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S. A. HUTCHINS

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, 1965, is a day long to be remembered by the members of the Jefferson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church, Rochester, New York, of which S. A. Hutchins is pastor. It was on this day that a long-awaited dream became a reality—the dedication of their church debt free. What an inspiration it was to everyone!

Guests of honor included F. L. Bland, associate secretary of the North American Regional Department of the General Conference; F. R. Millard, president of the Atlantic Union Conference; R. T. Hudson, president of the Northeastern Conference; and T. D. Wilson and C. C. Eaton, former ministers of the church. In addition, members of sister churches and community friends were in attendance.

The series of services honoring the occasion began Friday evening at seven-thirty with a consecration service. T. D. Wilson was the speaker. In his dynamic way he told the congregation "How to Help God Answer the Prayer of Jesus." Unity was the theme of the message. He exhorted to greater consecration at this time of dedication of the building and to continued united effort in the cause of God. "There are three things I want you to remember," he said in closing, "1. Stick together, 2. Work together, and 3. Pray together."

During the eleven o'clock service Sabbath morning F. R. Millard presented the church with a check from the Atlantic Union Conference for

O. Herbert Shorter, Sr., one of the charter members, read the history of

the church. It revealed the steady progress of the church from its beginning in 1936 until the present. Former ministers were F. H. Jenkins, N. S. McLeod, T. L. Davis, T. D. Wilson, C. C. Eaton, and R. H. Carter. F. L. Bland was the speaker. The sentiment of his message centered around the importance of "Holding Firmly to the Ancient Landmarks." His text was Proverbs 22:28. "In these days of widespread skepticism and doubt of Bible truth and authority," he reminded us, "these landmarks have been removed, and we must work diligently to put them back in their right places." He read from a newspaper clipping taken from a Canadian newspaper declaring that the virgin birth of Jesus was a "big lie" and the Biblical account of David and Goliath a "tall story." Plans are in the making to teach young school children that much of the Bible is false. His parting admonition was, "Let the truths and light from God's Word shine that men and women might see Jesus Christ and that each of us might be saved in God's kingdom."

Music for the service was rendered by the combined Jefferson Avenue youth and senior choirs. Mrs. Mildred Gill sang most effectively "Comfort Ye My People." The union conference president gave the Act of Dedication with congregational response.

R. T. Hudson was the speaker for the afternoon service. His text was Exodus 25:8, 9. He called the minds of the congregation back to the days of Moses and the building of the sanc-

tuary and to the time when the glory of the Lord filled the temple. "It is good," he said, "to have a big church like this. It is good to drive up and see that it has been paid for—the furniture, the carpeting, the organ—everything. All of this has eye appeal. But . . . God cannot use brick and stone. He has to use people. We can dedicate this building to God, but it will be worthless without dedicated men and women, young people, boys and girls who are Spirit filled for this tremendous hour."

The actual burning of the mortgage, conducted by S. A. Hutchins, the present minister, was covered by a photographer from one of the local newspapers. R. T. Hudson gave the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. Mildred Gill sang, "Bless This House." Remarks were made by the former pastors in attendance, and Sister Ursula Simmons, one of the charter members, also spoke.

Music was furnished by the combined choirs of Emmanuel Temple Seventh-day Adventist church, Buffalo, New York, and of the Jefferson Avenue church. The entire congregation rose in acclamation as the service drew to a close with the splendid performance of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Each person attending the services of the day received an attractive souvenir booklet prepared by Mrs. Muriel R. Hutchins.

The Jefferson Avenue congregation of more than 400 members is thankful to God for His marvelous blessings in permitting them to free their church of indebtedness within five years.

Across Inter-America

The islands of the Caribbean are among the world's most beautiful. But add to this the almost competitive hospitality of its multiracial people and the natural religious fervor of the Advent family in this section of the Inter-American Division, and the memory is unforgettably impressed.

Our journey in this section was begun in the green hills of Jamaica in late July. High up in the forested inland mountains, lies Mandeville and the West Indian College. Here the first Bible conference for the West Indies Union youth was convened. It was a conference to be remembered. Three hundred and fifty young people from across the union, and their instructors, were engaged in intensive Bible study, discussions, and prayer groups from "early morning manna" through to the evening evangelistic services. The nightly preaching was aimed at crystallizing the daily work, and inspiring the youth for service.

The week-long conference was climaxed on Sabbath afternoon when 300 youth, armed with Bible school enrollment blanks and tracts, returned and reported on their experiences in securing 400 enrollments in the nearby communities.

The conference was directed jointly by D. J. Von Pohle from the division and Earl Parchment of the West Indies Union, both of whom affirmed that this first venture was an "outstanding success" and that "its influence would be felt in the years to come."

The nightly evangelistic meetings were terminated by the writer with an invitation to unite with the Lord's church, to quickly halt sin's ravages and hasten human redemption.

W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indies Union, ably assisted the work of the conference, both as instructor and as counselor.

Following the Bible conference in picturesque Jamaica, five local conference sessions were convened in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Barbados, British Guiana, and Surinam respectively, from August 3 to September 12. In each of these sessions the administration personnel were returned to duty and strengthened, except in Puerto Rico, whose president took a study leave and was replaced. Each session was highly spiritual, businesslike, and well attended; each reflected a high caliber of church spirit,

which seems characteristic of this fast-growing section of Inter-America.

In Puerto Rico a nicely planned study and recreational retreat for the faculty and staff of the Antillian College was called on the Missionary Volunteer campground, which is secluded high in the beautiful green hills of the island. Another for the staff of the Bella Vista Hospital was conducted in two languages in the commodious new hospital chapel overlooking the sea. Both of these retreats were extremely stimulating and helpful to a grateful and richly refreshed people.

High lights of the mission sessions in this section of the division were:

1. The decision to convene a session in the Dominican Republic at a time when warlike hostilities had barely abated, ordination of three to the gospel ministry, and the president's challenge to great Spirit-filled evangelism for the field.

2. Reports of the growth of membership in the union, and the two special retreats for faculty and staff at Antillian College and Bella Vista Hospital respectively in Puerto Rico and the Antillian Union.

3. Reports on the rapid growth and development in the East Caribbean Conference, the four new churches added, and Operation Total Evangelism—an ambitious plan for doubling the 8,000 membership in two years—with which President Ralph Thompson challenged willing ministers and lay delegates.

4. The first camp meeting in British Guiana; the warm welcome extended President Milton Neblett and delegates by Deputy Mayor Dorothy Bailey, of Georgetown, British Guiana; the 16-page new supplement of a Georgetown daily that portrayed the activities of the Adventists in the country; the delegation of Davis Indians and other Amerindians at this encampment, the new 40-bed Davis hospital, now under construction, and the president's fervent plea for "renewed and extended action in soul winning."

5. The first biennial session of the Surinam Mission, the weekly radio broadcasts of the Advent hope in the Dutch language, the new record in baptisms, work among Amerindians in the hinterland, and President and Mrs. Jan Brinkman's warm ardor in promoting the faith almost singlehandedly under God in this small and not too easy field.

We salute Presidents A. Roy Nor-

cliffe, of the Antillian Union, and J. G. Fulfer, of the Caribbean Union, or their records of achieving steady or cooperative action throughout these often-difficult fields, and we express warm appreciation for the sure direction, counsel, and dedication that our God is bringing to Inter-America in the ministry of President C. L. Powers. These brethren all deserve the firm support of our means and our prayers.

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.
Field Secretary

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

News Notes

► Rabbi Sherman Stein was guest speaker at chapel on December 6 and developed the subject "God, as He Is Known to Judaism." The Rabbi, a scholar and friend of the college, represents the Jewish Chautauqua of New York. The school had the pleasure of hearing the lecturer last year also. Twelve books on Jewish history of our own selection from the Chautauqua's annotated list will be donated to the library again this year. This is the second gift from the organization.

► A check for \$1,500 was presented to Oakwood College on January 15 from the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. This grant is for general library improvement. Miss Jannith Lewis is the college librarian.

► A letter from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, based on the accreditation report made to the

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association the first week in October reads as follows:

"The Special Committee on Colleges for Negro Youth received and accepted your report on Standards. The Committee was pleased with the improved grade distribution, and commends you for the improvement effected.

"The Committee has recommended that Oakwood College need make no further reports except as required by the Committee on Standards and Reports. We are pleased that you have made good progress and the action of the Special Committee was favorable.

"You will be interested in knowing that the Special Committee has completed its work and has been discharged.

"We send you our best wishes for a happy Christmas season."

The above is one of the finest letters ever received by Oakwood College from the Accrediting Association and is taken as an answer to prayer.

The college was alerted that to maintain accreditation the faculty must continue to show professional growth, and the student body improved grade-point averages. This must be undergirded by an atmosphere of Christian living throughout the entire school family. Oakwood cannot conform to practices allowed on campuses of the world. Oakwood has its roots in Christian soil and if it is to continue as a training center for denominational workers its standards and ideals must be upheld.

► Word has reached us through the Alumni Association that three young women between the ages of 21 and 36, graduates of Oakwood College, have been singled out for special honor by the Outstanding Young Women of America, an annual biographical compilation. The honorees are Marjorie Felder, Mrs. Pauline Lynch Paul, and Mrs. Lilly Bond Nelson.

► The enrollment is the largest in the school's history.

► Grants, gifts, and subsidies reached an all-time high, and to date we have received more than \$36,000 from and through the United Negro College Fund.

► The industries are all showing a gain as reported by the business office.

► National Defense Student Loan money was our largest this year, \$49,800.

► The academic dean, Dr. Larson, is striving for higher scholarship, and the nine-weeks examination disclosed that many students on the campus are putting scholarship first.

► To maintain our accreditation, Oakwood must screen its students. The C average is rapidly becoming the minimum for entrance, with honorable citizenship. The academic standing of the college in order not to be jeopardized depends upon the quality of the student body, the certification of the faculty, and the soundness of the financial structure.

► Oakwood bends every effort to train students for service in denominational work and to uphold the sacred trust parents have placed in the college.

ALLEGHENY

Tidewater Area Evangelism

THE efficient working team in the Tidewater area of Virginia consists of the pastor, W. C. Scales, Jr.; W. C. Scales, Sr., Bible instructor, and the faithful members of the Norfolk, Newport News, and Portsmouth, Virginia, churches. The three churches have shown cooperation, faith, dedication, and a "great team spirit." As a result 115 precious souls were baptized during the first nine months of last year. Half of this number were baptized during the summer evangelistic effort held in Norfolk, Virginia.

The untiring efforts of W. C. Scales, Sr., contributed greatly to the evangelistic program. Evangelistic interests in this area have been so great that there is a waiting list for the Bible studies. There are scores of dark counties in Virginia, and teeming thousands waiting to hear the truth for this crisis hour. Your prayers are needed.

One of the miracles that took place in Norfolk, Virginia, was the purchase of a modern church building. Adjoining the sanctuary is the two-story educational unit which is equipped with 14 classrooms, a kitchen, and two assembly rooms. There is also plenty of playground area surrounding the school. Most recently, because of the increased enrollment in our church school, it became necessary to purchase

a school bus to help transport the students.

The church is appraised at \$150,000 and is one of the nicest churches in the city. Through the encouragement and support of the Allegheny Conference, the sacrificial spirit of the Norfolk members, and the providential leadings of the Holy Spirit, a miracle has truly taken place.

When Elder and Mrs. Scales arrived in the Norfolk district the membership had already outgrown the building it was occupying. The former pastor, James W. Thomas, had given good leadership and made the initial contact for the new church building. From this point the Spirit of God continued to work in their behalf.

These fine accomplishments have greatly encouraged the membership and given them a greater incentive to move forward. Truly they can say with the psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvellous in our eyes." W. C. SCALES, JR.

Progress Report of Cleveland Bethel Church

THE Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church of Cleveland, Ohio, is realizing meaningful achievements under the progressive leadership of their pastor, Alfred Jones.

Elder Jones came to pastor the Cleveland Bethel church and the Akron church in April of 1965. His first undertaking was to complete the purchase of the new Bethel church home, which was successfully accomplished in the month of May.

From June 27 to August 29 Elder Jones was engaged in a strong tent evangelistic campaign. God signally blessed this effort with 67 souls in the first baptism. Other baptisms followed, and the pastor's aim was to exceed 100 baptisms for 1965.

During the summer the Bethel Sabbath school conducted a Vacation Bible School, with 115 boys and girls in attendance.

History was made on October 16 when the church reported its entire Ingathering goal of \$2,500 in one day. Elsewhere in the district the Akron church was accomplishing a similar victory with its \$1,500 goal.

Walter M. Starks, Allegheny Conference stewardship department secretary, and the pastor conducted an intensive stewardship commitment program. The commitment objec-

tives in both churches were successfully reached—\$71,000 for Cleveland Bethel and \$39,000 for Akron.

A program of extensive church renovation is under way which will cost about \$6,000. Attention is being given to interior and exterior decoration, roof, and gutters.

The fall Week of Religious Emphasis was conducted by the writer.

On Sunday, November 28, a Sabbath school workshop was conducted. Mrs. Helen Sugland and Mrs. Mamie Lindo, experienced schoolteachers and successful Sabbath school workers, and the writer were instructors. Included were discussions of teaching principles, Sabbath school organization and objectives, demonstration of visual aids, devices, charts, and demonstration of songs. About 40 persons, including teachers and officers from nearby churches, participated in the meetings.

A Festival of Praise was held in November, sponsored by the New Believers' Club. Featured was a "Zion March" in which every person present brought something to the Lord. Enough food was gathered to fill 12 Dorcas baskets, which were distributed on Thanksgiving Day.

D. B. SIMONS,
Press Secretary
Allegheny Conference

News Notes

► Since 1922 the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, has been meeting in homes, rented churches, halls, and the Young Men's Christian Association. In the year 1965 a dream was realized when the doors of their new church were opened for services. The guest speaker for the occasion was the conference president, W. L. Cheatham. Late in the summer evangelistic services were begun by the district pastor, Nelson Bliss. The prayers of all the readers are solicited for God's blessing in behalf of the church in Uniontown.

► It appears that Allegheny's Ingathering will reach \$150,000 by the final report. The spirit of teamwork and victory is greatly appreciated and commended.

► The total number baptized in the Allegheny Conference should easily exceed the 1,000 mark again when the final figures are available.



Group of Allegheny Bible instructors: Mrs. Josephine Flowers, Mrs. Ruth Shelton, Mrs. Ethel Nell, Mrs. Rebecca James, Mrs. Mamie Bond, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scales, Miss Rauline Troxler, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.

► W. A. Thompson, conference treasurer, reports that by the close of November, 1965, the Allegheny tithe income was \$1,036,709, or an increase of \$148,427 over the same period of 1964.

► The pastor of the Trinity Temple church in Newark, New Jersey—Paul Cantrell—reports that 58 persons were baptized in 1965. As of November 30 the church had a \$10,000 gain in tithes over the previous year at the same time. The church recently purchased and dedicated free of debt an organ and piano. They raised \$1,000 for Sabbath school Investment and went over the Ingathering goal in three weeks. A three-teacher eight-grade school is conducted under their auspices.

Operation Soul Winning

OPERATION Soul Winning was launched at the North Philadelphia church in 1965, by J. C. Smith, pastor.

A group of eighteen lay Bible instructors who had previously finished the Training Light Bearers Course was organized into teams of two by Mrs. Ruth Shelton, conference Bible instructor.

A section of the North Philadelphia area was mapped off by the pastor, and the teams did a house-to-house canvass on Sabbath afternoons. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed. More than one hundred persons were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible course and 40 Bible studies were started in homes.

As a result of this faithful teamwork God has blessed with 78 newly baptized members into the church. Enthusiasm is growing at North Phil-

adelphia. Each member of the church has as his goal to win one soul in 1966.

We are very thankful to God for these precious souls and we pray that He will continue to bless with many more.

JAMES FLOWERS, *Press Secretary*
North Philadelphia Church

Weddings

Audrey Ruth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Smith of Washington, D.C., was united in marriage to Richard Hogart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hogart of Franklin, Virginia. The wedding took place in the Dupont Park church of Washington, D.C. The ceremony was performed by Paul Cantrell. The bride, a District of Columbia public school teacher, is a graduate of Teachers' College, Washington, D.C., and Columbia University, New York City. The groom, a research chemist for the Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C., is a graduate of Virginia Union University.

The Dupont Park church, Washington, D.C., was the scene of the wedding of Mignon Elizabeth Scott and Oliver Shelton Palmer. She is the daughter of Mr. Lawrence Scott of Washington, D.C., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Palmer of Oberlin, Ohio. Mrs. Palmer is a senior at Teachers' College, Washington, D.C., where she is majoring in elementary education. Mr. Palmer is a graduate of Columbia Union College and is now with the Internal Revenue Service. Luther R. Palmer, principal of Pine Forge Academy, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony.

LAKE REGION

Obituary

FUNERAL services for Mrs. Irene Hayden Jones, age 76, were held Wednesday, December 15, at 1:00 P.M. in the Capitol Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church, Indianapolis, Indiana, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Jones died Sunday, December 12, in her home. She was a life resident of Indianapolis.

In her church she was pianist, Sabbath school superintendent, member of the Home and School board and church board, leader of the Young

People's Missionary Volunteer Society, associated with the Pathfinder group, substitute teacher and assistant principal of the Seventh-day Adventist school. She was also a teacher in the Indianapolis public school system for 45 years. She retired in June, 1960. She was captain and instructor of the Indianapolis area of the American Red Cross for a period of 25 years, and a graduate of Butler University. Survivors are daughters Mrs. Rosalind Jones and Mrs. Marjorie Turner, of Indianapolis.



Dr. T. R. M. Howard, who is widely known as a physician, civic leader, and humanitarian, has long been associated with, and has been a friend of, Seventh-day Adventists. S. D. Meyers, pastor of the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church of the Lake Region Conference, contacted Dr. Howard in behalf of the Ingathering program. As a result of this appeal, Dr. Howard has contributed \$1,000 to the Ingathering program during the past two years. The picture shows Elder Meyers accepting a check for \$500 from Dr. Howard. Xavier Butler, conference director of laymen's activities, looks on.

NORTHEASTERN

Boston Temple Church
Remodeled

THE Boston Temple Seventh-day Adventist church, 108 Seaver Street, Boston, Massachusetts, under the direction of its pastor, Russel T. Wilson, began their remodeling program in March, 1965. The following has been done to the 50- by 100-foot auditorium, formerly a gymnasium.

This was a typical gymnasium with

huge thick beams going across the ceiling. Elder Wilson contacted the firm of Lange & Lambert, church architects, to design the interior. The entrance, with church lighting, fireproof tiled ceiling, wire glass and stained glass, has been made into a modern lobby separating the narthex from the nave.

In the nave the ugly beams have been concealed with a modernistic treatment, and the fireproof ceiling, in charcoal gray and frosty pink, is interspersed with floodlights and chandeliers for lighting the choir and pulpit area. The side panels reaching

from the door to the ceiling are in tan, gray, and yellow, with accent colors turquoise and Swedish red. The wood areas, pulpit, and chandeliers are of light birch.

The chancel is constructed as follows: There are two levels—the lower level running three steps above the main floor is for Communion, Sabbath school, home missionary, marriages, and other such meetings. The upper level includes the baptistry, containing a self-heating unit, the minister's pulpit area, and the choir, with a stadium-type setting of three levels. Behind the pulpit area is the sacristy which has complete kitchen furnishings including cabinets, sink, and closets. Storage cabinets are also provided for communion supplies, and there is a stairway that leads to the lower level.

The auditorium will be furnished with oak pews with walnut strips, matching draperies, rugs, pulpit, and desks. Elder Wilson reports that the church has already installed a \$16,000 heating plant, wiring for speakers and electrical outlets, with rheostats controlling the lights. A balcony has been included which will seat approximately 100 persons.

The windows will be of church colored glass with stained-glass strips. The seating capacity is 500 including the balcony. The entire cost is \$85,000.

Additional work is being planned for the lower auditorium and the adjacent educational building.

Northeastern Conference
Ingathering

WITH the slogan "Jet Up and Go" our 1965-1966 Northeastern Conference Ingathering campaign went into action. On the opening date seven churches reported their entire goal. J. J. North's district—Nyack, Newburgh, and Ellenville—had its goal two weeks before the opening of the campaign. The pastors of the other four victory churches that opened and closed the campaign in one day are the following: S. Farrell, Red Hook; J. P. Willis, Hempstead Temple; G. W. Timpson, New Haven; and W. H. Kibble, Bridgeport.

This plan of taking up the entire church Ingathering goal on the opening Sabbath (in our conference) originated with W. Harold Kibble when he was pastor of the Mount of Olives

church five years ago. Since that time he has not missed getting his church goal on the opening date, and other churches are following the good example.

S. A. Hutchins took up the entire church goal at Rochester, New York, in one day on the third Sabbath of the campaign. G. Roland Earle, pastor of the large Bethel Seventh-day Adventist church in Brooklyn, New York, reported their goal in two weeks. Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church, under the pastorship of Robert H. Carter, reported their \$21,000 goal in five weeks. D. B. Reid led two churches to Ingathering victory in two cities more than 500 miles apart. They are Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist church in Brooklyn, and Emmanuel Temple Seventh-day Adventist church in Buffalo, New York.

Encouraged by Emerton Whidbee, conference educational superintendent, each church school had a part in the campaign.

We are nearing the close of a most thrilling campaign because of good cooperation by our ministers, missionary leaders, and church members. We have raised \$90,000.

H. W. KIBBLE
*Home Missionary Secretary
Northeastern Conference*

Changes Effective January 1, 1966

THE following changes voted by a recent committee action were effective January 1, 1966.

H. R. Murphy, pastor of the City Tabernacle church, will now serve in the capacity of departmental secretary of the Northeastern Conference Sabbath school department; G. R. Earle of Bethel SDA church in Brooklyn to City Tabernacle; Everett Alexander of Mount of Olives church to Bethel; James A. Edgecombe of Mt. Vernon to Mount of Olives in Brooklyn; William F. Alleyne of Springfield Gardens church in Long Island to Mt. Vernon; J. J. North of Nyack to Springfield Gardens; David B. Reid of Buffalo, New York, to Hanson Place church in Brooklyn; Edwin J. Humphrey of New Rochelle to Emmanuel Temple SDA church in Buffalo. Andrew Shorter of the South Central Conference will be coming to the field to pastor the New Rochelle church. C. F. Warren has already been assigned as pastor of the newly organized Jamaica church,

which has a membership of 200. This church was organized as a result of the E. E. Cleveland effort.

H. W. Kibble will retain the home missionary department, adding the temperance department to his work.

PACIFIC

Evangelism Results in the Pacific Union

IN OUR last report to the INFORMANT we mentioned that a number of tent evangelistic crusades were being conducted in the Pacific Union during the summer and fall of 1965. We are sure that the readers of the INFORMANT would be interested in knowing more of the results that have accrued from these campaigns.

John Collins, whose tent was the first one pitched, reported that 13 had been baptized from his meetings in the city of Pittsburg. More were being prepared for future baptisms.

Warren Neal, in the Riverside, Kansas, church drive, reported 13 new converts baptized. The church effort was being conducted at the same time preparations were being made to dig the foundation for the main sanctuary of the new church building.

Major White, who conducted his drive in summer evangelism with the lay members in a church campaign, reported 16 new converts baptized.

L. B. Baker, newcomer to the Monrovia district, launched a fall church evangelism campaign, in which he baptized 21 new converts.

Good reports have come from those who have been associated with the Aliso Village SDA mission project. This is the work that grew out of a branch Sabbath school effort that was launched by the Miramonte Seventh-day Adventist church in East Los Angeles, under the direction of J. H. Melancon. In a report from Dr. Willie Parker it was indicated that this organization had grown to approximately 50 believers. Robert Dent served the mission in leadership for about six months and the work has grown to attractive proportions. It appears that this may soon be a newly organized church body in the Los Angeles area.

From C. R. Pritchett comes a report of a program of church evangelism centered in the church home in the Long Beach area. He states that

the Family Bible Plan was followed for soul-winning endeavors. A good interest was developed and seven new converts were baptized.

We thank God for these many new trophies who have come to the faith, and pray earnestly that the spirit of evangelism will ever be burning in the souls of our workers as we continue to dedicate ourselves in service to God.

Personalities in the Work

► Brother Simeon M. Wyatt, one of our literature evangelists in the San Francisco district, tells an interesting story of a Catholic man who came to him seeking to purchase a Catholic Bible and that as a result of this contact he was able to sell him not only the Bible, but \$171 worth of our books. He had this interesting statement to make: "The Lord blessed me to have sold more than \$10,000 worth of our literature so far this year, and I thank Him for the sales. We need more workers in our area, so please pray for our city, that the Lord will send us more workers." We appreciate the wonderful report from one of our literature evangelists, and may we say that more workers *are needed* in many of these large city areas of the Pacific Union.

► C. E. Dudley, president of South Central Conference, and Mrs. Dudley; W. S. Banfield, president of the South Atlantic Conference; N. G. Simons, administrator of the Riverside Hospital; Dr. Carl A. Dent, medical director of the Riverside Hospital; and Dr. L. B. Hundley, president of the Oakwood Alumni Association, were all visitors in the southern California area, visiting our medical centers in the interest of recruiting medical workers for their institutions and conferences.

► On a recent Sabbath it was my privilege to visit and participate in the services of the Liberty Park church in Salt Lake City. The first church elder, William G. Green, and his family have for many years led out in the church program in this city that is the metropolis of the Mormon faith. The church has retained its faithful loyalty and leadership for more than 40 years under the direction of this consecrated family. It was a pleasure to worship with the Liberty Park church in Salt Lake City, Utah.

G. N. BANKS

F. L. Bland and G. N. Banks Visit Churches in Pacific Union

DURING the month of November the Regional department was pleased to have Elder and Mrs. Frank L. Bland as guests in the Pacific Union Conference. F. L. Bland, associate secretary of the Regional Department of the General Conference, was invited to spend the month of November itinerating among our churches.

The first appointment came on Sabbath, November 6. Early in the morning we drove from San Bernardino to the San Diego 31st Street church and arrived in time for Sabbath school. During the worship service Elder Bland gave a brief report of the recent Fall Council actions on human relations and preached a soul-stirring message that left the congregation inspired. After dinner, served in the prepared church quarters, we hastened on to the San Bernardino K Street church for the afternoon union meeting. The Regional churches in the surrounding area had been invited to this service, and God again used Elder Bland to bring an impressive message to our people, who filled the church auditorium to capacity.

On Wednesday night, November 10, Elder Bland was the guest speaker at the Long Beach Philadelphian church. Sabbath morning he was the guest speaker at the Ivy Avenue Monrovia church, and on Sabbath afternoon at 4:30 P.M. he was welcomed to the spacious Berean church for the large union meeting in the Los Angeles area.

Elder Bland was also invited to attend and be one of the featured speakers at the Pacific Union Conference departmental council, which convened in the Del Webb Town House center in Fresno, November 14 to 18. On Wednesday night during the council he was invited to speak to the congregation of the Fresno Westside church.

After the Fresno meetings we traveled on to northern California for our first appointment in the Sacramento Capitol City church on Sabbath morning, November 20. Sabbath afternoon we met with the churches of the Bay area that had come together for another large union meeting. Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. we were special guests at the annual banquet of the Stockton Market and E streets church. This affair was held in the banquet

room of the Stockton Hotel. Elder Bland's next visit was to the Arizona Conference, where on Sabbath, December 4, the members of the Phoenix and Tucson churches, along with their pastors, came to hear his final message before his return to Washington.

Although Mrs. Bland found it necessary to spend much of her time at the bedside of her seriously ill father, Brother A. J. Bailey, in San Bernardino, she was able to share some of the visits with her husband. The church members have expressed their high appreciation of Elder Bland's visit and the blessings his messages brought to them. G. N. BANKS



Richard Henderson, Sr., left, one of the active laymen of the Atlanta Berean church, with the Sanders family—mother, five children, aunt, and grandmother. All except the small boy have been baptized into the Atlanta Berean church.

Atlanta church. With a mission started in Newborn, there are others who have shown great interest, and we feel certain that there will be a bright light shining in the town of Newborn very shortly.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Layman Shares His Faith

THE manner in which Brother Henderson met the Sanders family was unique. Brother Henderson through the years has been active in sharing his faith. As he was driving through the town of Newborn, Georgia, about 53 miles from Atlanta, he was impressed to stop at this town, and circumstances led him to the home of Mrs. Sanders, who had recently lost her husband and was greatly depressed and who confessed that she had plans even to commit suicide. Eventually Bible studies were arranged, and the entire family of eight persons are now members of the At-

Mrs. Jennie Hankinson was born December 25, 1880, and departed this life November 22, 1965, in the Lakeland General Hospital, Lakeland, Florida. In 1908, as a young woman, she became interested in the great Advent message and was baptized in Sanford, Florida, at a camp meeting. In time she became a Bible instructor, working with many of the evangelists of past years in the South. She loved the work of God and was a valiant and faithful worker.



Pictured are W. H. Brame, left, Mrs. Annie Emmanuel, and Ralph Franklin, pastor of the Durham, North Carolina, church. Mrs. Emmanuel decided that the Immanuel Temple S.D.A. church should have a new, attractive church sign to point out God's meeting place to those who pass by. The conference office sent information on the cost, delivery, and other questions. Soon Mrs. Emmanuel sent a personal check to cover the entire cost. W. H. Brame installed this attractive sign for the church.

Fred W. Parker Speaks on Emancipation Proclamation Day

FRED W. PARKER, pastor of the Savannah, Georgia, Seventh-day Adventist church, was the guest speaker of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina, where he delivered the Emancipation Proclamation Day message, which was heard by a large number of church members from all denominations.

The Emancipation Proclamation program is sponsored each year by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greenville, South Carolina.

Elder Parker told the audience that the Negro has made much progress since President Lincoln delivered the address of the Emancipation on January 1, 1863, in his struggle for freedom, but the Negro must not fight with weapons. He should study the Word of God and apply its teaching to his life daily if he wants freedom here and in the new earth.

The basic text was John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The speaker declared that much of the trouble and conflict among the races today is due to the fact that many adults are taught from the cradle to hate a person because of his race and color. They are taught from babyhood that the color of a person makes him different and puts him in a debased position in society. As the child grows older these bitter thoughts become a part of him, and he continues to possess these ideas into adulthood.

Ministers of today must not become too overwhelmed with the civil rights movement so as to let them forget that Jesus is the source of all our freedom and peace. He died upon the cross of Calvary that all men might be free. It is the duty of each pastor to stress the fact to his members that it is essential for them to maintain their loyalty and faith in God in their struggle for freedom.

G. N. Smith, pastor of the Antioch Seventh-day Adventist church in Greenville, South Carolina—a member of the Ministerial Alliance—was responsible for obtaining Elder Parker as guest speaker on this occasion. It was the first time many persons had had the privilege of hearing an Adventist minister.

Atlanta Berean Church Celebrates Sixty-second Anniversary

SABBATH, November 20, 1965, was Atlanta Berean's sixty-second anniversary. To the amazement of all present, this loyal congregation placed \$12,071 on the table in one day to finish the 1966 Ingathering goal. H. L. Cleveland, pastor of the church, and his many committees did a masterful job of organizing this unusual program.

F. L. Peterson, vice-president of the General Conference, was the guest speaker for the eleven o'clock service. Many of the veteran members were able to remember the year 1920, when Elder Peterson was a singing evangelist with the G. E. Peters' team that came to Atlanta. At the close of that meeting more than 200 members were added to the Berean church.

The pastors of nearly all Georgia churches in South Atlantic were present to take part in this anniversary. J. Paul Monk, pastor of the Macon district, gave the first part of the Sabbath school lesson. The Macon choir also came and rendered special music.

E. J. Lewis, pastor of the Columbus district, gave the last half of the Sabbath school lesson, and he directed the eleven o'clock-hour service. The Albany church choir also came and gave special music, and there was a trio representing the Columbus church.

Dr. E. E. Richards served as Sabbath school superintendent, and he also represented Rome, Georgia. F. R. Nealy represented the Athens district. C. D. Henri, pastor of the Orlando, Florida, district, was the afternoon speaker. His message was enthusiastically received.

F. W. Parker gave the vesper message, and he also brought his Savan-



F. L. Peterson, guest speaker at the sixty-second anniversary celebration of the Atlanta Berean church.

nah Youth Choir to give special music.

H. L. Cleveland is leader for the State of Georgia, and he revealed the fact that Georgia was the conference leader in baptisms for 1965. Nearly 500 new members had been added through October. Last summer, the six pastors of the State of Georgia and their dedicated laymen held three major tent efforts and three church efforts. Georgia's membership has now climbed to 2,500 persons, with a tithe for the first ten months of 1965 reaching \$107,817, a gain of \$15,182 over last year. The tithe per capita jumped from \$38 to \$49 for 1965.

H. L. Cleveland is to be highly commended for the excellent leadership he has given the Berean church. He has just finished his fifth year as pastor.

In five short years 868 new members have been added to the church. Today Berean's membership stands at 1,134. Berean is the largest church in the Regional conferences, and it ranks high among Seventh-day Adventist churches of the South. A beautiful air-conditioned church has been constructed in one of the finest sections of the city at the crossroads of travel. The church operates a day nursery and kindergarten with 240 students. The junior academy has ten grades with nearly 300 students enrolled in the modern academy building on Westview Place, SW. This school is entirely self-supporting and has raised \$20,000 to add four new classrooms this year. Principal H. F. Barbour has done an outstanding job with his loyal faculty. This past summer the school sponsored a head-start program that gave needed educational enrichment to more than 100 children from underprivileged homes.

1965 was a good year for Berean. More than 250 members were added to the church through September. The tithe gain through October was \$6,236 over 1964 of the same period. In one day the entire 1966 Ingathering goal was reached. The schools of the church have 540 children enrolled. The church now offers full-time employment to 27 of its members and part-time employment to 14.

The annual church budget has grown from \$77,294 in 1960 to more than \$300,000 in 1965. A new congregation was organized on Atlanta's East Side, an outgrowth of the past summer's evangelistic campaign.

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