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Second Annual Convocation in Pacific Union

G. RALPH THOMPSON, general vice-president of the General Conference, spoke to nearly 4,000 on Sabbath morning, May 15, at the second annual Black Convocation in the large conference auditorium in Lynwood, California. Elder Thompson's message was a call out of Babylon, and he appealed to all to cut loose from the sins that beset them.

The Convocation began on Friday evening with C. E. Bradford giving the keynote address. It closed with a special emphasis on lay evangelism the following Sunday morning, when 100 or more pastors and church officers were in attendance.

The Sabbath school superintendent was Mrs. Vera Howard, recently elected principal of the Los Angeles Union School. Pastor J. M. Doggote, of the Fifty-fourth Street church, taught the Sabbath school lesson.

The afternoon session began with a trophy march of those who were bap-



(1) Elder C. E. Bradford challenges the thinking of the congregation during his sermon on the opening night of the convocation. (2) Elder Lorenzo Paytee, Mrs. Vera Howard, and Elder Oswald Gordon are pleased that the convocation is "coming off" so well. Elder Paytee is an officer of the Southern California Conference; Mrs. Howard, the principal-elect of the Los Angeles Union School, was Sabbath school superintendent for the convocation; and Elder Gordon was the coordinator of the Second Annual Black Convocation. (3) Shannon Goodwin, music coordinator, instructs Ms. Evelyn Johnson, organist, as to just how he wants the song played. (4) Elder E. E. Cleveland brought inspiration to a full auditorium Sabbath afternoon.

(5) Meleta Skeete-Smith, member of the Altadena Church, sings and plays with feeling, "Would You?" (6) The Spirit of Truth singers, of the University church, sing for the afternoon program at Black Convocation. (7) Brenda Alexis, a member of the University church, receives congratulations from Alfred Hampton after winning first place in the oratorical contest.



tized since the 1975 Convocation. These new believers, who had marched into the auditorium, were presented to Harold Calkins, president of the Southern California Conference. They represented the nearly 600 blacks who had been baptized since the last Convocation, March 9, 1975. Elder Calkins challenged everyone with the plan that we should make a meaningful contact with every home, family, and person on the planet Earth.

Emphasis was given to both Christian education and evangelism. Dr. J. R. Ford, Seventh-day Adventist physician in San Diego, who is also the president of California State Board of Education, reported that we can expect to see in the public school textbooks in the near future both the evolutionary theory and the Bible story of Creation.

E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary, Ministerial Association of the General Conference, was the principal speaker for the afternoon session, his message was that the saints should take the kingdom as predicted in Daniel 7 and that means now, by using the authority given to them by God to preach the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

Eight hundred black youth of the Southern California Conference set a good example in attendance and decorum at the Sabbath school and church services. Principal Aldwin Humphrey, of Pine Forge Academy, was the worship-hour speaker.

The five-thirty meeting in the main auditorium was an oratorical contest conducted by the Conference Youth Federation. Seven youth gave short orations on the subject of temperance. Brenda Alexis, of University church, captured first place, and Julius Mad-

kin, of Normandie Avenue church, earned second place.

A special committee made up of members from each black church in the conference arranged a program honoring Elder and Mrs. G. N. Banks for their past leadership of Pacific Union's Regional department. This program preceding the evening service featured testimonials, music, and the presentation of gifts and plaques to the Bankses.

The final service of the Sabbath was the evening session with Elder C. E. Bradford, associate secretary, General Conference, preaching eloquently his sermon, "The Tale of Two Cities."

E. A. CANSON

Director

Pacific Union Regional Department

Tanzanian Nurses Study at Loma Linda

SEVEN nurses from Tanzania arrived at Loma Linda University recently for a year of study in public health with emphasis on leadership in teaching and administration of community-health nursing.

The nurses, selected by their country for outstanding leadership abilities in the health field, are all nurse midwives with the exception of Raphael Saidi, and have served in Tanzania as directors of nursing, supervisors, teachers of auxiliary staff, and in other capacities.

This summer, the nurses are studying public-health nursing at Loma Linda University and visiting families in the Whitney Young area of San

Bernardino. Because of their interest in maternal and child-health services the seven will also be spending time in various clinics and programs related to these areas.

In addition to taking six hours of public-health nursing, the seven are also enrolled for three units of health administration and three units of epidemiology.

The one male and six female nurses arrived at Loma Linda University in mid-June and will return to Tanzania in June, 1977. Coordinating their program at the university are P. William Dysinger, M.D., associate dean of the School of Health, and Ruth M. White, Dr. P.H., professor of nursing. The nurses' education is being sponsored by the Agency for International Development (AID) of the United States Department of State.

Each Tuesday and Friday during the summer months in cooperation with the San Bernardino County Health Department, the seven nurses travel the short distance to San Bernardino, where they work with Loma Linda University nurses on cases referred to them by the county. They are supervised by nursing instructors Margaret Epperson and Mildred Akamine.

Most of the seven nurses, all of whom speak excellent English, have left their spouses and children behind. At the end of the year's study in the United States they will receive a Certificate in Public Health and return home. Since most of the health services in Tanzania are organized by the government, these nurses will be assigned to leadership positions where they are most needed by their government.

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Professor of Nursing Ruth M. White, Dr. P.H. (standing, left) and nursing instructor Mildred Akamine (standing, center) visit with the seven Tanzanian nurses who are at Loma Linda for year of study in public health with emphasis on leadership in teaching and administration of community-health nursing.



lake region

Hollands Honored at Oakwood College

Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, recently honored Mr. and Mrs. Burks Holland, Sr., of Capitol Avenue Church in Indianapolis. The Hollands were presented the "Outstanding Parents Award" at the college's annual alumni celebration.

They have been honored by the State

of Indiana and on June 13 were presented a "Distinguished Service Award" by the Indiana Black Bicentennial Commission and the mayor of Indianapolis.

The Hollands' honors have been earned by providing college education and professional careers for 12 of their 15 children. The remaining three are still in high school and college. Three are married to prominent Adventist ministers.

Upon their return from Huntsville to Indianapolis, the church also made a special presentation to the Hollands for their dedicated service and leadership.

CLARENCE E. HODGES
Communication Secretary



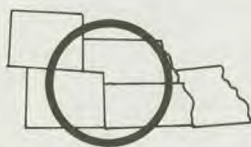
Youth presenting Bicentennial program



S. D. Meyers, conference president, and W. O. Coe, union conference president, welcome new conference evangelist and wife, Elder and Mrs. H. L. Thompson. Standing with them are our four Bible Workers, Josephine Williams, Rosa Pugh, Frances Smith, and Phyllis Meador.



Pastor R. P. Stafford makes a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Burks Holland, Sr., as they hold awards from Oakwood College and Allegheny West Conference. Elder Frank Jones looks on.



central states

Camp Meeting High Lights at Central States

THE workers of Central States put in many hours of labor preparing for the comfort of constituents and friends who were in attendance at the annual encampment at Shady Hill. It was indeed a time of reconsecration and spiritual refreshing.

Included among our guest speakers from the General Conference were V. W. Fordham, director of Office of Regional Affairs; Garland J. Millett, associate Education Department director,

and A. V. Pinkney, associate Temperance Department director. George R. Earle, president of Northeastern Conference, delivered the message during



G. R. Earle, president of Northeastern Conference.



Ted Jones, associate editor of *Message Magazine*, teaching the Sabbath school lesson.

the divine worship hour the first Sabbath, and E. E. Rogers, of the department of religion, Oakwood College, brought the message on the last Sabbath.

New workers in the field were introduced to the constituency. We are grateful to W. O. Coe and the Central Union Conference for their financial support of our new evangelistic team, H. L. Thompson and Gilbert Preston. We welcome to our Bible-work staff Sister Josephine Williams, who is working with our Denver Park Hill church,



Stewardship course graduates. Seated are instructor, E. F. Carter, W. O. Coe, and S. D. Meyers.

and Sister Phyllis Meador, who is laboring in the Kansas City, Missouri, area.

Thirty persons received certificates upon completion of a course in Stewardship, which was conducted during the encampment by E. F. Carter, Stewardship director for the conference.

Elder Fordham delivered the message at the ordination of James Marshall, Jr., Sabbath afternoon, June 19. Elder Marshall is publishing director for the conference, and he has had the joy of seeing many souls baptized as a result of his ministry. Under his leadership the Family Health Education Service was established. He is married to the former Carrie J. Green, of Dayton, Alabama. She works close by his side to hasten the coming of the Lord, and is a full-time credentialed literature evangelist.



Elder and Mrs. James Marshall, Jr.



allegheny east

North Philadelphia Church Holds Breadmaking Classes

THREE breadmaking classes were recently held at the North Philadelphia church under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Williams, who was assisted by Mrs. Catherine Hicks.



Mrs. C. Williams, second from left; R. W. Newman. Seated to extreme right are newly baptized members, the Kearneys.

These classes were attended by a cross section of the church's congregation. Noticeable in attendance was a newly baptized couple, the Kearneys, who were impressed with the fact that this truth penetrates every facet of family life, including the diet. They, with the other members of the class, participated in measuring ingredients, kneading dough, and baking the bread. All seemed to consider it a gratifying experience.

Approximately forty people attended each session, and each receive a miniature loaf of whole-wheat bread at the close of the sessions.

Mrs. Williams is planning a course in nutrition in the near future.

JAMES CHILDS
Communication Secretary
North Philadelphia Church

Hillcrest Church Welcomes New Pastor

ON THE evening of June 26, 1976, the Hillcrest SDA church, of Anderson, New Jersey, officially welcomed their new pastor, Elder Oliver E. Cheatham, and his family. The affair was held at the Washington Methodist Fellowship Hall with a buffet-style banquet.

Elder Cheatham also serves as pastor of the Metropolitan church in Plainfield.

Both churches were represented, and an appropriate program was presented by different age groups.

MRS. DOROTHY GROVES
Communication Secretary
Hillcrest Church



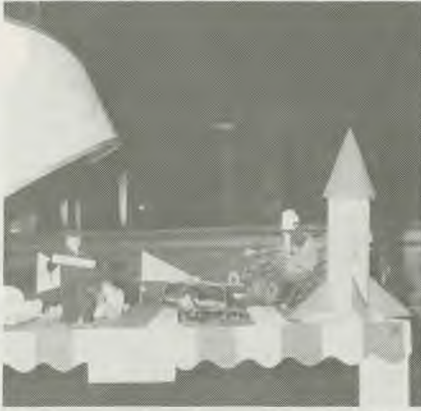
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1976 Fine Arts Festival

THE second Fine Arts Festival sponsored by the Northeastern Conference education department was held recently at Northeastern Academy. The theme, "Blessed Freedom," was woven beautifully throughout the program by twelve participating conference schools with songs, recitations, choral readings, poems, and dramatizations.

The Festival provides an opportunity for our creative writers and artists to exhibit their work. These students receive awards for their creative entries of poems, stories, essays, and descriptive writing. In addition, the outstanding art work, which spans several categories, is judged also.

To add zest to this gala affair, each school constructed a miniature Bicentennial float that depicted a historic period or event. The following schools were recipients of awards:



Bicentennial float constructed by R. T. Hudson School.

First prize—R. T. Hudson School, Bronx, N.Y.

Second prize—Bethesda School, Amityville, N.Y.

Third prize—Linden-Jamaica School, St. Albans, N.Y.

Emmanuel Temple School, Buffalo, N.Y.

Honorable mention:

Brooklyn Temple School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bethel School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Berea-Boston School, Boston, Mass.

Culver School, Rochester, N.Y.

Westchester Area School, New Rochelle, N.Y.

We are proud of the creative-writing and art talent demonstrated by our pupils; and because the public is afforded an opportunity to appreciate the pupils' work, the students feel encouraged to continue developing in these areas. Hats off to the teachers and to Mr. Adrian Simons, art director, for a job well done!

S. A. HERNDON, *Supervisor*

Three in One

MAY 1, 1976, was an eventful day in New Rochelle. Robert Carter, a former pastor, now president of the

Bermuda Mission, was guest speaker for the eleven-o'clock hour. The congregation was moved as Pastor Carter spoke on "The Magnitude of Christ." How Christ draws men to Him, His manner of death, His teachings, the life He lived, His miracles, and the wonders of His love were valuable points covered in the message.

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It is by this love of Christ that the Community Services organization continues to function. May 1 was Community Services Day, also. Under the leadership of Mrs. Mavis Moore, the Community Services organization, with approximately 20 members, serves the community in a physical, mental, and spiritual way.

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The day was not ended until Pastor Raymond Saunders and members paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Searcy, Sr. Warmest congratulations were extended to this couple, who celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 29, 1976. Otis and Aleatha Searcy, presently members of the New Rochelle church, have been dedicated and loyal Adventist workers for many years. Married in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1916, the Searcys reside in New Rochelle with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Courtney B. Wood, and granddaughter Candace. A son, Otis, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Irving Shillingford, and three other grandchildren live in the Bronx.

The church presented a plaque to the couple commemorating their sixtieth anniversary. Pastor Saunders sang one of their favorite songs, "Precious Lord." Pastor Carter was with the Searcys also when they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

JENETT BRUCE
Press Secretary



Bethel Trailblazers from Brooklyn.

Bicentennial Youth Congress in Hartford

ON SABBATH, May 29, 1976, thousands of youth representing Seventh-day Adventist churches in Northeastern Conference began converging on this historic city of Hartford, Connecticut, to attend an epoch-making Bicentennial Youth Congress. This was an opportunity for spirit-filled youth witnessing, social recreation, and spiritually uplifting music.

Main activities were held in the Hartford Civic Center, beginning on Friday evening, May 28, with informal music in the mall and gaining momentum on Sabbath morning as the Faith church, of Hartford, presented a Bicentennial pageant during Sabbath school. Under the direction of Miss Dessie Richardson, the Hartford Sabbath school and youth departments provided a glimpse in retrospect, recapturing the view of 1776 when blacks were helping to forge a path for the American Revolution.

During the divine worship hour Keith Dennis, pastor, extended welcoming remarks, reminding those assembled that Hartford is capital of the only State with a female governor. John Hancock, youth director of the General Conference, was guest speaker. Citing Luke 4:18, the veteran youth mentor exhorted the audience to emulate the life of Jesus, who saw His mission as bringing liberty to those bruised by sin.

Sabbath afternoon activities began with a massive outreach program as thousands received truth-filled literature from singing evangelists who mingled with pedestrians on their way to a rock festival being held in the State park.

Sunday's activities brought an even greater awareness to this conservative New England town as the youth geared

Choir from New Rochelle



themselves for the Pathfinder parade, led by Pastor Ralph Peay. Pathfinder clubs from New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts were featured in the parade.

Pathfinder activities were followed by presentations to club directors and MV officers. A presentation was made to Pastor and Mrs. Peay for their continued dedication over five years of service in Northeastern Conference. Pastor Peay has accepted a call to the Southern Union to serve as associate youth director. Presentations from the Pathfinder Federation and from Pastor Peay were made also to Mrs. Doris Jones, office secretary in the conference youth department, for outstanding work in that department. Mrs. Jones is leaving Northeastern also. She and Elder W. C. Jones will travel to Dallas, Texas, where Elder Jones will serve as president of Southwest Region Conference. A presentation was made to George Earle, conference president, for persistent and generous support of the youth department.

The youth of Northeastern Conference may have left for their various occupations and destinations in sprawling villages and cities of the area, including New York, Boston, Springfield and Buffalo, but Hartford, the insurance capital of the United States, will never be the same.

J. B. BROWN
Youth Congress Reporter



south west region

News Notes

- A grand total of \$22,229 was reported for 7,743 *Message Magazine*



Ministerial chorale of Southwest Region.



Constituents in main pavilion during encampment.

subscriptions. The Mosier Valley membership of 12 reported 1,833 subscriptions.

- Classes in literature-evangelist witnessing, auto mechanics, nutrition, and sewing were conducted during the camp session.

- Witnessing with the spreading of literature was done in the area around the college during camp meeting.



Singers performing at the youth pavilion at camp meeting.



south central

News Notes

- We wish to share some good news with you. When the church clerk's reports were totaled for the second quarter of this year our conference showed a membership of 10,055. What a blessing to cross the 10,000 mark. We are now number four in the Southern Un-

ion Conference, and number five in the Regional conferences.

- The new church at Oakwood is to be ready for occupancy no later than November of this year. Hats off to E. C. Ward and the members of the college church!



Brownville, Tennessee, church members.

- We have added three new interns to our conference family. Doc Hatcher, from Oakwood College; Willie Bussey, from Southern Missionary College; and Melvin Hale, from Pacific Union College.

- Henry Holt has been conducting street-preaching meetings for the past four weeks in Louisville, Kentucky. He is pitching his tent and will begin meetings soon. It looks good! Evangelistic crusades are also being conducted by Pat Vincent—Chattanooga; S. Branch—Springfield, Tennessee; G. L. Byars—Rolling Fork, Mississippi; Frank McGinnis—Pensacola, Florida; P. N. Smith—Lula, Mississippi. Please pray for these meetings.

- District moves: M. E. Joiner—lay activities and inner cities director; G. I. Pearson—ABC manager; Tom Collins—cashier; W. H. Kibble—pastor of Hillcrest church, Nashville; W. J. Cleveland—pastor of Ephesus church, Birmingham; S. J. Jackson—pastor, Bethany church, Montgomery, Alabama; C. Houser—pastor, University Avenue church, Knoxville, Tennessee; P. E. Vincent, pastor of Eighth Street church, Chattanooga; J. A. Jones—pastor, Mallory Heights church, Memphis; Victor Brooks—pastor, Breath of Life, Memphis; R. Bell—pastor, Jackson, Mississippi; L. Hamilton—pastor, First church, Decatur, Alabama; R. S. Norman—pastor, Temple Gate church, Selma, Alabama. C. D. Joseph went to Newark, New Jersey; B. P. Browne went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; E. W. Moore went to the Southern Union as inner-city coordinator; R. L. Willis

goes to Southern Union as associate ministerial secretary; A. R. Davis went to South Atlantic as assistant treasurer; L. W. Williams retired in sunny California.

Church Elder Receives State, National, and International Recognition

CLARENCE E. HODGES, first elder, Capitol Avenue SDA church, of Indianapolis, Indiana, has received several awards this year for leadership, accomplishments, and community service. He was named Man of the Year by the National Association of Business and Professional Negro Women, was presented an award for outstanding achievement by the Indiana Black Bicentennial Commission, was listed in *Who's Who Among Black Americans* 1975-1976, and has been selected as an International Man of Achievement by the International Biographical Centre of England.

Under the administration of Mayor Richard Lugar, of Indianapolis, he served in several capacities not previously occupied by minorities. He continues to serve as public housing administrator. He serves in leadership and membership capacities in numerous civic and community service organizations.

An Adventist for twenty-five years, he has served in nearly every church leadership office, including Central States Conference Executive Committees and special committees and commissions of the General Conference. He continues to serve the church and witness for Christ faithfully.

Where Honor Is Due

IN CONSEQUENCE of her dedication to public service and community involvement, honors are constantly being heaped upon Anita Johnson Mackey, of Santa Barbara, California, member of the Santa Barbara Seventh-day Adventist church. In May of this year Mrs. Mackey received an award from the Black Culture Committee of the University of California at Santa Barbara for her service to the community.

June brought two more honors. On June 16 she was given the Distinguished Alumna Award by the Riverside (California) City College. The ceremony next evening at the annual membership meeting of the Santa Barbara County chapter, American National



Clarence E. Hodges, church elder who receives State, national, and international recognition.



Mrs. Anita Mackey of the Santa Barbara Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Red Cross, she was presented an award for twelve years of service on the Committee of Service to Military Families and Veterans.

To her associates in organizations and on numerous committees and boards she proudly announces that she is a Seventh-day Adventist and courageously upholds the principles of the church. Mrs. Mackey remarks that the

recognition that has made her the happiest was the honor of addressing the 1974 graduates of Andrews University, and receiving the L.H.D. degree from that institution, since she had not had the opportunity to attend an Adventist school. Her B.A. comes from the University of Redlands, and her M.A. in social work from the University of Chicago.



Chaplain and Mrs. Allen P. Wilson, Sr., pictured with their children, Juliette, Merete II, and Lisa Maria, jointly serve God and country in the U.S. Navy. Wilson, who was born in South Carolina and reared in Michigan, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for six years. While on his third tour of overseas duty on the island of Okinawa, he accepted the Saviour, changed his cherished plans for a medical career, and decided to prepare for the Adventist ministry. Both he and his wife, the former Rosa Marie Gaskins, of New Bern, North Carolina, graduated from Oakwood College with high distinction. They were married in 1968. Mrs. Wilson is an elementary school teacher. Prior to entering the chaplaincy, Pastor Wilson served as Bible instructor at the First church of Washington, D.C., and also labored in West Virginia and Virginia. He holds the Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and is an experienced counselor and soul winner. The prayers of the church will go with the Wilsons.

Give as God Has Blessed

HARDLY a day passes here at world headquarters but from somewhere in the world comes ominous and foreboding news. Ours is a world distraught, unsettled, unhappy, violent, and war-torn. Standards of morality, truth and right, and brotherly love and liberty erode.

In a world like this God's remnant church must suffer the onslaughts of Satan, as he, in frenzied, convulsive, and violent hatred, seeks to hinder the work of God and to destroy God's people. Conditions like these increase around the circle of the earth. Yet at the same time where these obstructions exist, these problems exist, the work of God must go on to a victorious, triumphant conclusion.

At this time when God's church around the world seeks earnestly for revival, forgiveness, and power, there is not a better opportunity for us to pray unitedly to our heavenly Father for the "regions beyond"—those vast unentered areas where multiplied millions of people have ever heard the redemption story. Let us not only pray for them but give sacrificially, that by every conceivable means available we give the message to them in these closing days of earth's chaotic history.

God depends on us. Men and women lost in sin depend on us. So let us give as God has blessed—sacrificially and unselfishly. It could be a month's salary, a week's income, a day's pay. But let us give so that the work of God can be finished and our sojourn in this vale of tears can end. Then our Lord can return to this earth in glorious, triumphant majesty to receive from the world His own.

The Week of Sacrifice Offering will be taken the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, November 6, 1976. Plan NOW to do your sacrificial part.

C. D. HENRI

World Stewardship Day— December 11

DOES HE who declares ownership of all the gold and silver, the cattle upon a thousand hills, really need our offerings and our tithes? "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof . . ." Why, then, the consistent emphasis on giving, giving, giving?

It is apparent to the spiritually sensitive Christian that God's purposes are

greater and higher than the mere gathering of funds into His treasury. Surely there are constant needs. The hungry must be fed, and food costs money. The naked are to be clothed and the out-cast housed. The sick need healing, and medical costs are skyrocketing. As personal expenses soar during these inflationary times, so do church expenses. Utility bills for one's home, no matter how elaborate that home may be, cannot compare with the cost of heating, lighting, and cooling a church house built for hundreds of members. These services are not free to God's church. Yet He who could cause the marvelous conjunction of a fish and a disciple and have lodged in that fish's mouth the exact amount of the current tax assessment can provide whatever and whenever His cause demands. He who fed 5,000 with a little boy's lunch does not stagger before the awesome cost of carrying the last warning message to a doomed world.

"For every beast of the forest is mine. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof" (Ps. 50:10-12).

The plan of salvation deals with the development of Christian character. God is preparing men and women for eternity and for citizenship with angels and unfallen beings in His blightless universe. From birth we are selfish and self-centered. A newborn baby does not even spare a toil-worn mother when it feels its own hunger or when it wants attention. From that point the carnal man remains greedy and graspy, selfish and egocentric, until he is gone. It is the natural way of the natural man.

God has a program through Jesus Christ to change and convert man and to make him Godlike in character. A new birth is required, and then spiritual growth and development. Christian stewardship, an essential part of that development, is not merely a giving of money. It is primarily a giving of self to God; and when this is sincerely and genuinely done the giving of one's money and goods to the Lord is a consummate pleasure. He is building up the cause to which he has first given himself unreservedly. Suffering is alleviated a half world away because he gives and he rejoices in this. Grateful children are fed, and young people yearning for light are housed and schooled, and this is a great pleasure to him. A true Christian steward sees his own spiritual development progressing, and this brings happiness. See how

this illuminates the text that declares that God loves a *cheerful* giver. A stingy, selfish Christian is a contradiction of terms. A man cannot be selfish and a Christian, too.

The Stewardship Department proclaims that our need to give is greater than the church's need of our gifts. It is contemptible, if not monstrous, to give to God with the idea that He needs us. Never! It is He who gives us power to get wealth. And God's purposes mightily transcend the notion of simply paying of bills and meeting goals. A true Christian does not contribute to things—to pews and pianos and stained glass; he gives to God as an act of worship and gratitude and pleasure. He believes in the work of God and considers it a privilege to have a part in it. He goes where he can for the Lord and sends his means where he cannot go.

The stewardship appeal at this time is, first, that we present ourselves as living sacrifices and truly become His. One of the most terrible agents of the final shaking time will be materialism. It is immediately apparent that where money and things are inordinately precious to the human heart there is little room for Christ. In this age of affluence we see our people all over this nation living in more beautiful homes than they ever dreamed possible and with those homes wondrously appointed. We are driving expensive cars and wearing the best clothing. Who can say that this condemns a man? But, alas, it becomes known that many put all they earn into these perishable things and do not give tithe at all. If tithe, which is God's, is not yielded, then it is too much to expect that systematic giving of offerings from funds that are ours will be given.

If complete surrender is made and our lives are brought under control of the Holy Spirit we will realize that our time and our talents belong to God. If this surrender of self is made first, then it will be no horrendous struggle to give of our means. We may thus become cheerful givers. For some this requires solid commitment; for others genuine recommitment. This is the only type of giving that is accredited in the books of heaven.

He gave up all and He gave all. On World Stewardship Day, December 11, let us give all to Him, and let us begin by giving ourselves.

C. D. BROOKS