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PROGRESS IN INTER-AMERICA

The Inter-American Division was organized in 1922 by combining the North Latin-American Group, the Mexican and Central American missions, and certain unattached conferences, such as Jamaica, South Caribbean, and West Caribbean conferences. At the time of organization there were 221 churches and 8,146 members. There are now 1,590 churches and 218,455 members (Seventb-day Adventist Yearbook, 1968).

THE recent tour of duty through Inter-America was one of the most rewarding ever, both in the joys of service and in the visible results. The journey was begun in colorful Jamaica, where a division-wide session for ministers and office employees was convened. Here a midday series of messages warmed the souls of attendants and speaker alike. It was at this session that the newly constituted West Indies Union Conference, with H. S. Walters as its president, was welcomed into the division.

Central America was entered from Jamaica via Miami, Florida, to Belize, British Honduras. Three wonderful days were spent here with the believers and the office family in their beautiful church so brimming with energetic young people. God's forces march onward in Belize, which is the last bastion of purely English-speaking peoples in those parts, except for the isolated Port Lemon in Guatemala. Spanish is the national tongue throughout Central America, and translations were the rule until reaching Panama, where again the culture is bilingual.

Religious fervor glows warm and ardent in the hearts of the believers throughout the everlasting hills and valleys of Guatemala, Costa Rica, San Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama. The weekend with the students in our training college in Costa Rica and a brief visit to the hilly hideouts of the Indian descendants of the Incas and Mayas By CALVIN E. MOSELEY, JR. Field Secretary, the General Conference

were matched only by our two-week stand in Panama.

Pure idol worship of stone and fetish was witnessed among those Indians; but pure spiritual power activated the hearts of the believers in old Panama. A week of meetings in the English churches and a second week with our Spanish-speaking believers in Panama City and Balboa resulted in the addition of many new recruits to these churches.

In this path of duty were mountainous Caracas and our Venezuela Vocational Academy at Nirgua in Venezuela, and also our wonderful believers on the small but highly industrious island of Curacao. The stay in these parts was refreshing in the extreme, but "too brief," I was repeatedly told.

Then came Trinidad and Barbados on the homeward swing through the Caribbean. One hundred and three new souls thrilled our hearts in the one week of meetings in Port of Spain, and with those gathered from four districts in Barbados, brought a total of nearly two hundred from the labors of this tour. Heaven must rejoice with us, for our rejoicing is without bounds.

Believers from all the foregoing areas visited sent their greetings to relatives and friends throughout the United States.



Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, in the Inter-American Division, benefited from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow of the third quarter of 1968.



News Notes

► J. W. Allison, with Lorenzo Paytee and a corps of workers, reports that as a result of the meetings held in their big tent at Broadway and 49th Streets, fifty-three persons have already been baptized into this precious faith.

 HORACE BARKER reports twelve converts baptized in his first baptism as a result of his tent meetings in San Bernardino. The interest is still being followed up for other baptisms.

THE faculty of Pacific Union College includes two new members whose names will be of interest to the readers of this paper. Prof. Samuel Pierre-Louis has taken over his new duties on the staff as instructor in modern languages-French. Prof. and Mrs. Pierre-Louis will be remembered for their services on the staff at Oakwood College. Dr. Ralph Escandon, also an instructor in modern languages, has joined the staff as an instructor in Spanish.

A RECENT wedding was the marriage of Sherrill Mitchell, of Oakland, California, to Orlando Rudley, recent graduate of La Sierra College, and now employed by the Southern California Conference as a trainee at Andrews University. The wedding took place at the Market Street church and the ceremony was performed by W. R. Robinson.



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► THE wedding of Brenda Mitchell, a nursing student of Loma Linda University, and Herbert Hudson took place at the Market and E Street church in Stockton, California. The marriage ceremony was performed by Major C. White, former pastor of the Market and E Street church.

WE WELCOME into our midst here in California-and particularly Riverside-the H. T. Saulter family. Elder Saulter, the former assistant business manager at Oakwood College, has chosen the California scene as a place to live in retirement.



Evangelism 1968

L. O. ANDERSON, pastor of the Battle Creek, Michigan, district, pitched the first tent in the conference last year in the city of Kalamazoo. These meetings resulted in the addition of sixteen converts to the Kalamazoo church. Evangelist Anderson then pitched his tent in Lansing, Michigan, where we had no organized church. At the conclusion of these meetings twelve had already been baptized, with several others preparing to follow soon.

D. G. Rand conducted meetings in Ecorse, Michigan, and good reports have come from the Ecorse church. Not only were eleven baptized but the meetings also brought to the church a great spiritual awakening.

J. E. Cox, in the third campaign, conducted in Gary, Indiana, baptized sixty-one, with more to follow.

In South Bend, Indiana, O. E. Cheatham baptized twenty-five, and M. L. Eagans reported fourteen new converts in the Chicago Morgan Park church. R. L. Jones pitched his tent in Jackson, Michigan, and baptized three new converts there. W. G. Mills, in the little town of Niles, Michigan, baptized fourteen new converts.

Three of our younger ministers conducted their first public meetings with encouraging results. Roy Bellinger baptized two in Evansville, Indiana, with others interested and expecting to be



One of the many tents pitched in the Lake Region Conference. Our ministers and Lay-men joined hands in baptizing many souls during evangelistic campaigns last summer.

in the future. L. B. Shepherd and F. A. Williams teamed together in Peoria, Illinois. Ten received the sacred rite of baptism when the meetings concluded in the tent. The meetings are now being conducted in the church and more are preparing for baptism.

Our laymen have also been engaged in public evangelism. O. L. Fenison reported that two persons accepted the truth as a result of his meetings in Mount Clemens, Michigan, and Alfred Holliday saw five accept the truth in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Sixtieth Anniversary **Observed** in Battle Creek

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN H. LETT, members of the Battle Creek Berean church, were honored at an open house Sunday, October 6, celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The reception took place at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lett, of Battle Creek, Michigan. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the honorees served as hosts for the many friends and relatives who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lett were married on October 5, 1908. They are parents of twelve children. The eleven present at the celebration were Mrs. H. E. Rudd (Elizabeth), Henry, Franklin, and Mrs. J. Alvin Hutchinson (Jean), all of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. R. B. Taylor (Clara Belle) and Floyd, of Camden, New York; Mrs. Samuel Simmons (Barbara) and Robert, of Washington, D.C.; Raymond, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Mrs. Lester Williamson (Edna), of New York City; and Charles, of Battle Creek, Michigan. They have twenty grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.



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Joint Workers' Meeting Held

THE administrative and educational departments of the Lake Region Conference conducted their first joint workers' meeting at scenic Green Lake, Wisconsin. The theme, "Laborers Together," aptly described the atmosphere, with pastors and teachers meeting together.

The keynote address was given by Dr. B. B. Beach, educational superintendent of the Northern European Division. Carrie Owens, a teacher from Okemos, Michigan, conducted a workshop in reading for the slow learner.

Mrs. Mabel D. Edwards, a retired public school teacher from Flint, Michigan, lectured on the importance of the spiritual tone of the teacher and effective teaching with appropriate visual aids. Dr. Harold T. Jones, of Andrews University, lectured on "Modern Mathematics: the Why and How." Also presenting helpful information on mathematics was Jeffrey Fort, of Scott, Foresman and Company.

Other guests included Dr. G. E. Hutches, Lake Union educational secretary, who brought the final devotional message and also gave good help in other areas, particularly bringing out the fact that our schools will be required to meet higher standards by both the denomination and the



A portion of the pastor-teacher group of the Lake Region Conference takes time out from a very busy schedule for a pleasant boat ride-wholesome recreation-on Green Lake in Wisconsin.

state. Wilmoth Benson, of Andrews University, presented music for the classroom from excellent albums for the elementary school. The conference president, C. E. Bradford, brought the second devotional message. The two evening panel discussions on "Minister-Teacher Relationships" and "Presenting the Needs" gave teachers and ministers an opportunity to air their views on these most important matters relating to our schools. This first joint meeting was a success in all respects.

While the teachers were meeting, the pastors were also in session. Dr. B. B.

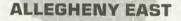
Beach gave a series of lectures concerning the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement. C. E. Wittschiebe, of Andrews University, discussed the pastor's role as a counselor. The question-and-answer period after his talk was quite interesting and stimulating.

Surely these teachers and pastors now have a better understanding and appreciation of the worth of one another as laborers together to finish God's work.

> REGINALD BARNES Educational Secretary



Seated in front of the Lake Region Conference pastor-teacher group at Green Lake, Wisconsin, are Elders M. C. Van Putten, J. M. Phipps, and R. Smith, Elder and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, Dr. B. B. Beach, Dr. C. E. Wittschiebe, Elder and Mrs. G. E. Hutches, and Reginald Barnes.



First Church Ingathering High Lights

ON OCTOBER 12, 1968, known as Victory Sabbath at the Washington First Seventh-day Adventist church, the total membership, led by the officers, came forward in a victory march and presented their Ingathering tokens to the Lord. When the total figure from the adding machine tape was announced, the goal of \$8,500 had been reached.



The First Seventh-day Adventist church has for the past four years finished the Ingathering goal on the date of the announcing of the campaign. Upper, left to right: W. A. Morgan, lay activities secretary; L. R. Palmer, pastor; and Tawanna Griffin, academy student, who raised four hundred dollars. Lower: Group of deaconesses placing their goal on the table.

L. R. Palmer, Jr., pastor of the church, expressed his gratitude to the church membership, especially the children of the church, for the enthusiasm and cooperation exhibited in this year's campaign. He commended the children for their unusual participation by saying, "The church will continue to grow and make progress because of the involvement of its children today who represent the church of tomorrow."

Letter of Appeal From South Africa

MY DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS,

The Advent hope is burning brightly in all our hearts, but around us here are millions who are still groping in darkness. We know what the servant of the Lord says about the silent messenger—the printed page; hence this letter to thank every one of you who have sent literature to me for distribution among those not of our faith.

Here in South Africa we are fully conscious of the dangers threatening our country from without. There are ominous clouds on the horizon. Before it is too late I am inviting you to continue to send still more and more literature for free distribution.

Some of you have stopped sponsoring the Signs of the Times. Some have stopped sending books or other papers. Please, Brethren and Sisters, start afresh; and those who have not stopped sending, please continue. We have Coloured schools in neighboring towns who are friendly and kindly disposed toward our truth-filled literature. Youth from these primary schools come to our schools for high school education. This gives me as a Seventhday Adventist and as headmaster of this school a glorious opportunity to contact many folks with the Advent message through the printed page.

May I appeal to you for your kind assistance. Send whatever you can. We could also use records to get the message over in song or sermon. We could do with projectors to show gospel or health-reform films. I know I am virtually begging, but I do it in the interest of the cause of God and with an ardent love for souls; so I don't mind "begging" at all. I am hoping and praying that you will respond favorably to my begging.

As soon as parcels of used books. Bibles, songbooks, and other reading matter arrive, I distribute the same. Please go through your libraries, bookshelves, cupboards, et cetera, and send what you may have, and please send it fast.

We are doing Harvest Ingathering and the Lord is blessing us. Please have a share in this campaign of *youth* evangelism through the printed page. We are going to follow up this campaign with public evangelism by our youth.

Some of you may be teachers; please invite your students to have a part in this. Others are preachers; please invite your parishioners to have a part. We have joined with the SDA youth around the world in the Week of Prayer for our youth; now I appeal to them to pray for, as well as to send literature to, youth not of our faith for whom we are laboring here.

Look at a map of South Africa and locate Johannesburg. Our field of labor stretches from seven to thirty miles west of this great metropolis in the Southern Hemisphere. Pastor E. E. Cleveland was here some time ago. Our present General Conference president, Pastor Robert H. Pierson, also addressed us shortly before he left for the United States. Pastor Merle L. Mills, our present division president, has also visited us and preached stirring messages every time he addressed us."

Beloved, the end is upon us. Let's hasten the Lord's coming by putting in every ounce of effort and by spending every cent, if necessary, to give our message.

We are building up a library for the benefit of non-Seventh-day Adventists. We invite you to have a part in it.

I close with the following quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 732.

"Let every dollar that you can spare be invested in the bank of heaven."— *Ibid.*, p. 733.

"Every effort made for Christ will react in *blessing* upon ourselves. If we use our means for His glory, He will give us more."—*Christ's Object Les*sons, p. 354.

Thanking you most heartily. May the dear Lord richly bless you.

Someday soon our Saviour will come, nd may we have many precious teaves to present for His garner. With Christian love.

Yours in the blessed hope,

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Missionary Appointment

DOCTOR AND MRS. GEORGE N. BENson, who have been serving on the staff of Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, visited Washington briefly while on their way to serve the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya for a period of approximately twenty months. Mrs. Benson, a nurse, is a daughter of the staunchly Adventist family of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simons, who educated seven children at Oakwood College, five of whom are now denominational workers. The Bensons have two sons, Paul and Stephen. They flew from New York City to Benghazi, Libya, on October 24, 1968, via Rome.

A Missionary Work of the Highest Order

THE Publishing Department of the General Conference was organized in 1902. The literature ministry had come to occupy such an important place in the denomination as an evangelizing agency that the leaders felt the time had come for this important work to be represented in the General Conference by an organized department. This gave the publishing work full denominational recognition and was the beginning of a great advance movement for literature distribution throughout the world field.

The Publishing Department within the local conference of the Seventhday Adventist Church is responsible for the distribution of denominational literature.

The first of February, 1946, the South Central Conference publishing department was organized. Within the confines of this great conference, over three million Negroes generalized the population of the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and the northern part of Florida. Dedicated, devoted members of the church are called and invited to make up an army of self-supported ministers armed with tracts, books, and magazines. Millions of dollars' worth of truth-filled literature is sold, thousands of tracts are given away, thousands of prayers are offered in the homes of the people, Bible studies are given, and thousands of souls are baptized who can trace their first conviction to the reading of Adventist literature.

August 17, 1968, eight precious souls were buried with their Lord by baptism in the Meharry Seventh-day Adventist church in Nashville, Tennessee. All were the work of literature ministers who were motivated not by silver or gold, but by the love of a missionary work of the highest order.

Southern Tidings, October, 1968

FAITH FOR TODAY OFFERING

To reach all the world by all means with a message for all men is the goal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Faith for Today is unique in that it is the only sustaining television program operated by the Seventh - day Adventist Church. So powerful and influential a medium as television demands that we use it however and wherever possible. Accordingly, a goal of \$350,000 has been set for the February 8, 1969, offering for this important program.

As you know, television time is the most expensive in the communications business. Just putting Faith for Today on one station on a public service basis would cost \$1,259.52. If this program is to continue to widen in scope and effectiveness, all of us will have to make a decided effort to reach the goal set for this year.

There are greater coverage horizons just ahead of us. For instance, millions in the following cities cannot presently dial Faith for Today: Tucson, Arizona, with 245,000 people; Phoenix, Arizona, with 520,000 people; Washington, D.C.; Chicago, Illinois, with 3,520,000; Topeka, Kansas, with 127,500; Louisville, Kentucky, with 392,-000; Boston, Massachusetts, with 670,000; New York City with 8,080,000; Knoxville, Tennessee, with 181,000; Houston, Texas, with 1,100,000 people; San Antonio, Texas, with 645,-000; Spokane, Washington, with 184,000; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with 765,000; and Cheyenne, Wyoming, with 500,000 people.

In the year 1965, while conducting an evangelistic campaign in the city of New York, I requested of Faith for Today the names and addresses of graduates in the area that I was serving. At least eight of the people baptized were from this list supplied me.

The full impact of this television ministry can only be measured in heaven, but some remarkable evidence that it is being used on earth is already in.

Pastor W. A. Fagal and his staff have an excellent format, and the content of the program seems always to relate to human need. Let us encourage these good people with our financial support on February 8.

E. E. CLEVELAND

One of the enthusiastic attendants at the federation was Mrs. Alean Fray, of Wichita, Kansas. She had traveled over three hundred miles to attend this meeting.

The congregation was challenged to work more vigorously for the Master while there is still time.

> W. A. DARBY, JR. Lay Activities Secretary

Opportunity Camp

THIS past summer, under the guidance of R. E. Barron and his co-workers, the Central States Conference conducted an opportunity camp. E. F. Carter, pastor of the St. Louis, Missouri, Berean church, brought twentyfive young people from the St. Louis area. R. A. Smith, pastor of the Wichita, Kansas, church, did an excellent job in getting young people to attend the camp. He brought two busloads. Many others helped, and there were eighty-six young people served at our opportunity camp.

Mrs. M. A. Hicks and P. C. Winley gave untiring service during the entire camp period. Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Thelma Brown, and Mrs. Helen Ashly completed the staff of faithful workers.

The camp schedule included horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfire stories, and good food. There were also nature studies and periods of devotion. The camp was well policed and the cabins kept in good shape. All the young people enjoyed themselves immensely.

One of the Oldest Jasper Waynes

J. T. NORTH, one of the local elders of the Topeka, Kansas, church, has already raised a Jasper Wayne in Ingathering in 1968. He is a retired literature evangelist and at present is almost blind. Although Brother North is about ninety-two years old, he still goes out contacting men and women for Christ. With the help of his cane he travels the same route he has traveled for years and makes the contact with the people who have given previously.

Brother North has retired from active labor but not from service.

> W. A. DARBY, JR. Lay Activities Secretary



J. T. North, retired literature evangelist, has already raised a Jasper Wayne in Ingathering. He is a member of the Topeka, Kansas, church.



The Central States Conference, under the direction of Richard E. Barron, conference youth leader, sponsored an Opportunity Camp for the boys and girls of the inner cities of the conference. Eighty-six young people attended, and a few are pictured above with their youth counselors.

CENTRAL STATES

Central Federation Convenes

in Sedalia

ON SUNDAY, October 20, 1968, the

Central Federation convened in Se-

dalia. Missouri. W. M. Rice, the pastor,

extended a hearty welcome to the one

hundred plus delegates to the federa-

tion. The Bethel church group of

Kansas City, Kansas, chartered a bus

and had the largest attendance. The

young people of that church furnished

conference federation officials, were

also there to give counsel and support.

J. D. Parker, of the Beacon Light

church in Kansas City, Missouri, de-

livered a thought-provoking devotional

dent, W. S. Lee, and outlined a pro-

gram for reaching those of the inner

leadership of Sister B. Smith, served a

tion to be held in the St. Joseph area

The Sedalia society, under the

Plans were laid for the next federa-

W. A. Darby, Central States lay activities secretary, filled in for the presi-

message.

cities.

delectable meal.

in the spring.

Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Rollins, our

the special music for the occasion.

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ALLEGHENY WEST

Campaigns and Baptisms

PASTORS of the Allegheny West Conference at their annual council and retreat at Atwood Lake Lodge, Delroy, Ohio, reported a total of 613 baptisms for the first nine months of 1968.

Many interesting experiences were related by the pastors of God's blessings during their evangelistic campaigns. Kenneth Bushnell held meetings in Huntington, West Virginia. Among the twenty who joined the church by baptism was a licensed pastor of another church.

A tent was erected on one of the busiest corners in the city of Youngstown, Ohio, with Isaac Lester as the evangelist. About midpoint in the campaign two women came to the meeting, both of whom were intoxicated. There appeared to be little hope for either of them, but one woman continued to come back to the meetings. Elder Lester described her as a "hardened individual who had dissipated for a long time." But the Spirit of God worked on her heart and she was baptized. It was a pleasant surprise to find that this woman is an accomplished musician and her talents are now dedicated to God. Elder Lester reported fifty-six baptisms for the year, forty of these coming from the evangelistic campaign.

Nelson A. Bliss, stewardship secretary of the Allegheny West Conference, held a tent campaign in Charlottesville, Virginia.

As a result of the meetings thirty were baptized and a church with thirtytwo members was organized.

A previous article told of two other major evangelistic campaigns in the conference during the summer. These were the meetings held by Charles D. Brooks, ministerial secretary of the Columbia Union, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where 125 were baptized, and the campaign in Cleveland, Ohio, where Harold L. Cleveland baptized 172.

All of these meetings, as well as others not enumerated, have been a blessing.



Group of ministers and physicians who met on October 13-16 for their annual institute on Mental Health. This meeting was sponsored by the Theological Seminary and the Harding Hospital.

Institute on Mental Health

THE 14th annual Institute on Mental Health, jointly sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Harding Hospital, was held in Worthington, Ohio, from October 13 to 16, 1968.

The purpose of this institute was to provide ministers with information and experience in understanding people and their feelings and to aid them in handling the emotional problems they encounter in their ministry.

The faculty for this year's institute included Dr. George T. Harding, medical director of the Harding Hospital; Dr. Harrison Evans, professor of psy-



The Impossible Dream

OCTOBER 19, 1968, was a dark and cloudy day and the rain was falling softly. Inside the Ephesus church the light from the smile of God was shining brightly as hundreds of members, visitors, and friends mingled together in a triumphant march to the front of the recently decorated auditorium bringing their Ingathering offerings with them.

This was not an ordinary day at Ephesus. This was the day that had been long awaited by all. This was the day the Ephesians would place their entire Ingathering goal on the altar. Much planning and preparation had been done to make this a successful chiatry, Loma Linda University; Dr. Charles Anderson, of the Hinsdale Sanitarium; Dr. L. Harold Caviness, of the Battle Creek Health Center; Charles E. Wittschiebe, of the Seventhday Adventist Theological Seminary, and the staff of the Harding Hospital.

Attending the institute from the Regional conferences were Lloyd Wilson, pastor of the Bridgeport, Connecticut, church of the Northeastern Conference: A. T. Westney, educational, temperance, and MV secretary of the Allegheny West Conference, and James A. Washington, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, church of the Allegheny West Conference.

J. A. WASHINGTON

march. The photographer was present with his equipment to record this event for posterity. Everyone waited impatiently for the march to begin. At exactly 11:18 A.M. the newly appointed pastor, S. A. Hutchins, led the procession, followed by his wife, son. church officers, members, and friends. It was a beautiful and very impressive sight. One by one they presented their gifts to God as the soft strains of the organ filled even the secret corners of the auditorium. This participation did not involve only the adult members, for in the youth chapel both the young people and the children responded to the appeal of their pastor, R. C. Connor, as unselfishly as did the senior members.

A very large goal of \$26,000 had been set for the Ephesus church, but through the efforts of many, many people and the help of God, the full goal was reached on this one Sabbath.

HAROLD L. NORMAN Press Secretary Ephesus Church

Spiritual Benefits

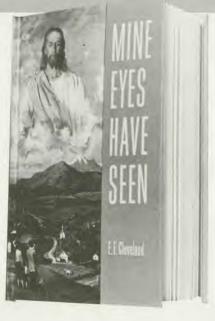
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