THE INFORMANT SALUTES ...

THE NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

A Beacon in the East which is now, after fifteen years, the largest conference in the Atlantic Union.

We are pleased that workers and members of Northeastern could pause long enough in their duties to share the enlarged story of their growth with readers of THE INFORMANT. Membership figures for their field total now a remarkable 6,184, the largest for any conference in the Atlantic Union. The net gain in membership for Northeastern in the last fifteen years is almost equal to the net gain of all of the other conferences in the union combined.

We rejoice in this significant achievement and we pray that the ministry of the conference may have as their reward a repetition of the Spirit's silent working and that they may witness Him continually in their midst with



The North American



Upper: Office building of Northeastern, 150th Street in New York City. Lower: Skyline of New York's Lower East Side shows massive office and apartment buildings of Wall Street financial center in background.

EVANGELISM IN THE

POPULOUS EAST

THE Northeastern Conference has its offices amid the awesome and teeming humanity that is New York. Here is the center of commerce and trade, a focal point of education and art, a grouping of large cathedrals and struggling missions. Here is one of the largest cities in the world. Regarding New York, Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Hartford, Boston, and other cities in this complex area, the instruction to Seventh-day Adventists is unmistakable. Mrs. E. G. White has written, "When He bids us enter the cities . . . , shall we not respond as one man and do His bidding? Shall we not plan to send messengers all through these fields and support them liberally?" -Evangelism, p. 39. The ministers and laymen of Northeastern have reviewed this assessment with realism and fervor.



GROWING SOUNDLY WHILE SERVING

by HAROLD D. SINGLETON

President

Northeastern Conference



H. D. Singleton, president of Northeastern Conference, discusses report with F. L. Jones, secretary-treasurer. Membership has expanded from 2,200 at time of organization to 6,184.

Northeastern's membership at the close of the first quarter was 6,184, or a gain of more than 1,000 over the figure of 5,178 two years ago. When we were organized as a conference in 1945 we had approximately 2,200 members; since that time we have nearly tripled our membership. If anyone ever questioned the wisdom of our organizing into a conference, this growth alone should prove the rightness of the move. We are now the largest conference in the Atlantic Union. We started out among the conferences as Saul said of the tribe of Benjamin, "smallest of the tribes." We are also the fastest-growing Regional conference, though presently, not the largest.

Since 1958, God has blessed us with 1,278 baptisms and professions of faith. There have been 13 major evangelistic efforts. The conference has spent \$46,387.78 on evangelism lone.

Every year, for three years in succession now, baptisms in Northeast-

ern have exceeded the all-time record for baptisms by any conference in the history of the Atlantic Union.

Seven new churches have been organized and were taken into the sisterhood of churches at the last conference session. They are: Amityville, Corona, Newburgh, New York Boulevard, Albany, Red Hook, and Park Place. Five years ago we had only 21 churches. In the last two years we have organized seven, or one third of the total we had just five years ago.

These gains must be credited to God's blessings. We must give credit, also, to the wonderful group of workers and laymen we have in this field. "To Evangelize" is their great aim. We envision advances far beyond the present.

We are glad to report that from a financial standpoint the conference has now reached, and exceeds, the denominational standard of a safe working capital. We are in a sound financial condition.

We appreciate the loyalty of our

believers in supporting the work of God in all of its phases. Our yearly tithe now exceeds the \$600,000 mark. Our gain last year of \$71,000 is the largest in our history.

In God's church Christian education is extremely important. Our youth must have the opportunity of proper training under Christian teachers. In the New York area the Northeastern Academy is our institution for the high school young people. These last two years have seen an all-out effort to bring this institution up to the best standard. During this period the conference has poured thousands of dollars into the school in what might be called our great "leap forward." As a result of this, our library is now rated by the General Conference Educational Department as excellent, our faculty unexcelled, and our plant, very good. We have striven to meet every single requirement in every detail. We have been inspected by the General Conference Educational Department, and on March 1 they



Ida Williams, secretary for both president and treasurer, handles bookkeeping for corporation.



Stennett Brooks prepares financial statements, does bookkeeping for conference and academy.

voted that we be accepted as an accredited school by the General Conference.

Now the next step is to move toward obtaining the State of New York accreditation. We shall be addressing ourselves to that immediately.

Naturally as we advance in membership our housing needs become acute. Nine buildings have been purchased in the last two years to help care for these needs. They consist of eight churches and one school. To make these purchases possible the General, union, and local conferences have cooperated in appropriating more than \$200,000 toward them. It is remarkable how God has worked to help us find these properties and how money has been found to make the purchases. You will be able to see from the pictures of the buildings found in this issue of THE INFORMANT that they are all buildings of a type to bring credit to our work. These by no means satisfy all our needs, and as many more buildings are needed.

An important part of this churchbuilding program is the improvement of existing structures. Neat, representative, well-kept houses of worship help to give character to the work of God.

For the year 1960 seven tent efforts are planned. They are to be held in Niagara Falls, New York, by R. T. Wilson; Rochester, New York, by R. H. Carter; White Plains,

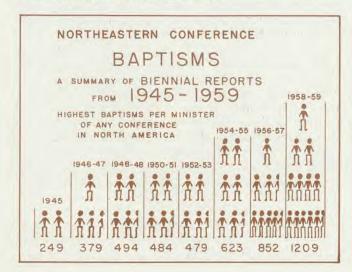
New York, by S. W. Stovall; Mount Vernon, New York, by S. A. Hutchins; New York City, by C. E. Bradford; Brooklyn, by T. X. Perry; and Nyack, New York, by C. C. Eaton. We hope to see 1960 become our banner year in soul winning.

New workers called to a field are an indication of growth. Certainly Northeastern welcomes Elder L. B. Reynolds, who came to us in recent months, and Brethren Beryl Rivers and William Alleyne, recent graduates of the Potomac University.

During 1960 our campground at Hyde Park, New York, is undergoing improvements with the addition of 1,000 feet of blacktop pavement, more rest-room facilities, a new well, a newly acquired pavilion tent, new family tents, and the beautifying of the lake.

As we look into the 1960's we are raising our sights to the needs before us. We serve a very important part of God's vineyard. The responsibility seems overwhelming. But our God whose work we are endeavoring to do will give success. Still much of Northeastern territory remains unentered, and this is a challenge for the '60's.

We must ever remember that Christian education is an important part of evangelism in America, just as it is in the foreign fields. We are happy to see that our enrollment is growing and that our parents are more and more recognizing the importance of placing their children





in the Christian environment of the church school.

Another very important schoolthe denomination's largest-is the Sabbath school. It, too, is a great evangelistic agency. Its object is "to win and hold and train for God."

Unfortunately, however, a number of our members are not receiving the benefits from this school. Often the first step toward apostasy is to absent oneself from the Sabbath school.

This is Branch Sabbath School Year. The General Conference goal for each church is to start and operate at least one branch Sabbath school this year.

There are great soul-winning possibilities in the Sabbath school work

The consecrated service of our iterature evangelists has contrib-

uted greatly to the success of our

evangelistic endeavors.

With the increase of urban living, the lengthening of the life span through modern medical methods and the crowded housing conditions make it necessary that we do something to provide housing for our aged believers, where they may live in a Christian environment. This is a basic must for the decade ahead

Now in order to accomplish these

great tasks and other important projects during the '60's, it will require a new and greater dedication and consecration of our lives, substance, and service to God. The one reason for Northeastern's existence is that it might prepare a people for the turbulent years ahead and for the coming of the Lord. Shall we not all seek more devoutly to fulfill this aim?



Monthly statements for church officers and literature workers are made up by Ann Troy.



APPROACHING A QUARTER-MILLION BIENNIUM

by H. D. WARNER Publishing Secretary, Northeastern

We in the publishing department of the Northeastern Conference are looking forward and upward. We have taken as our goal for the next two years to deliver a quarter of a million dollars' worth of gospel literature, and we can do it! During the last two years our deliveries amounted to \$227,730.73. During the first four months of 1960 we have shown a gain of more than 20 per cent over last year's record, and the work gets stronger.

Several very faithful workers have had to give up their work because of health problems, but new workers will be replacing these and with our student program we expect to go well beyond the quarter of a million dollars in deliveries during 1960 and 1961.

We have new and more attractive literature. We have better training methods. The hearts of many people are stirred by world events, and all these combine to make this a very opportune hour for many more of our people to engage in the work of literature evangelism.

We believe the following statement from the Spirit of Prophecy to be a very timely one: "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."—Colporteur Evangelist, p. 35.

Not only are our literature evangelists having good success in selling books and magazines, but they have many opportunities for performing other missionary activities. During 1959 the literature evangelists of the Northeastern Conference reported the following special missionary activities:

Pieces of literature given out	5,984
Bible school enrollments	1,071
New persons attending church or Sabbath school	183
Number of former SDA's visited	294
Number of homes in which prayer was offered	2,371
Bible studies given	409
New baptisms from literature evan-	37

My faithful and capable associates, Elder A. R. Haig, Brother S. O. James, and Sister M. L. Dennis, and I, are planning for a growing work throughout the conference. In fact, 1960 could well be the highest year in our history.

What will happen when we as a church do our full part with our literature? The answer is very clearly given in the book Colporteur Ministry, page 7: "When church members realize the importance of the circulation of our literature, they will devote more time to this work. Papers, tracts, and books will be placed in the homes of the people, to preach the gospel in their several lines. . . . The church must give her attention to the canvassing work. This is one way in which she is to shine in the world. Then will she go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.' "

This is a picture of glorious tri umph awaiting the church, awaiting you.



H. D. Warner, left, publishing secretary for Northeastern, discusses training chart with S. O. James, associate secretary for Brooklyn.



Violet Brockenbrough, office secretary for publishing department, keeps colporteur records, takes correspondence, does weekly bulletins.



A. R. Haig, associate publishing secretary for up-State New York and Boston, goes through instruction routine with characteristic enthusiasm.



Mary Morrison Dennis, associate publishing secretary for Buffalo, keeps books and magazines flowing through depository in western New York.

New Park Place church, Brooklyn, formerly Ephesus Mission. Congregation purchased building this year for \$7,500.



The Albany property, purchased in 1959, provides needed church quarters for growing membership. Cost of building was \$10,000.



Church building in Bronx when remodeled will cost about \$100,000. Has large rooms for Sabbath school activities.

NINE BUILDINGS PURCHASED SINCE 1958

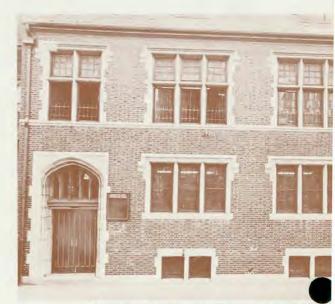
by FRANK L. JONES Secretary-Treasurer

NINE additional church properties have been added during the past biennium. The first property added was the spacious new school building in the Bronx that now houses both the Manhattan Elementary School and the Northeastern Academy. This building has adequate and spacious classrooms with a modern science laboratory, home economics room, woodwork shop, and a large auditorium that will seat more than four hundred, and adequate playground space.

The new Bronx church home is now at 1695 Washington Avenue, with H. R. Murphy as the pastor. The Brownsville church became the Brooklyn Temple and their new home address is 3 Lewis Avenue. T. X. Perry is now the pastor.

Bridgeport, with God's help, found a lovely edifice at a most reasonable price. S. A. Hutchins was the pastor at the time.

For \$10,000 we were given a beautiful church in Albany. This was



Northeastern Academy and Manhattan church school this building purchased and remodeled in 1958 at cost



Rochester church is landmark of city, easily accessible by public transportation. Property was purchased for \$65,000.



Boston has purchased this building as a church and one adjacent to it for school. Cost of church and school will be \$75,000.

a gift of God. This new building is situated at 74 South Ferry Street. Judge Brummell is the pastor.

Our newest worker, Beryl Rivers, in less than a year has purchased a very attractive church home in Syracuse.

Before being transferred to Bridgeport, Pastor Eaton closed the contract on a spacious church home in Rochester. The present pastor, R. H. Carter, has shouldered the responsibility and is doing an excellent job. This new church address is 309-323 Jefferson Avenue.

E. F. Carter finished the extensive renovation of the Bethel church and school, and was transferred to Boston. In less than six months Elder Carter has contracted to purchase two ideally located buildings in Boston. This property is located at Humboldt and Sievers avenues. Park Place, one of the newest organized churches, obtained its property for just \$7,500—the cost price of a new lot.

The total cost of these properties comes to \$600,000.



Brooklyn Temple, formerly Brownsville church, is a well-appointed, well-kept structure. It was bought for \$82,500.



Bridgeport church assumes commanding position in community. It cost \$40,500 with parsonage.



Syracuse church, purchased for \$35,000, has a parsonage plus a two-apartment building.

LAYMEN KINDLED THE FLAME

by JAMES J. NORTH

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary

OF THE 31 churches in Northeastern, twenty of them were started by laymen as Sabbath schools and companies.

Brother Percy Brownie came to New Rochelle to do missionary work. He and I joined hands to pass out the Autumn Leaves Series of tracts in a systematic way for fifteen weeks. There were only three Adventist members in New Rochelle at the time. After we had passed out the tracts we fasted and prayed for a home to open in which we might begin a series of Bible studies. A home was opened immediately and as a result of the studies seven people accepted the truth. Brother Brownie and I then conducted a tent effort, with the result that, among others, Thaddeus D. Wilson joined the church. After that Brother Brownie and I conducted two more tent efforts with good results.

Then Brother Wilson and I teamed up to conduct four more efforts, and one of these resulted in the raising up of the Mount Vernon church, which now has a membership of 173.

It has been like that all the way

in this territory. The Berea church in Nyack was fostered by Sister Faulden. The Ellenville, New York, church was begun by Brother Maddox. In Bridgeport the work was started by Alfred Edwards, who is the present local elder. Matthew Bell, in Hartford, Connecticut, raised up the Hartford church.

Samuel Barber, now associate publishing department secretary in the Allegheny Conference, was active in the beginning of the Red Hook church. Sydney Armstrong and his wife have the unusual distinction of starting two churches. One of them is the Linden Boulevard church in St. Albans and the other is the Brooklyn Temple church, formerly the Brownsville church, in Brooklyn. The Westbury mission in Westbury, New York, was founded by the Foster family.

Theodore Perry, an Oakwood ministerial student and now a minister in Northeastern, raised up the Mount of Olives church in Brooklyn.

Ada Montell and I were instrumental in founding the Bethesda church in Babylon, New York. This congregation has since merged with Amityville, but we still feel that we had a hand in the beginning of all that is now blossoming and spreading out there.

The Corona church was begun by Charles M. Willis, the publishing secretary of the Allegheny Conference, Florence Jackson, and myself.

The Newburgh, New York, church, near our first campsite, was started by Mack Butler. The Albany church was founded by Sister Johnson. The Staten Island church was developed under the leadership of Brother Golson. The Bronx church stands today as a result of the beginning work by Arthur King, Ruth B. North, and Edwin M. Thompson.

There is need today for laymen who will utilize their talents—and in this kind of work there is a place for every consecrated Christian no matter how limited his talents—to conduct branch Sabbath schools, Sunday schools, Community Bible Schools, and Vacation Bible Schools. Our goal in this conference is for every church to conduct at least one Vacation Bible School.

Northeastern laymen are going out to win souls.



James J. North, shown with secretary, Lillian Lester, is home missionary and Sabbath school secretary for Northeastern. Elder North began ministry as layman, distributing tracts and holding effort in New Rochelle with late Percy Brownie. Among converts was Thaddeus D. Wilson.



Thaddeus D. Wilson, now retired, began lay ministry in New Rochelle, later raised church in Mt. Vernon as result of vow made to God.

THEY SERVE



Marjorie and John Stewart have home decorating and cleaning business in Rye, New York.



Helen Brunson, housewife, New Rochelle, and one of the union's successful press secretaries.



James Wright is photographer, specializing in wedding, portrait, industrial, and newspaper shots.

THROUGH MANY VOCATIONS



Hubert S. Goodlett is real estate broker, builder. His homes dot sections of Long Island.



Margery Campbell is teacher in P.S. 129, school for gifted and retarded children in Manhattan.



Linda Page is well-known designer of women's hats with shop on Main Street of Long Island.



John Fonville is auto mechanic with body shop, extensive repair business in Upper Manhattan.



Charles Banks, second from right, is director of Relocation Office of Rochester, New York.



Edmund Good, M.D., College of Medical Evangelists graduate, practicing physician in Bronx.



Robert Wisdom, who owns tailoring establishment in Mount Vernon, is active lay minister.



Swiftly Gonzalez is sales manager for American Hostess Company, distributors of table linen.



Claudia Kibble, graduate of CME Nursing School, nurse in Navy hospital on Long Island.

"TAUGHT OF THE LORD"

by NATHANIEL E. ASHBY Principal, Northeastern Academy

THERE are excellent public schools in New York but, as is well known they are unable to give religious instruction. Such teaching is forbidden by legislation. Consequently, the youth who attend public schools, unless they are taught at home, have no opportunity to develop the worth-while character traits based on Bible principles. Therefore, the Northeastern Academy has a service to render in the gateway of the world to our young people who cannot afford to go to our boarding academies. Here they are taught to "enter . . . in at the strait gate." "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" (Matt. 7:13).

"Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Northeastern Academy must be a beacon light in our community. We are in an interesting neighborhood. We are near one of the largest high schools in the Bronx. We are also in a bilingual section where Spanish is spoken as readily as English. Some of our students in the Academy are Spanish speaking. Some of their parents cannot speak English. There is much to be done in this area for Christ. Our teaching staff, and we thank God for them, are in a real mission field and they are serving as true missionaries here. The challenge is great. How would you like to serve in one of the largest and greatest cities-not only in America but in the entire world?

Do you know that in Brooklyn Borough in the Bronxville section, which was at one time the head-quarters for Murder Incorporated, that there are twenty-four gangs (young hoodlums) and that eleven of these gangs have a membership of four hundred? Do you know that in Queensborough, especially in South Jamaica and Ozone Park, juvenile gangs are spreading? These gangs

are committed to gambling, excessive drinking, robbery, car stealing, promiscuity, and the like. Yet there is a small group of young people who are taught each day not to enter this highway of sin. We need your prayers as we endeavor to carry the torch of truth.

As the ships on the high sea come through the Narrows, they see in the distance the Statue of Liberty, and then coming into the bay they pass this striking monument. It is a beautiful sight to see the Statue of Liberty, and it is wonderful to know what it stands for.

The writer cannot help thinking of John 12:32 whenever he sees the Statue of Liberty, for just as the Statue of Liberty is comforting and encouraging to the people who are entering America for the first time from across the sea, Jesus is comforting and encouraging to us.

"And, I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."



Student assistants at Northeastern Academy gain valuable insights with on-the-job programs. Here Freda Morrow, student librarian, checks out book to Gabriel Moses.



Academy library has 1,500 volumes. School, accredited with General Conference, is seeking State accreditation. Students come from all five New York boroughs and from out of town.

History of Northeastern Academy

The Northeastern Academy is owned and operated by the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The school is operated as a day academy, offering a general secondary education, covering grades 9-12 inclusive.

The institution was first organized in 1920, and was known as Harlem Academy. For many years it was the only day academy operated by the Regional constituency. The school did creditable work in this capacity for a number of years. A substantial number of workers and church leaders received their high school training in this school. Aside from Oakwood College, it was the only Adventist school that provided a place of labor for graduates specializing in secondary education. Among its distinguished principals were Professors J. L. Moran and Arna Bontemps.

In 1946, the Northeastern Conference reorganized the school; one year later a building was purchased at 806 Jennings Street, Bronx. The present building, at 1122 Forest Avenue, Bronx, was purchased in 1958. The school is well equipped for the courses offered.

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FACULTY: Samuel Gooden—B.A., Union College; M.A., Colum-



Nathaniel E. Ashby, principal of Northeastern Academy, consults with Dorothy Young, principal of elementary school. Enrollment for 1959-60 school year was highest in history of institution.

bia University; advanced studies, New York City College, Hunter College, Bible and science.

Miss Norel James—B.A., Atlantic Union College. Mathematics and English.

John Lea—B.A., Oakwood College; advanced studies, Columbia University. Mathematics and English.

Mrs. Louise Olivia Murphy—B.A., M.A., Tennessee A & I State University. English and social studies.

Mrs. Virginia E. Norman—B.A., Oakwood College; M.A., Columbia University. Secretarial studies, librarian.

Miss Lucy Panton—B.S., M.A., Columbia University. Home economics.

Emerton Whidbee—B.A., Oakwood College; M.A., New York University. Arts and crafts and shop.

N. E. Ashby, principal—B.A., M.A., Howard University; Advanced studies, SDA Theological Seminary, Universidad Nacional de Mexico, New York University. Romance languages.

All teachers are certified in their respective fields.



Vera Arvinger, Oakwood College graduate, is teacher of third grade in elementary school. Devices for remedial reading, along with individual attention to pupils, characterize teaching program.



Typing class is taught by Virginia Norman, who spent many years in South Atlantic Conference. Academy seeks to equip students with skills that may help earn part of college expenses.



Leon H. Davis, MV and educational secretary for Northeastern, checks on youth congress applications with Erma Brooks, secretary.



Randolph Lobban and Shirley Windsor, Pathfinders of New Rochelle, display uniforms that group wears for unit meetings.

ARMY OF YOUTH

by LEON H. DAVIS

MV and Educational Superintendent

Youth today everywhere are on the march, and the youth of the Northeastern Conference, juniors and seniors alike, have enlisted under the banner of their Lord and Leader, Jesus Christ. As active members of the Missionary Volunteer Society they render service by helping others here, and stand ready to serve in any capacity to help give the gospel to all the world.

You will be interested in the following figures:

MEMBERSHIP

1958-1,379 1959-1,283

The missionary work reported and compiled is as follows:

Baptisms	142
Baptisms—persons whom you people helped to win Bible readings Missionary contacts Clothing given away Literature distributed Food baskets Hours of Health & Welfare Serversons helped	30 3,012 15,841 9,012 41,235 1,396
Cash donated	\$2,910.33
Societies' offerings	2,665.73
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We commend the officers who encouraged the youth in these

Share Your Faith accomplishments.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It is our opinion that you would enjoy a report centered on the activities in the schoolroom.

Our teachers are devoted to their tasks. They are well trained for their positions. The course of study—the curriculum—is taught as required. Achievement and intelligence tests are given so that the pupil's abilities as well as his progress can be readily obtained. These tests and records are kept on file.

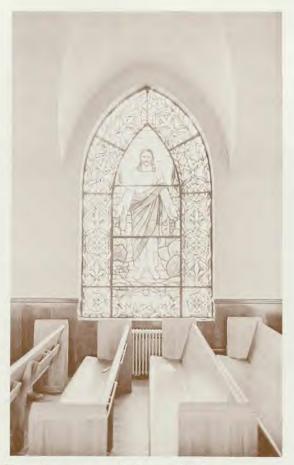
The Northeastern Academy has also made great strides. Under Principal Ashby and his efficient faculty the school is run without incident. The spirit and school morale is at its highest. The scholastic achievement and student interest and cooperation under the guidance of the principal and teachers have resulted in the school's accreditation.

I am glad for our schools and the work they are doing. I am determined by God's help to keep my child in our schools.



Emmanuel Temple Chorale of Buffalo, New York, is outstanding choir in city. Has been regular musical feature on radio and television programs. Directed by Fred D. Willis, group has made several tours, represents excellent youth fellowship.

LOST AWHILE



This day we go with flowers that are more
Than memories of what has been of those
We esteemed or loved, or were deeply sorry for.
As out of planted bulb the lily grows,
So, from these we honor, there shall bloom
Perfections of their dreams—all that was best
Of thought and feeling—stronger than the tomb.
We move them ahead—for, as they rest,
We tend the tender shoots of what was good
Which they began. Watering their roots,
Spreading the branches of their brotherhood,
We grafted on others, confident of fruits.

HELEN HARRINGTON



rnamental window (above) is in St. Albans Linden Boulevard nurch (right) and is memorial of Lionel O. Iron, first secretary-treasurer of Northeastern, who helped with early plans for construction and initial fund-raising projects. Bland House at Victory Lake Camp honors Louis H. Bland, first president.

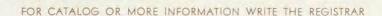
Stimulates a Zest for Living

Here in bustling New York is a friendly co-ed school offering a sound preparation for college. Here Bible subjects are taught along with an approved curriculum of studies by instructors who are trained in personalized teaching methods. At Northeastern there are small classes with high standards and a full academic program offered in an atmosphere that is conducive to serious study.

For the enterprising student here are four wonderful years of continuous guidance, of stimulating instruction with music, art, vocational subjects and varied extra curricula activities.

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