enhances the work in that area. Credit must be given to one of our youngest workers, Pastor W. C. Jones, for completing the financial phase of this program and making possible the coming dedication of this building.

We have just recently purchased a very attractive location for our future church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. This piece of property is valued at \$10,000. It is a corner lot with a large two-story dwelling which will temporarily serve the needs of our church there. Plans are in the making to later erect on this lot an attractive church building. Pastor Leroy Baker is leading out in this building program.

Frankly this is where our surplus funds are going. We are not keeping our resources in the banks to be cast to the moles and to the bats in the last days. We are converting our funds into channels for evangelism and for the erection and the improvement of our church properties.

So that we may really feel the impact of this building program now under way in this field, let me make this observation. From 1930 to 1946, a period of sixteen years, two colored churches were built in this territory. From 1946 to 1952, a period of seven years, we have built or bought thirteen churches, and made major improvements on others at an estimated value of \$352,000.

Tithe and Mission Offerings

A. R. Carethers, our secretary-treasurer, will bring a comprehensive report of our tithe and offerings, which I feel is one of the outstanding high lights of the biennial period.

Our tithe for 1950 amounted to \$94,193.92; for 1951, \$106,709.48. The total for the biennial period amounted to \$200,903.40. Our gifts to foreign missions in 1950 were \$45,980.43; and in 1951 \$57,270.43. The total was \$103,250.86. Our offerings for home missions and local church needs for 1950 were \$35,750.40; in 1951, \$46,864.48. The total was \$82,614.88. The grand total of all funds amounted to \$386,769.14.

For a constituency of less than 2,300 I think this is marvelous, especially when we reflect over the fact that quite a few of our members are children and many are not wage earners. No more liberal and sacrificial people can be found anywhere than right here in the Southwest Region Conference. We praise our heavenly Father for bestowing upon us the means for the support of His cause in all the earth. May I hasten to point out that we share liberally our funds with the needs of the world field. We send on to the General Conference all our mission funds. We share our tithe with the union conference, the General Conference, and the sustentation fund.

In addition, we give support to the Voice of Prophecy; Faith for Today, our television program; Loma Linda, our medical institution; and Oakwood College. We are happy in this sharing of our funds. We belong to a worldwide organization with a worldwide message to proclaim.

T. M. Fountain, Leroy Baker, and Phillip Morgan have only been with us a few months, but already the impact of their excellent leadership has been felt throughout the field.

I have appreciated the untiring efforts of Brother A. R. Carethers, our secretary-treasurer, who took over the responsibilities of Brother Roberts in the late summer of 1950. I have also appreciated the leadership of all our departmental leaders. I am deeply appreciative of the unselfish labors of our secretarial staff. These women who sit at the typewriters are the unsung heroines who have toiled beyond the hours required in unselfish devotion to the cause of God.

I must say a word of appreciation of our union leaders for their wise counsel and help during this biennial period. We regret that our beloved J. W. Turner found it necessary to lay down his responsibilities because of his health. Elder Turner will always have a warm spot in our hearts. We welcome our new union president, Elder L. C. Evans. We are certain that under his guidance the work of God in the Southwestern Union will grow by leaps and bounds. Our loyal and faithful believers, we have appreciated your prayers and your faithfulness to the cause of God. We are grateful to each worker for the role he has played in helping to make this report possible.

We pause further to express our most sincere appreciation to God for His divine leadership and guidance. And may I remind you fellow delegates, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." May God grant us the power to possess the land for His name's sake.

We have appreciated the privilege of serving during this first biennial period. We are not satisfied. We feel that much more should

... have been accomplished for God. Nevertheless, we are grateful to Him for the good that he has accomplished through our feeble efforts. And now the time has come for me to return to you the sacred responsibility you asked me to carry January 17, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. FORDHAM, *President.*

Support the Temperance Work

BY H. T. ELLIOTT

URGENTLY the Spirit of prophecy has appealed to us to be active in the cause of temperance, to be in the forefront of the battle against the baneful effects of using intoxicating liquor, and to advance the cause of prohibition by voice, by pen, and by vote. The earnestness of these appeals is in proportion to the need to save homes from distress and sorrow, to make highways safe from the unsteady and undependable driver whose mental and nervous reactions have been stupefied through liquor drinking, and to prevent crime caused by drink-crazed and drink-deadened morals.

In recent years there has been a revival of interest in the temperance work among Seventh-day Adventists. Much good is being done through the various temperance activities now being carried forward. The *Listen* magazine has been widely acclaimed as the most attractive literature in the field dealing with liquor and tobacco. The Institute of Scientific Studies is gaining a place of real influence among church, educational, and legal leaders in the temperance work.

Is it necessary with Seventh-day Adventists to cite statistics in proof of the fact that the amount of crime chargeable to drink is the largest single factor in the criminal record today? Do Seventh-day Adventists need to be reminded of the danger of loss of individual moral control in the social drink? Do members of the church tolerate with indifference the presence in our midst of stores and drinking places where

the character-withering liquor is dispensed? Can genuine lovers of temperance be apathetic about hazards to life due to alcohol that mount to appalling totals when compared with other causes of death, even including loss of life in armed combat?

The obvious answer is, No! An emphatic, No! Then what will we do about it? Suggestions for personal service, literature for distribution, and plans for public temperance work are available through the American Temperance Society. Let us make effective use of them.

A real opportunity to boost the cause of total abstinence will come to Seventh-day Adventists in the temperance offering to be taken in all our churches on October 25, 1952. The money received in this offering will be used to aid circulation of *Listen* magazine on a national scale among public officials. It will assist in carrying out future Institutes of Scientific Studies. Some of the funds will help in placing signs and billboards on highways and pastors in schools.

So let us join together in making this offering the largest annual temperance offering in the history of Seventh-day Adventists. The date—October 25, 1952.

Alcohol Is No Respector of Persons

BY W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

UNDER the influence of liquor men and women are led to commit all manner of crimes. When a man puts a glass to his lips and takes that which destroys his reasoning powers, anything may happen, for alcohol is no respector of persons.

Alcohol affects the skilled as well as the unskilled, the educated as well as the uneducated, the professional man as well as the laborer, the rich as well as the poor, for alcohol is no respector of persons. A university professor was at a loss to explain why he kicked in plate glass windows of four stores near the university campus. "I've never broken windows before," the pro-

fessor was quoted by the judge. "It isn't characteristic of me."

The university professor was arrested at dawn. He told the judge that he was "just taking a walk" after having attended a decorous and extremely intellectual discussion on great books. The professor stated that the discussion became quite involved, so they had several Martini cocktails. A Martini cocktail or two, and a man loses his reasoning power. When our reasoning powers are gone anything may happen.

A police superintendent, after having had a drink or two, attended a special grand jury hearing. Under the influence of liquor he became boisterous, swore at the State attorney, was finally ejected from the closed hearings, and escorted to the judge's chamber.

The judge accused him of being drunk and belligerent during his appearance. The police superintendent was suspended indefinitely.

Alcohol is no respector of persons. Solomon's warning that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" applied to all men, irrespective of race, creed, or color.

Your temperance day offering will help to "call the attention of statesmen, of editors, of thinking men everywhere, to the deep significance of the drunkenness and the violence now filling the land with desolation and death! As faithful collaborators with God, we must bear a clear, decided testimony on the temperance question. . . . Now is our golden opportunity to co-operate with heavenly intelligences in enlightening the understanding of those who are studying the meaning of the rapid increase of crime and disaster. As we do our part faithfully, the Lord will bless our efforts to the saving of many precious souls."—*Temperance*, p. 251.

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★ THERE is a lot of history that isn't fit to repeat itself.

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★ THE man who is doing nothing always finds it easy to find fault with the man who is doing something.

Oakwood College

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Oakwood College Is on the Way

THE barometer for Oakwood College is way up. In fact, seldom for this Alabama institution has the wind blown more constructively or with such favor. Recently weather prophets have indicated that whatever the odds, Oakwood College is headed for a calm, uninterrupted sailing toward its goals for academic strength and student industries.

The W. H. Green Memorial Library looks its holiday best as it receives the final touches in preparation for the new student group in the fall. With stacks to accommodate some twenty-five thousand books, with a spacious well-lighted reading room, with checking desks and private study nooks, along with five office suites, it is the last word in library equipment. Its red brick

exterior with the tall white columns makes it stand out on the campus as a thing of beauty.

The imaginative college programs already in force will envision a change in the status of the institution in the not-too-distant future. Teachers returned to Oakwood from advanced studies are bringing a fresh realism to the classrooms. Elder O. B. Edwards, who has completed his residence work on a Doctorate at the University of Nebraska, is on the campus and well prepared for a great job. Mr. J. J. Beale and Elder E. E. Rogers have returned with their Master's degrees from the Theological Seminary. Miss Thomsine Longware has completed her Master's degree at the University of Nebraska. Mr. J. T. Stafford has received his Master's degree from Fisk University. Several others are working toward these goals.

On the industrial scene the constituency may take courage in seeing a new dry-cleaning annex now completed and in operation. Soon a broom factory will start turning its wheels. The farm is undergoing an

amazing reorganization that will make its efforts pay in school income and also in work opportunities for students. Negotiations are currently being made to resurface the college road and to improve the county roads leading to the college.

The Huntsville *Times*, reporting a survey of the Madison County Health Department, lists Oakwood College as the first-place dairy of all the Grade A dairies in the county. The school now has a regular milk route in addition to its responsibility of supplying dairy products for the college cafeteria and for the faculty.

Mr. Adell Warren, business manager of Oakwood since May, has expressed his personal belief in the potentialities of Oakwood's 969 acres, which he says should provide the major products to serve the school for its year-round needs. "The immediate future of Oakwood," President F. L. Peterson adds, "never looked better, and the board members as well as the constituency are loud in their praise of the accelerated progress toward putting foundations under our dreams."



The New W. H. Green Memorial Library Building