

President's Report, Fourth Biennial Session, Lake Region Conference

[President's report delivered at the fourth biennial session, held at Chicago, Illinois, February 17-19, 1953.]

To the delegates and members assembled at the fourth biennial session of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, greetings. Gathered here in this great, progressive Midwestern city of Chicago, Illinois, to transact important business of this conference session, we are immediately impressed with the historic significance of this location.

Searching the pages of history, I find that although discovered by the French, Chicago's first settler was one of our group: "Jean Baptiste Desable, a native of San Domingo, who came about 1779, built a house which was later known as the 'Kinzie House,' and which remained in existence over half a century. In 1796 he sold his cabin to LeMai, a French fur trader, who in turn sold out early in 1804 to John Kinzie, the first white man to make his home here."—*The New International Encyclopedia*, vol. 5.

In the spring of 1944 Chicago's Stevens Hotel became the official birthplace of colored Seventh-day Adventist conferences, for the Spring Council session held there authorized the organization of such conferences. In a constituency meeting, held in the Shiloh S.D.A.



Elder H. W. Kibble

church in this same city, September 26, 1944, the first colored conference, namely the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was organized, with Elder J. Gershon Dasent as president. He was succeeded by Elder T. M. Fountain. Much credit is due my two esteemed predecessors for the good work they did in laying the foundation upon which the successful accomplishments of the past two years are built.

Reflecting upon our activities of the past two years, we praise God

for the great things He has done through our fine group of workers and faithful laymen. Yet we feel that this is only a fraction of what should have been done and what God will do when we yield ourselves more fully and unreservedly to His service. This report is only a brief general account of the conference work during the past two years. More detailed reports will be given by the treasurer and departmental secretaries covering the work in their respective fields. From these reports you will note that the work is not static but progressive. There are three avenues that indicate success—spiritual development, numerical growth, and financial progress. These are closely related, and where the first condition is evident, the latter two conditions are to be expected. The work of the Lake Region Conference is succeeding along these lines.

Evangelism

The territory of the Lake Region Conference comprises the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with a combined colored population of nearly two million judgment-bound souls. This is a great challenge to our workers and members who are responsible to God to give them the light of this truth in this last generation.

In the past two years our evangelists and pastors have been blessed of God to add to our churches by baptism and by profession of faith a total of 665 precious souls; others are in baptismal classes being prepared for this sacred rite. The membership of the Lake Region Conference is now 3,565. After deducting our losses by letter, death, and apostasy, there is a net gain of two hundred. We sincerely hope that through curtailment of our losses by apostasy and a larger and more aggressive evangelistic program, the picture of net gain in membership will greatly improve.

Two new churches have been organized since the last biennial session—the Hyde Park church of Chicago and the church of Ypsilanti, Michigan, giving us a total of thirty-one churches and four companies. Sabbath schools, which number 31, and nine branch Sabbath schools are doing a fine work in strengthening our believers in the message and its doctrines, winning new believers to the faith, and in giving loyal support to the mission fields. The third quarter of 1952 the Lake Region Conference witnessed its largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in its history.

Financial

Though most of our people possess very little of this world's goods, they have demonstrated great loyalty in tithing and liberality in giving to the cause of missions. During the last two years they brought \$487,828.86 in tithes to the Lord's storehouse, almost a half-million dollars, and they gave \$167,283.73 to missions, making a total of \$665,112.59 in tithes and mission offerings. This is a gain of \$137,221.02 over the previous biennial period. In 1951 our people raised \$29,676.33 in our Ingathering campaign. In 1952 they raised \$31,911.89, making a total of \$61,588.22 for the two-year period.

Elder D. B. Simons, returned missionary from Sierra Leone, West Africa, who has served this conference faithfully as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary,

has been the human spark that has ignited the flames of success in the mission campaigns and the Sabbath school work. He has also led a strong program of lay evangelism throughout the conference. The various activities of our local and Federated Dorcas Societies are proving a great blessing to those in need. This phase of our work is developing rapidly.

Church School, Missionary Volunteer, and Temperance

Our church schools, enrolling 401 students and staffed with God-fearing teachers, are doing a work of high caliber for the salvation and training of our boys and girls. Elder L. H. Davis is educational, MV, and temperance secretary, and has the burden of this work on his heart. Each year a summer training camp has been conducted at the Indiana Dunes State Park with overflow attendance. A strong temperance program is promoted throughout the conference, and a very inspiring youth congress was held in the Shiloh parish hall last October. This was our first youth congress, which proved a wonderful success.

Publishing Work

Our faithful colporteurs, under the leadership of Brother John Frank Lee and his two assistants, Brother Samuel Flagg and Elder J. E. Dykes, delivered \$133,900.32 of our truth-filled literature during this two-year period. We suffered a great loss in this department by the tragic accidental death of Brother Charles Moore, of Detroit; also a prolonged steel strike has played its part in delaying the progress of the publishing work. But in spite of these setbacks and handicaps, great good has been done, and we are of good courage as we realize that regardless of the obstacles, Sister White has said that this work will go forward until the work is done. These same obstacles have checked the progress of our Book and Bible House; but Brother Carty Laurence, manager of the Book and Bible

House, is working with renewed determination to improve the service operation and financial standing of the Book and Bible House.

New Church Homes

In recent years many have desired to see the day when a better location would be obtained for the Shiloh church in Chicago. The pastor, Elder T. M. Rowe, church officers, and members translated their desires into action; and we were blessed of God to purchase this magnificent property housing this conference session, which includes three buildings, the church, the parish hall, and parsonage, for the sum of \$152,000 cash.

We were also blessed to obtain for our young church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a nice, inexpensive church home on Hanna Street, for the total cost of \$6,700. Pastor C. F. Warren and his members have decorated the interior of this building, making it look very neat and appropriate for worship. In Battle Creek, Michigan, Elder R. C. Smith and his faithful believers there have built a new and attractive church, which stands as a monument and a lighthouse for God in that historic city. In East St. Louis, Illinois, Elder J. P. Laurence and our faithful believers there have now entered their new church building, which has been completed after much sacrifice. We would also mention our new building at Belleville, Michigan, which our faithful lay brethren there have built and deeded to the conference, free of debt. They have now begun the foundation for the main church building, and when the building is completed, the present wing will serve as a church school and Sabbath school room.

We have other pressing needs facing us along the line of church buildings. Two new church buildings are sorely needed in Detroit—one for the Hartford Avenue congregation and one for the East Side congregation. Also in Muskegon, Michigan, our little group of believers have laid the foundation for a church home; and our Gary, Indiana, church has outgrown its

building and is raising funds toward a new church home. Idlewild, Michigan, where we now have a new company of believers, is standing in need of a place of worship. The members there are working to this end. This company in Idlewild was raised up last summer primarily by laymen.

We wish here to mention the passing of another of our fine and faithful workers, Elder T. H. Coopwood, who was laid to rest in May, 1952, after long years of service in the cause of God.

A great work is yet to be done in this field. "There remaineth much land to be possessed." There are many cities and towns where the truth is yet to be preached and churches established. City-wide evangelistic efforts are needed in Chicago and in Detroit. The cries of many perishing souls are still ringing in our ears. Millions are groping in darkness, and thousands are going down to Christless graves. The hour is late, the fields are white, but the laborers are few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Coming recently to this field, the president has had very little to do with the progress of this report. Elder F. N. Crowe, our treasurer, the departmental secretaries and office help, the ministers, pastors, Bible instructors, and colporteurs, together with our faithful laymen, are responsible for the progress reported here. We also feel greatly indebted to Elder M. L. Rice, our union president; H. A. Shepard, union treasurer; A. E. Mobley, union auditor; and departmental secretaries of the Lake Union Conference for the splendid help that they have rendered. We would also like to mention Elders G. E. Peters and C. E. Moseley, of the General Conference, who have rendered great service to us. Our hearts well up with gratitude as we think of all these fine workers, and we sincerely thank all of you for the part you have played in helping to build Zion's walls.

H. W. KIBBLE, *President.*

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Biennial Session Lake Region Conference

THE fourth biennial session of the Lake Region Conference convened in Chicago, February 17-19, 1953. The session was held at the new and beautiful Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church situated at 7008 South Michigan Avenue.

After the seating of delegates H. W. Kibble, president, rendered a report of his leadership for the past two years. His report showed progress along all lines. The additions by baptism and profession of faith were 665, bringing the membership of the Lake Region Conference to a total of 3,565. The tithe for the past two years amounted to \$487,828.86, and the total mission offerings for the same period amounted to \$167,283.73. This reveals a gain in tithe and offerings of \$137,221.02 over the previous two-year period.

The entire session was marked by the influence of the Spirit of God. All meetings were conducted with dispatch.

It took not more than a minute for the nominating committee to vote on the name of H. W. Kibble to be re-elected as president. The same holds true for F. N. Crowe, who was nominated as secretary-treasurer. Shortly afterward these officers were unanimously re-elected by the delegates in session, who felt that they had rendered excellent service during the past two years. There was a wonderful spirit of harmony and unity, which prevailed among the workers and office staff of the conference.

The following were also unanimously re-elected: educational, M. V. and Temperance, L. H. Davis; home missionary and Sabbath school, D. B. Simons; publishing, J. F. Lee; associate publishing department secretaries, J. E. Dykes, Samuel Flagg; and Book and Bible House manager, C. W. Laurence.

The working staff of the Lake Region Conference consists of twenty-two licensed and ordained ministers, four Bible instructors, and four licensed missionaries who serve as stenographers and secretaries. These faithful workers deserve much credit for their part in the building up of this fine conference.

The following leaders were present from the Lake Union: M. L. Rice, president; H. A. Shepard, secretary-treasurer; H. K. Halladay, home missionary and Sabbath school; W. A. Nelson, educational; and R. G. Campbell, publishing. Also present were F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College, and G. E. Peters, field secretary of the General Conference. All members of the conference committee were re-elected as follows: H. W. Kibble, J. W. Allison, Jr., T. L. Bass, F. N. Crowe, Charles Davis, E. S. Dilleat, T. M. Rowe, R. C. Smith, and R. F. Warnick.

As the Lake Region Conference moves onward, looking forward to another biennial, we assure them of our confidence and prayers.

G. E. P.

Welfare Activities, Hartford Avenue Church, Detroit

IN the year 1950 there were three people in one family that heard the gospel of salvation at the Hartford Avenue church—two sisters and the husband of one of the women, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Asbury and Mrs. Jodie B. Whiteside. Earlier in life they devoted their lives to mission-

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ary endeavor, but since receiving a complete knowledge of the gospel, they desired to dedicate their lives anew to missionary work. Personally it gave me no small measure of happiness as I presented these dear ones to the Hartford Avenue church for baptism, and then administered that sacred rite to them in July, 1950.

Since coming into the Seventh-day Adventist church, Mrs. Asbury, the leader of the group, has been very active in missionary work. She has demonstrated the fruit of a converted heart, and has followed the injunction given by the Master when He said: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,

ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:35-40.

Realizing their duty to their fellow brethren, these dear people have worked for suffering humanity irrespective of race or color. They have turned their home into a welfare center. There they have prepared food in large quantities for the hungry. They have stored truckloads of clothing, food, and furniture to dispense to the needy. As time progressed, their home became too small for their activities, and it became necessary for them to rent a store on the east side of Detroit for their expanding mission program. They still used their home for welfare work and have given many people shelter there, and they worked untiringly to make the store a missionary success. A station wagon was purchased for the purpose of transporting their mission goods, and is also being used to bring people to the Hartford Avenue church where the people may listen to the gospel. The pastor gave them a large quantity of gospel literature and tracts for their mission program. A stamp was purchased, and the name of the church and its location in the city are stamped on every available tract that is given out.

Hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables have been canned for the poor in the mission. Radios, electric refrigerators, fur coats, cloth coats, trousers, tables, topcoats, overcoats, shoes, garments of all descriptions, front-room sets, bedroom sets, lamps, and many other useful articles are given to those who are in need after it has been determined that they are really in need. A very efficient working corps of women and men of the church are cooperating with this family in their mission endeavor.

The leaders of this mission program and the pastor of the church believe that this work must be followed by the giving of the gospel of Christ. That was the method of Christ. Two nights a week one of the local elders of the church, Brother Moseley, goes to the mission with his film projector and gives the gospel to the people. Those who have been benefited materially are then benefited spiritually.

Last Thanksgiving Day uniformed women of the Hartford Avenue church planned a good dinner under the careful eye of the leader of the mission, Mrs. Gertrude Asbury, and served it to scores of the needy.

I am sure that God has a place prepared for these self-sacrificing workers in His vineyard. Let us pray that God will continue to bless these very fine people in their gigantic undertaking.

J. W. ALLISON, JR., *Pastor.*

Lake Region Conference Centennial Celebration

THE Lake Region Sabbath school centennial day celebrations made historical records. This day, commemorating one hundred years of Sabbath school progress, witnessed baptisms at Detroit's East Side church and at Saginaw, and child dedication services at South Bend, Robbins, Fort Wayne, Hartford Avenue and East Side in Detroit, Muncie, and Elkhart, Indiana. It saw the longest continuous Sabbath school attendance record for the conference, better-than-usual celebration programs, and the outstanding Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the conference.



Elder W. D. Forde Officiating at Child Dedication Services, Detroit East Side Church

Baptisms.—Elder W. D. Forde baptized thirteen Sabbath school members in East Side at Detroit, and Elder H. J. Fordham celebrated the rite at Saginaw, Michigan.

Child Dedications.—Services were conducted for four children at South Bend, Indiana, by Elder E. S. Dillett; two at Robbins, by Elder F. N. Crowe; five at Fort Wayne, by Sister Woods; the entire cradle roll department at Hartford Avenue, by Elder J. W. Allison, Jr.; eight at East Side in Detroit, by Elder W. D. Forde; four at Elkhart, by Elder E. S. Dillett; and all of the children in the Sabbath school in Muncie, Indiana, by Brother Johnson.

Capitol Avenue of Indianapolis.—Celebrations in honor of the centennial were held during a week end. Elder R. F. Warnick conducted the service on Friday evening, and presented Elder Norman Simons, treasurer of South Atlantic Conference, as guest speaker for the mid-day service on Sabbath. Elder Simons spoke of the laymen's movement in Jamaica and showed pictures on both Jamaica and Haiti at an evening service. A huge multi-layer centennial birthday cake was shared by Sabbath school members, and those deserving them received honor emblems in recognition of faithful attendance from Brother Fred Pruitt, Sabbath school superintendent.

Gary, Indiana.—Efficient Miss Susie Mays presented centennial Sabbath school folders to members of her school, and climaxed the celebration with the film, *The Holy City*.

Springfield, Illinois.—Elder L. H. Davis celebrated the centennial with the Springfield church and showed pictures in the evening.

Hartford Avenue and East Side.—The film *Wheels Across Africa* and Elder James Dykes's Saturday evening talk highlighted the centennial at Hartford Avenue Detroit church; and Brother Joseph Cummings' talk at the Detroit East Side church and the film *Black Diamonds* climaxed their celebration.

South Bend, Indiana.—The nineteenth-century costumes and a

graphic chart depicting Sabbath school progress during the past century were interest holding.

East St. Louis, Illinois.—A centennial program prepared by Miss Lovey Davis was successfully executed by an associate. Elder Donald Simons, the Lake Region Sabbath school secretary, was guest speaker for the first service conducted in the new church that is being prepared for dedication. Studious Elder J. Parker Laurence is the pastor. Sabbath celebrations were highlighted by local musical talent and by Professor Henderson and a fine group of young people from the St. Louis, Missouri, church.

Recognition.—The longest record of Sabbath school attendance in the Lake Region Conference—sixty-two Bible-filled years—goes to Sister A. L. Buckner, widow of the late Elder Buckner. Sister Buckner is a member of the Battle Creek church.

Outstanding.—The largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever given since the organization of the conference was taken on the last Sabbath of 1952. The sum totaled \$3,973.37. In amassing this offering nineteen of the thirty regular Sabbath schools exceeded one dollar a member. Highest honors go to Battle Creek, where the per capita stood at \$3.09. Churches reaching two dollars or more per member included Belleville, Michigan; East St. Louis, Illinois; Saginaw, Michigan; and Peoria, Illinois. The Shiloh church under Superintendent Walter Kisack reported \$880.80.

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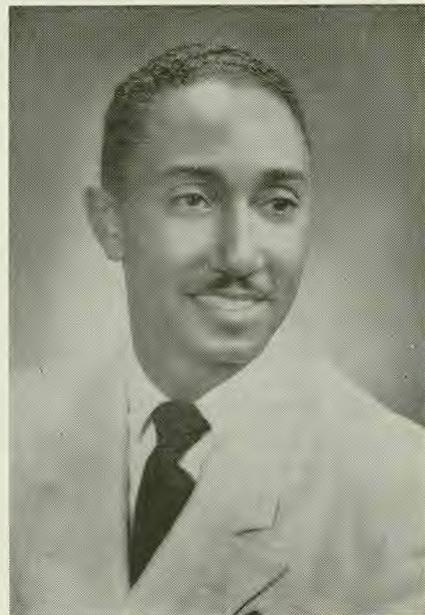
Evangelism in South Atlantic

As the twelve-month fiscal year of evangelism closes for the E. C. Ward evangelistic team of the South Atlantic Conference in the South-

ern Union, the direct and positive showers of the Holy Spirit have been witnessed in behalf of the churches, cities, and personnel influenced by the presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For the fiscal year from the summer of 1951 to the summer of 1952, the Lord has blessed this team in that 220 souls have been baptized during this twelve-month period.

This has meant much prayer, fast-



C. E. Ward, Evangelist

ing, walking, and visitation on the part of the evangelistic team.

The working force has consisted of Pastor and Mrs. O. S. White, Pastor and Mrs. R. B. Hairston, Mrs. Ola Mae Harris, Miss Dorothy Hadley, Miss Sadie Richardson, Pastor C. B. Rock, Elder and Mrs. J. F. Street, Mrs. E. C. Ward as pianist, and E. C. Ward as speaker for the series.

In connection with the team have been faithful laymen who were responsible for a large number of permanent decisions made for Christ. Noteworthy among them were: Mrs. Hodge, who assisted fourteen to Christ; J. H. Christian worked for nine baptized souls; also honorable mention goes to Mrs. V. Cummings and Dr. Julia Walder Brown, all of Jacksonville, Florida. In Macon, Georgia, Mr. Mose Cason, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crittle, Mrs. Mellia

Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wil-
louby, Mrs. Elleana Jones, Mrs. E. V.
Tyrus, and Mrs. Exiza M. Jones co-
operated closely for the success of
the evangelistic series.

Behind this evangelism have been
the following facts:

1. Two nights were spent in
prayer seasons.
2. More than 9,000 visits were
made by the workers.
3. More than 10,000 prayers were
offered in and out of the homes of
the people.
4. The team spent 33 days in fast-
ing and prayer.
5. More than 5,000 sermon copies
were given out at the meetings.
6. Fifty radio sermons were pre-
sented by the evangelist.
7. There were 270 evangelistic
sermons preached by the speaker.
8. It cost the conference in evan-
gelistic budgets less than \$1,500.
9. These same baptized souls have
during this general period returned
to the conference treasury more
than \$10,000 in tithe, Sabbath
school offerings, and Ingathering.

The team is greatly indebted to
the fine leadership of its conference
president, Elder H. D. Singleton,
who has shown courage and faith
in God.

Those who understand the sci-
ence of evangelism well understand
that in every victorious battle any
army fights spiritual casualties are
inevitable, and this team is no ex-
ception. It is the firm conviction of
the evangelist that the greatest vic-
tories for the church militant are in
the near future, when the bright
cloudbursts of the latter rain shall
fall on the church triumphant.

To this team how true are the
words of the Master Evangelist:
"And, lo, I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world." Matt.
28:20. E. C. WARD.

S O R R Y !

We regret the absence of the Jan-
uary-February issue. But the publi-
cation of the INFORMANT is depend-
ent on information from the field
through our conferences.—EDITOR.



The First Graduating Class of Practical Nursing Students of Riverside Sanitarium,
Nashville, Tennessee

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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Riverside Sanitarium Graduates First Class of Practical Nurses

THE Riverside Sanitarium and
Hospital School of Practical Nurs-
ing, north of Nashville, Tennessee,
on the Cumberland River, bade
farewell to its first graduating class
on February 8, 1953. The five young
women graduates are the first of an
initial group of practical nurses that
Riverside will send out to help fill
the demands of numerous hospitals
and clinics over the nation.

Speakers for the commencement
schedule included Elder L. A.
Paschal of Nashville, educational
superintendent and MV secretary
for the South Central Conference;
Elder E. E. Rogers, professor of Bibli-
cal languages at Oakwood Col-
lege, Huntsville, Alabama; and Miss
Clara Miller, founder-president of
the Licensed Practical Nurses' Asso-
ciation of Nashville.

The five young women who com-

pleted the course on February 8
were: Miss Marjorie Scales, Green-
wood, Mississippi; Miss Dorothy
Jones, Mobile, Alabama; Mrs. Mary
Brown, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss
Odell Harris, Sylacauga, Alabama;
and Miss Anna Woodson, Topeka,
Kansas. All the young women will
enter active nursing responsibilities.

According to Miss Higgs, R.N.,
director of the Riverside School of
Practical Nursing, there is a great
demand for the practical nurse, and
a wide variety of employment oppor-
tunities await persons who prepare
themselves for service in this field.

Riverside's seventy-five-bed insti-
tution, which specializes in the
famous Battle Creek type of water
treatments and massage, can accept
a total of fourteen students per year.
The one-year course in practical
nursing at the hospital consists of
classroom instruction and "on the
job" hospital training.

The Riverside School of Practical
Nursing began February 4, 1952. It
now accepts a class of students every
six months. Applications are being
processed for another class, which
will begin training in August of
year.

Riverside Sanitarium opened its

new half-million-dollar, modern building in 1948, and it will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding in April. The original thirty-thousand-dollar plant from which the institution was begun represented a gift from Mrs. N. H. Druillard, who moved from the Madison Sanitarium to supervise and manage the Riverside project personally. L. B. REYNOLDS.

Items in the News

MV.—The first formal meeting of the Federated Missionary Volunteers in the New York City area was convened at Brooklyn in the Mount of Olives church on Sabbath, December 13, 1952, in a setting of revival and consecration. J. E. Roache, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Northeastern Conference, led the youth in sessions in which officers of the new federation were installed, funds were set apart, and plans were formulated for a more rapid advance on the Share Your Faith front.

Representing all area churches, the youth enthusiastically joined in the meetings. Spirited singing; choir selections; duets; solos; and inspirational talks by the leader, officers of the federation, and the associate departmental secretary highlighted the sessions.

Guest ministers to the meeting included E. F. and Robert Carter (brothers), J. J. North, and C. E. Moseley, Jr. T. X. Perry, host to the federation, is pastor of the Mount of Olives church.

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DAYTON, OHIO.—Brought together at the Ethan Temple on December 20 and 21 were representatives from Wilberforce, Xenia, and the Germantown churches for a Dorcas rally. The society in its efforts to gather funds in support of students at Pine Forge Institute and the local school presented C. E. Moseley, Jr., at the Sabbath morning service, and again on Sunday evening in a travelogue with pictures on our missionivity in West Africa.

r. D. Beatty, pastor of the Dayton church, accompanied the associate

departmental secretary to Springfield, Ohio, for an afternoon preaching service and the mission travelogue on Saturday evening.

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PROGRESS.—The news that the Seattle (Washington) Shiloh church has been sold and that negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of a larger church home has been reported to the INFORMANT. J. H. Laurence, recently of Cleveland, Ohio, is spearheading the move that has been made necessary by an increasingly enlarged membership, and which also has the backing of both the North Pacific Union and the western Washington conferences.

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SEOUL, KOREA.—The following is an excerpt from a letter by Chaplain J. T. Powell:

"Since last we met, I have been assigned the 618th Medical Clearing Company, which is in the 52d Medical Battalion. Since this is an unusual type of organization, my activities are not so limited as they would be in an ordinary company. My company is very loosely attached to I Corps but has platoons that

cover a seventy-mile area on the west coast going from north to south. This makes it possible for me to visit with most of the Seventh-day Adventist boys who are on the west coast. Our battalion also has ambulance companies and a clearing company that cover the east coast, so that gives me the opportunity of visiting our men on the east coast as well.

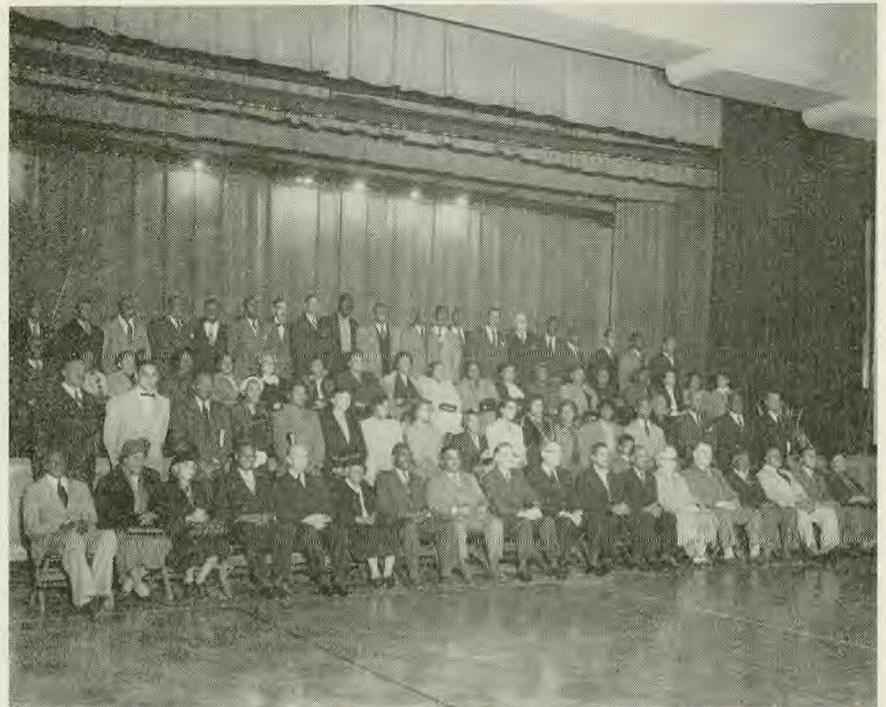
"For the past three Sabbaths I have been conducting services for our men at the sanitarium and mission headquarters near Seoul. I arrived just in time to open and close the Week of Prayer. As you can see, I have no complaints about my assignment, and I am very well satisfied here.

"I am having thrilling experiences over here, and will be happy to share them with you from time to time. . . . Continue to pray for me."

"Respectfully,
(Signed) JOSEPH T. POWELL,
Chaplain (First Lt.) U.S.A."

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A NEW VOICE.—"Mr. Hugh Creary, a graduate of the class of '49, has recently returned to his



A Group of Laymen Who Attended the Recent Laymen's Convention in Nashville. There Were One Hundred Delegates at This Meeting

Alma Mater as instructor of voice.

"Originally from Jamaica, B.W.I., and more recently from Washington, D.C., Mr. Creary has studied voice in New York, as well as abroad. During Mr. Creary's wide career, concerts have been given by him in New York, Washington, the West Indies, and Central America.

"Here at Oakwood 'I feel at home,' he says. The Academy Choir is now under his direction. He is anticipating an excellent year."—Reprinted from *The Spreading Oak*, Huntsville, Alabama.

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LECTURER.—The Honorable Mr. Ernest C. Jones, secretary of war for Liberia, West Africa, who worshiped with the Shiloh church, Sabbath, January 10, was presented in a lecture on Liberia by the Deacon Board of Shiloh, on Sunday, January 11, at 3:30 p.m. in the parish house. An audience of nearly nine hundred persons heard Mr. Jones tell his story of Liberia, in which also he praised the mission work of the Adventists and invited Americans of color to join the Liberians in building a first-rate democracy on the African continent. A color picture on Liberian industries was shown. The Liberian consul at Chicago, William H. Jones, led the Umbrian Glee Club in music for the meeting. The war secretary and his wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Mackey during their Chicago visit.

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MISSIONARY SAILING.—Elder David Hughes and family will embark at New York City, March 13, on the steamer *African Pilgrim* for mission service in Liberia. Elder Hughes is replacing Elder Henri in the Grand Bassa area of Liberia. He will be in charge of the largest and most rapidly growing district in that field.

Elder C. D. Henri has succeeded to the presidency of the Liberian Mission, which was formerly held by Elder G. N. Banks.

Elder Banks is on permanent leave from mission service and is now pastor of the San Joaquin church in Stockton, California.

BIBLE SCHOOL.—Bible schools to which the public is invited, and in which Elder T. M. Rowe, of Chicago's Shiloh church, gives instruction from prepared twentieth-century study sheets, have netted an increase of more than 180 accessions to the faith within the last two years.

The second school to be conducted in the new church and parish house at 70th and South Michigan Avenue got under way with a preliminary service of consecration for the church membership on Sabbath, January 10, with the associate departmental secretary speaking.

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RECOVERING.—Readers of the *INFORMANT* will rejoice to learn that Elders Jeter Cox, Jr., of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Samuel Meyers, of Baton Rouge, are recovering nicely from injuries sustained in a recent auto accident in which Sister Sazon Dorsey was killed. The trio was en route to a workers' meeting in Dallas, Texas, when the accident occurred. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved; our prayers ascend for the injured.

DECEASED.—The *INFORMANT* and its family of readers mourn the loss of Sister Sazon Dorsey who was killed in a recent tragic accident. She was a member of the conference committee, a businesswoman of excellent repute, and a member of the New Orleans, Louisiana, church.

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PINE FORGE INSTITUTE.—The first in a series of lectures to be presented to the faculty and student body at Pine Forge Institute, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, on "Jobs Available for S.D.A. Youth," was given at the institute chapel, January 17, by C. E. Moseley, Jr. The series is sponsored by Mrs. Jones—formerly Mildred Evelyn—and the Missionary Volunteer Society of the school.

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.—The Semper Fidelis Club of the Ebenezer church at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, through its pastor, Elder J. G. Dasent, presented the associate department secretary in the Sabbath morning's service and again on Sunday evening when a travelogue on West African missions was given, January 24, 25.



Master Guides Invested by L. A. Paschal, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the South Central Conference. The Service Was Held at the Meharry Boulevard Church, Nashville, Tennessee