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OPENING PROVIDENCES

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN, *Sabbath School Secretary, Inter-American Division*

TO THOSE of us who have had an opportunity of visiting the French West Indies Islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, the new opportunities which make possible the advance of the message in these island fields are indeed manifestations of the mighty power of God. It would seem that there is a set time for the message of the judgment hour to penetrate into every corner of this world. This is the hour of God's providence in the French West Indies. For centuries the people of these islands have been steeped in the superstitions and ecclesiastical dogmatism of a false Christianity. Now that the light of truth is shining so clearly upon them, thousands are coming to that light. This is the hour of opportunity and we should now provide all the available men, material, and money possible, in order to capitalize on the interest which has been aroused.

Every man who invests money in securities or bonds desires to receive adequate returns. So the Christian investor in the "goods of heavenly origin," has a right to expect adequate returns on his investment. The French West Indies are indeed producing such returns. It is possible that never has so little accomplished so much.

In the past, the shortage of funds has retarded our activities in these island fields. But, even with the little which we have we are doing much, because the blessings of the Lord are upon these twentieth century "loaves and fishes." Let me tell you how He does it.

It is, of course, our fond hope and expectation that the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow from the offering to be

taken in all our Sabbath schools the world over on September 24 will be the largest ever received. One of our motives for this hope is a desire to help our brethren to build chapels in the French West Indies where the needs are so great. The brethren there have been endeavoring to do their part also, and they are purchasing building lots whenever and wherever possible, according to the money in hand.

Reports of recent origin tell us that God has worked miracles in helping the brethren to obtain property at low cost in some areas. In others, they have secured property which they were told was unobtainable.

Read these brief experiences, then draw your own conclusions:

In the village of L—— the church members had searched diligently for a lot on which to build a chapel, but to no avail. After a day of fasting and prayer, a plot of ground near the center of the community changed hands and the new owner, without

Please Write at Once!

By J. L. McELHANY, *President, General Conference of S. D. A.*

THE proposal to adopt a blank-day calendar has been put on the Provisional Agenda for the United Nations Assembly which meets in New York beginning September 20. This is a very serious matter, dangerous to our religious liberty, and threatening the progress of the work of the three-fold message. It will be a very simple matter for any item on the Provisional Agenda to come up for discussion at the Assembly.

The United States delegation to the United Nations, like other delegations, will go instructed as to how to vote on the issues which come before them. They will go instructed concerning the calendar issue. I am therefore writing now to urge each one of you as an observer of the Sabbath, devoted to the third angel's message, to write to the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., urging that the delegates to the United Nations be instructed to oppose any calendar revision which will disrupt the sacred days of the week. Calendar change of this sort is religious legislation, and if adopted will destroy the religious liberty of everyone who must conscientiously observe the historic holy days of the week.

Please write at once to the Secretary of State, urging that the delegates be instructed to oppose this kind of calendar revision.

having been approached previously, came to the elder of the church and said, "I understand that you are looking for a lot on which to build a church. How would you like to buy the piece of land that I have just purchased?" The price was far below market value, and it was not long before our people became the owners.

In the village of St. R. — we have an active, sincere group of church members. They too have been anxious to obtain a lot on which to build a house of worship. One day, while the brethren were conducting a church building rally, a well-dressed man came in and sat down. He listened attentively to all that was said. At the close of the meeting he introduced himself to the pastor and leaders of the church. He was none other than the mayor of the town. He told how he had been impressed to attend that meeting and after hearing the discussion regarding the plans for building a Protestant church in his community, he felt further impressed to give us a lot. A new subdivision has just been opened and now we have the building site there, in a splendid location. All we need now is the chapel. That is where you come into the picture.

In the town of St. — the clergy of the established church boasted that the Seventh-day Adventists would never build a church in that place. So apparently the way was blocked. Today we have a lot upon which to build a house of worship. God worked for His people in obtaining it. Furthermore, a certain high government official, disgusted with the inconsistencies of the state church, has pledged his help and influence in providing other building sites for our chapel in the French West Indies. In another town, the chief of police felt impressed to come to our aid and has donated a plot of ground upon which we may build a temple to the glory of God.

So we can see that God is going before us. Months ago we set our stakes to raise funds for the building of chapels in the French West Indies. The way was hedged about with many, many difficulties. But, see how God is dissipating the difficulties and opening the way for us to establish the churches which are so much needed!

We now have quite a number of building lots. All we lack is the money with which to build the temples. What will you do this coming Thirteenth Sabbath? How much are you going to give to help the brethren of French Martinique and Guadelupe build their church homes? You cannot give too much. But you can give too little. The money we put into God's work will never fail us. That which we now have invested in stocks and bonds, houses and lands, and other forms of investments, may soon be

swept away as so much of it was in the great depression after World War I. Why not make your Thirteenth Sabbath offering the biggest one you have ever given any time in the past? We shall indeed be most grateful, and heaven will bless you.

From the Seventh-day Adventist brethren of the French West Indies, we send you appreciation in anticipation of what they hope you will do on the coming Thirteenth Sabbath. May God prosper and bless you.

An Eleventh Hour Call

By B. E. WAGNER, Publishing Secretary, Southern Union Conference

During the month of July, colporteur evangelists in the Southern Union Conference sold over \$241,000 worth of gospel literature. This should be conclusive evidence that now is the time to reach the millions who reside in hundreds of dark counties throughout our territory with the last message of salvation.

In the light of this unprecedented sale of evangelistic literature, note the following instruction by the messenger of the Lord in Volume VI of the *Testimonies*, page 24: "It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master-Worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to cooperate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished."

There are scores of successful men and women in our churches who are following worldly pursuits whom God is calling at this time to labor as colporteur evangelists. As they watch the indications of God's providence and cooperate with Him at this time by responding to His call, we will see a much greater work accomplished. We know that favorable times cannot continue indefinitely, for the Lord has warned us, "The time is coming when the

Southern field will be closed, locked up." — *General Conference Bulletin*, April 25, 1901.

"God has left to every man his work; every one has a part to act, and we cannot neglect this work except at the peril of our souls." — *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887. "The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work." "There is need of men of deep Christian experience, men of well-balanced minds, strong, well-educated men, to engage in this work." "Let no business enterprises be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord." — *Colporteur Evangelist*, pages 41, 23, 32.

Many of God's professed followers will delay in answering God's call until it is too late. "Many who profess to be children of God, follow their worldly pursuits with an intensity that gives the lie to their profession. They will be planting and building, buying and selling, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the last moment of their probation. This is the condition of a large number of our own people." — *Testimonies*, Volume V, page 10.

Of the twenty-one million people in the Southern Union, residing in 736 counties, fourteen million are not members of any church. What a challenge during this mighty hour to those whom God is calling to the great work of colporteur evangelism! If

God is calling you, you cannot respond too soon, because you do not know how soon it will be too late!

Brief training classes will be conducted in just a few days. A short correspondence course in gospel salesmanship can be studied in your own

home—the total cost of lessons and textbooks is only one dollar. Write at once to the publishing department secretary at your conference office address. Remember: the trail of the colporteur evangelist is the road of a loving heart.

The Needs of a Huge Undertaking

"These countries must be full of Seventh-day Adventists!" So spoke an officer of a ship in the Caribbean to one of our missionaries, shortly before the outbreak of World War II. He then told of twenty years spent in sailing the Caribbean Sea from English ports, and declared that in recent years he had taken more missionaries than ever before. "And," he added, "most of them were Seventh-day Adventists."

We only wish that the opinion of this man of the sea were entirely correct. But while there is much yet to be done, it is true that God abundantly blessed His work in the Inter-American Division. In some sections, the islands are almost "full of Seventh-day Adventists."

Take the Dutch island of St. Eustatius for an example. Every tenth person on the island is a member of God's remnant church. The earthquake-rocked island of Montserrat has an average of one out of thirty who are Adventist church members. Recently when I visited Robinson Crusoe's beautiful island of Tobago, I was told that the Seventh-day Adventist church has the largest membership of any church group on the island.

In an ever-swelling crescendo the message has been going with mighty power. Jamaica, a beautiful island 144 miles long and 40 miles wide, has over 300 groups of Advent believers meeting Sabbath by Sabbath. When a youth's congress is planned, no building large enough can be found on the island to accommodate the great crowd desiring to attend. I have seen young people actually weeping on such occasions because they were unable to get inside to attend the meetings.

The work in the French West Indian islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe has grown so rapidly that God's human representatives have been unable to keep pace with it. Fifteen years ago we had only sixty-seven baptized church members in these two interest-

ing islands. Today nearly 2,500, young and old, attend our thirty-five Sabbath schools throughout the islands.

To cope with this great blessing from God, we need chapels in which our believers can worship on the Sabbath day. Only one of the thirty-five companies has had a church home of its own up until January of this year. Most of the others are forced to meet in unrepresentative halls and homes.

To help erect twenty-one new chapels during the next three years in this needy field, a portion of our Thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering has been dedicated. By faith, and with funds raised locally, we have already begun work on nine of these projects. We earnestly appeal to all of our Sabbath school members to support this huge undertaking with earnest prayers and liberal offerings.

ROBERT H. PIERSON, President
Caribbean Union Mission

(NOTE: Elder Pierson has just visited a number of churches in the Southern Union, bringing to them thrilling reports of a mighty work in the Inter-American Division. While here he wrote this message especially for the readers of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS. Let us plan on big things in the coming Thirteenth Sabbath overflow for our "next-door neighbor" mission field, the Inter-American Division. V. G. ANDERSON)

LIFE ESTATES

Did you know that you can secure your property so that the cause of God will benefit from it, and yet you can control it for life? For complete information and a confidential interview, write to the Southern Union Conference, Box 449, Decatur, Georgia. -37

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SUBJECTS FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

September 18—"Sour Grapes!"

September 25—"Unseen Spirit Powers"

Invite your friends and neighbors to listen to the Voice of Prophecy.

VOICE OF PROPHECY CHANGES

Station WPKE, 1240 on the dial, has been added to the network. The program can be heard on Sundays at 11:30 A.M., Eastern Standard Time.

On Station WAGC, 1450 on the dial, the time has been changed from 9:30 A.M., Central Standard Time, to 10:30 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, Sundays.

Someone Is Missing

The Southern Union Conference Committee has recommended that an earnest effort be made during the month of September to visit those who have not been regular in church attendance, or have been dropped from the membership. A special invitation will be extended to our "missing members" to return to the fold.

No grander effort could be put forth by workers and church members than to go out in search of the straying and bring them back to the church home. It is our opportunity, our responsibility, our duty, to put forth personal effort to reach as many persons as we can during this special endeavor in the month of September. Let us speak, write, study, pray, and reach out after the wanderers, bringing them back one by one.

*Has thy brother gone astray,
Have dark clouds obscured his way,
Causing him to stumble? Pray.
Prayer may lift the stricken up.
Prayer may give the hopeless hope;
Prayer may win thy brother back
To the straight and narrow track.
Prayer will move the Mighty Arm
That alone can shield from harm.*

*Has a Christian gone astray?
'Tis thy brother; do not say
Words of condemnation; pray.
Hads't thou been as sorely tried,
Thou hadst wandered far more wide.
Pray with meekest charity;
Pray with purest fervency,—
Pray; his soul cannot be lost
And thy heart not rue the cost.*

*'Tis his hour of sorest need;
Show thyself a friend indeed,
For him with the Saviour plead.
Pray that God's eternal arm
May deliver him from harm.
Pray. For him the Saviour bled.
Shall that blood in vain be shed?
Bear him to the mercy seat,
Plead for him at Jesus' feet.*

—Selected
V. W. ESQUILLA

DR. H. M. WALTON

APPOINTED

DIRECTOR OF HOSPITALS

LOS ANGELES, August 29—The administration of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital, Loma Linda, California, and the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, will be under a single director of hospitals, announced Dr. George T. Harding, president of the College of Medical Evangelists, today. Dr. Harold M. Walton was appointed to this newly created position by the College of Medical Evangelists board of trustees, following the request of Dr. A. D. Butterfield for a leave of absence from the medical directorship of the Loma Linda Sanitarium for postgraduate work.

In announcing this action, Dr. Harding said that the purpose of the reorganization is the closer integration of the clinical facilities of the College of Medical Evangelists. This change will provide for a teaching program, both in the instruction of undergraduate students and in the development of approved residencies for specialty training in the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital.

The new organization should eliminate duplication of effort in the work of those with administrative duties, said Dr. Harding, and should bring about much closer coordination between the hospitals and the entire college. Dr. Harold M. Walton, medical director of the White Memorial Hospital and dean of the grad-

A REMINDER

If you have received from the General Conference Departments of Education and Missionary Volunteers a blank to be filled in and returned—and you have not yet attended to this important matter—please—may we have it by return mail?

KELD J. REYNOLDS,
Department of Education
General Conference

uate school of medicine since 1946, was medical director of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital from 1930 to 1937 and Medical Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from 1937 to 1946.

JOHN D. F. TARR,
Department of Public Relations

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

It would be difficult to imagine a greater disappointment than that coming to a youth who is turned away by circumstance from a share in the sparkling laughter, inspiring fellowship, and stimulating lessons of the Christian school. Just to feel the warmth of others' friendship and the support of their faith for another year might carry him safely through a critical time.

The value of the elementary school as a soul-saving agency can hardly be overestimated. Its function as an educational force is fundamental. Its teachers are doing a work of unchallenged importance. Its place in the worldwide program of the church is not only essential but has been securely established.

The work of the teacher may be so well done that pupils and parents may wish to keep the personal contact beyond the present limits of the school. But the church may not be able to support an extra teacher for pupils desiring work beyond the elementary grades. Library books or other equipment for the new subjects may not be adequate. The teacher herself may lack the time, or the preparation, or the experience to handle the additional work.

The parents of some pupil may choose for any of several reasons to

postpone his schooling away from home. His youth may be considered a reason for delay. Economics may require it. Home duties may demand his help for another year. But, in any case, the parents may still want to keep their child under the influence of a Christian school and guided by a Christian teacher.

Under any one of these circumstances or a combination of them, the child might be denied the benefits of vital contacts with the Christian school, except for a plan again being offered by the Home Study Institute. Under this plan the pupil may continue as a member of the local school and take the next year's work with the general supervision of his former teacher to aid him.

Lessons for subjects beyond the reach of the teacher or school, except for this plan, will be provided by the Home Study and graded by them. The list of subjects includes Bible, English, history, mathematics, and languages. Special instructions are provided for the teacher who supervises the work and assures to the pupil satisfactory study conditions.

This program is known as the Supervised Study Plan. It not only enriches the offerings of the elementary school; it lightens the work of the usually overworked teacher so she can do even better work for the other children. It does even more—it lightens the church's financial load that would be necessary were another teacher hired to carry a few extra subjects. And, what is best, it provides continued progress for the boy or girl who is temporarily denied the privilege of living on the campus of a Christian school.

Chairmen of church school boards, teachers, or parents who would like to receive the benefits of the plan should write immediately to their conference educational superintendent for his counsel and the application blanks.

W. HOMER TEESDALE, President
Home Study Institute

COUNTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are assembling material now for the ninth listing. We ask any of our people who know of advantageous openings in the country for Adventists, whether a farm, or house, or job, or business opportunity of any kind to send the information to us. Get it in before October 2, the date when this listing will go to press.

And be brief. Do not write long, detailed descriptions. Leave out the adjectives. Just tell us what you have, —acreage, how much tillable, location, number of rooms, conveniences, price, proximity to church and school; or what kind of a job or opening. Make it short. Make sure your address is legible and accurate.

Hurry to us the information you have. It may be of real help. No colonization programs, please, no real estate promotion, just genuine opportunities which may enable city dwellers to answer the urgent call, "Get out of the large cities as fast as possible."

Send all mail to Carlyle B. Haynes, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D.C.
CARLYLE B. HAYNES

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

★ The Riverside Sanitarium has recently experienced a slight turnover in its working staff. Wedding bells rang for Miss Ruth A. Jones and Mr. A. Warren, acting business manager, on July 31. The ceremony was performed on the Riverside lawn by Elder H. R. Murphy. Mrs. Warren is a nurse at this institution.

★ Miss Dorothy Pitts, who has worked at the Riverside Sanitarium for the past eight months, made her departure on August 10. She was working in the nursing department and has gone to take the nurse's course at the Glendale Sanitarium in California.

★ Miss Evelyn Sewell of Chattanooga, Tennessee, recently joined the staff at Riverside as dietitian. She is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute.

★ Several nurses have bolstered the nursing personnel at Riverside: Miss Mary Wilson from Norfolk, Virginia; Mrs. Virginia Coles of Nashville, Tennessee; Misses Laura Mae and Mable Mae Hubbard from Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Miss Christine Powell from Kansas City General Hospital in Missouri.

TITHING

"Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgement of His claim on us by creation, and they are also an acknowledgment of His claim by redemption. Because all our power is derived from Christ, these offerings are to flow from us to God. They are to keep ever before us the claim of

redemption, the greatest of all claims, and the one that involves every other. The realization of the sacrifice made in our behalf is ever to be fresh in our minds, and is ever to exert an influence on our thoughts and plans. Christ is to be indeed as one crucified among us."—*Testimonies, Volume VI*, page 479.

Southern Missionary College

"The School of Standards"

Kenneth A. Wright, President
Collegedale, Tennessee

SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN AT S. M. C.

This might well be termed the last call before classes begin for the fall term on the Southern Missionary College campus. The schedule is as follows:

Freshmen Orientation and Registration, September 14 to 18.

Pre-registration Convocation (College students of all grades), Sunday evening, September 18.

Opening Convocation, Tuesday evening, September 20.

Classes begin, September 21.

May I take this opportunity to urge all students to meet these appointments promptly. A heavy late registration fee is charged, and it is a distinct disadvantage to any student to be late in taking up his class work. Please address any communication concerning the Collegedale Academy directly to Professor M. J. Sorenson. Remember freshmen should be on the campus by Wednesday evening, September 14. All upper classmen, Sunday evening, September 18.

KENNETH A. WRIGHT, President

S. M. C. Adds More Faculty Members

In addition to the fourteen new faculty and staff members recently reported, Southern Missionary College is adding these workers to its corps of educational leaders at Collegedale:

(15) Mrs. Marcella Klock Ashlock is the new Director of Health Service and Assistant Professor of Nursing Education. Mrs. Ashlock is a graduate nurse from Washington Sanitarium and Hospital and received her B.A. degree from Southern Mission-

ary College in 1946. For many years she has been engaged in health education work in mission lands and in this country.

(16) Mrs. Nannie Harper Hambrick has taken over her duties as Director of Food Service.

(17) Hira T. Curtis is one of the best known denominational teachers in the field of Business Administration. He has consented to act as assistant professor in the division of Applied Arts 1949-1950.

(18) Roy L. Morgan, who has received his degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, will teach mathematics in the Collegedale Academy.

At the present time there are seventy-two faculty and staff members associated with Southern Missionary College. Among them are six professors, nine associate professors, thirteen assistant professors, eleven instructors, seven supervisory instructors in elementary or secondary education, nine industrial supervisors, eleven foremen in various industries, and a limited number of general officers.

NEWS

★ The growth in enrollment at S.M.C. is remarkable. Last school year there were 569 college students; the year before there were 533. Two years ago there were 550. The year 1945-1946, the college enrollment was 302. The first year senior college work was given (1944-1945), 220 college students were enrolled. The last year of Southern Junior College, 163 college students attended.

★ The new natural sciences building is currently being erected. When completed in August, 1950, it will include nine laboratories, two lecture and demonstration halls, three offices, one sectional library and reading room, and twelve other rooms. The cost is estimated at \$100,000 to which will be added \$25,000 for instructional equipment. Throughout the entire building there will be recessed heaters with forced circulation.

★ An apartment house is going up at Collegedale, constructed of brick veneer. It has one daylight basement apartment, two apartments on the first floor, and two apartments on the second floor. Each apartment contains a large living room, a spacious bedroom with two closets, an efficiency kitchenette, and private bath. The building is well insulated and will be heated with electricity. In addition to the apart-

ments, there is a laundry and a storage room equal in size to one apartment. There is double flooring throughout with asphalt tile overlaid. These much-needed apartments will be ready for occupancy September 15.

Enriched Opportunities for Academy Students at Collegedale

The Collegedale Academy is now better equipped to serve the youth in the Southern conferences. The staff has been considerably enforced for the new school year which began September 6. The teachers are: Elder M. J. Sorenson, principal; Elder James F. Ashlock, Bible; Elder Ora S. Plue, Bible; Jimmie Lou Westerfield Brackett, secretarial science; Betty Brooke, English; George B. Dean, science; Harry R. Hooper, vocational arts; Ingrid Johnson, physical education; Robert E. Lynn, printing; Adel Kougl, home economics; Roy L. Morgan, mathematics; Margaret M. Steen, Spanish; Wayne P. Thurber, music; Myrtle Brown Watrous, librarian. All these teachers have their degrees, and all are well prepared to serve the Advent youth on the secondary level.

NEWS NOTE

In a candlelight ceremony performed in the chapel of Lynn Wood Hall at Southern Missionary College on August 7, Miss Wilma Pearman became the bride of Herman Johnson of Battle Creek, Michigan; and Miss Irene Pearman the bride of Fred Veltman of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be at home shortly in Orlando, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Veltman will spend the rest of the summer assisting in an effort in Knoxville, Tennessee, after which they will return to Collegedale, where Mr. Veltman will continue his studies as a junior theological student.

Alabama-Mississippi

Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi

I. M. Evans, President

M. J. Harvey, Secretary-Treasurer

Make wills and legacies to the Alabama Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated.

NEWS NOTES

★ Miss Doris Davis has been called to connect with our Twentieth Century Bible School. Her secretarial experience covers a period of eleven

years, and we are happy to have her join our office staff.

★ Mrs. Clyde Brooks is returning with her husband to Southern Missionary College, where he will take further college work. Mrs. Brooks has efficiently served as office secretary to the conference president and to Elder Pratt in the home missionary and Sabbath school departments. Clyde Brooks has enjoyed unusually fine success in our field as a colporteur evangelist.

★ Mrs. Joe Swain of Brookhaven, Mississippi, a former office secretary in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, has been called to succeed Mrs. Brooks in this office.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

We are happy to report that we have two more branch Sabbath schools in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Word has been received from Mrs. Maggie McDonald that she is having a fine school in New Albany, Mississippi. There are about twenty present each week. She informs me that she is in need of teachers. At present some of her students are acting as teachers, but they are young and doing very well.

Another branch Sabbath school is being conducted in Cullman, Alabama, in the Birmingham district. C. A. Vickery, one of our colporteurs, is responsible for starting the school. He says there are eight regular attendants. Four are members of the church, and two are anticipating baptism in the near future.

Elder C. F. Graves, pastor of the Birmingham district, will carry the responsibility after Brother Vickery returns to Hattiesburg. We are grateful to God for the splendid progress our branch Sabbath schools are making.

L. D. PRATT

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE NEWS

Colporteur evangelists of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference have been especially blessed by receiving orders during June, July, and August totaling over \$100,000. There has been a faithful, consistent work done by this large army of messengers during this 100th Anniversary year of the birth of our denominational printing. We know you will continue praying that cus-

tomers will take, read, and heed the books. We invite you to join this group of the Lord's workers.

You may not be aware of the reduction in price of the following periodicals until September 30. Thrifty people like to see and take advantage of bargains. These prices are for new or renewal subscriptions. You may order now and avoid the rush and extra expense in December.

	Regular	Special
<i>Review</i> , one year	\$3.75	\$3.45
BIG THREE, one year ..	5.25	4.90
FAMILY GROUP,		
one year	8.75	7.95
<i>Youth's Instructor</i> ,		
one year	3.75	3.45
<i>Life and Health</i> ,		
one year	2.75	1.75

A new book entitled "Happiness for Husbands and Wives" by Harold Shryock, M.D., will be welcome news to many. This work is a condensation of his study of the factors that wreck homes and a sane approach to those adjustments that lead to harmony. It has 256 pages at only \$2.50 postpaid.

C. L. JACOBS

PASTOR WOOD HOLDS MEETINGS

Robert Wood, superintendent of the Meridian district, has started a short series of meetings in Gilbertown, Alabama. His opening service on Sunday night, August 28, found the church filled to capacity. There were over one hundred present. There seems to be a real interest, and no doubt many will find their way to Christ and join the remnant church.

As his opening subject, Pastor Wood used the great message on Armageddon. He will conduct these meetings every night for a while. We are very pleased with the progress that is being made in the Meridian district. We solicit your prayers in behalf of evangelism in this conference.

L. D. PRATT

INVESTMENT PROGRESS

While visiting the Pensacola church, it was very encouraging to see the enthusiasm manifested by all in the Sabbath school. Mrs. Tunison is the Investment secretary, and as she conducted a short service, I noticed that they have \$104 already in hand. They are just beginning to receive returns from their Investment projects. There

is no doubt that there will be several hundred dollars from their investing. We feel confident that this year's returns will far exceed \$5,000. To God we give the thanks. Many other churches are having fine returns from their investments. Let each one do great things in investment this year.

L. D. PRATT

FIELD SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

For the past ten weeks Elder E. C. Banks and his corps of theological students from Southern Missionary College have been creating a real interest in the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists through their "Crusade for Christ" in Montgomery, Alabama. Last week more than 250 Bible studies were given to persons who have followed the lectures of Elder Banks from night to night. The first fruits of this effort were baptized on Friday night, August 26. Other baptisms will be held on subsequent Friday nights.

On Sunday afternoon a conference committee meeting was held in the Montgomery church. Elder V. G. Anderson, Elder H. S. Hanson, and H. E. Schneider joined the committee in their deliberations. All remained for the evening's lecture. Elder Anderson visited with the evangelistic group following the meeting.

God's Spirit has accompanied the diligent work of Elder Banks and his assistants. A fine group of Montgomery's better class of citizens are taking their stand as they answer the call of the third angel's message. Plans have been laid to follow up the ever-enlarging circle of interest, that none who are receptive to the truth at this time will go untouched. Your earnest prayers are requested, as many persons in Montgomery stand on the threshold of life's greatest decision—Christ or the world.

M. E. MOORE

THEY ARE CALLING

Today's mail brings us several requests. We need more colporteurs, that they may answer the thousands who are longing for our books. May we hear from you giving us your answer.

From Slocomb, Alabama, E. G. writes: "I have seen a number of your books, 'The Bible Readings for the Home.' I have not been fortunate enough to meet one of your salesmen,

so I am writing to see if and how I may order a copy. I have read some in a neighbor's copy and thoroughly enjoyed it."

From Booneville, Mississippi, L. F. writes: "I would like to receive information as to where I could purchase and the price of one of your books. The book is 'Bible Readings for the Home,' published in 1947." From Minter, Alabama, L. L. S. writes: "I was able to read some of the fine pages of the 'Bible Readings for the Home.' I liked them all right. This copy was issued in 1942. Kindly send one of these unique 'Bible Readings' to the above address not later than the 26th of September, 1949. Kindly send this C. O. D., since I didn't get the cost of it."

Without doubt, there are some reading these lines who plan to enter the colporteur work at some future time. We invite you to join the successful group now calling from door to door. There is a definite need for others to help spread the message to the many dark counties in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

C. L. JACOBS

LAYMAN WORK IN MAGEE, MISSISSIPPI

I am sure you would like to hear something from our part of the field. After a very clear leading of the Lord to sell out at Florence, Mississippi, and move down near Magee, our good friend, I. L. Butler, bought our place, thus enabling us to buy a new location and build a new home.

We found the way open for us to secure the present fine location two miles below Magee, Mississippi, on Highway 49. We bought five acres of land covered with timber and underbrush and began operations last November. We had to clear every foot of land. We now have our house nearly completed and we can live in it, and we have already begun to get acquainted with our neighbors and distribute our good books and other literature.

We have been able, under the blessing of God, to make very friendly contacts with the business men of Magee and other very fine people in the county. We have begun holding cottage meetings in the homes of the people and the results are encouraging. At present we are holding Sunday night meetings in our home. On

August 28 we had twenty-three people out to the services.

The territory around Magee has been well saturated with our literature, and we look forward hopefully to a harvest of souls. The press has been quite liberal with us and we have been using from one to two columns of space weekly in three county papers. The *Simpson County News* at Mendenhall, the *Magee Courier* at Magee, and the *Times Commercial* at Collins have treated us very courteously. It is a little too early yet to see definite results, but we look forward in faith to great things in the future. Pray for us, brethren.

J. L. COOPER

GILBERTOWN SPEARHEAD

Pastor Robert Wood, Meridian district superintendent, has just finished a very successful spearhead effort in the small town of Gilbertown, Alabama.

The church membership, only fourteen in number, did a magnificent job of preparing the church building for the meetings. The village, which boasts a population of about 200, has responded remarkably. The attendance has ranged from 100 to 150.

Several who were once numbered among us are planning on rebaptism. The planned follow-up work will see others making their decisions for Christ.

Members of the conference working force have been assisting.

M. E. MOORE

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Are We Up to Date?

We have been reading with interest, I am sure, the columns in the *Review and Herald* on proving the Lord. Interesting experiences are coming into our office regarding this subject, and I want to share with the readers of the TIDINGS an experience that came in just recently:

"Dear Brother Mote:

"I want to tell this experience of ours in tithing. As you know, there has been a slump in business for the past few months. It hit us too. My husband's taxi business was off, and the mill where I worked was running four days a week. Then three weeks ago the mill was closed down by a strike, and my check ceased altogether. We wondered how we would be able to pay our regular bills with only one of us working; but I told my husband that I wasn't going to worry, because the Lord was able to care for us, that I believed 'All things work together for good to them that love God,' and we would just wait and see how He would work out our situation.

"During the time that I haven't been working my husband has made as much as, or more than, we both made before. And we have learned that my job will start again this week.

"My husband is not an Adventist, but he said this morning that he believed that Jesus took care of our situation because we had honored Him by tithing faithfully.

"I just wanted to tell you this and praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to the sons of men."

The experience that this sister has had can be our experience if we are faithful in giving to the Lord that which is His own and claim the blessings that He has promised to those who are faithful. It would be well for all of us to take time to consider whether we are up to date with our tithes and offerings thus far for 1949.

R. G. MOTE, *Treasurer*
Carolina Conference

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. . . ."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 5.

Florida

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In His Steps

The Junior Dorcas Society of the Central Orlando Church is organized for service. It is our aim to be prepared at all times—materially, financially, and it goes without saying, spiritually—to answer any proper calls that we receive, and to minister to all such needs that come under our observation. To this end our members are constantly working. We gather usable clothing and bedding. We prepare food, needlework, and other useful articles, and conduct regular sales to bolster our financial reserves. We collect scraps of cloth, and are at present sewing on quilts to have ready for gifts to the unfortunate.

The number of calls for help is astonishing. Perhaps the most touching are requests for money for necessary medicine or for food. We who have never experienced it cannot even imagine what it is like to feel real hunger and to be in agony of fear because we do not know when we shall have food again or how we can secure it. In one family we supplied groceries and other necessities until an ailing father recovered and found work. The appreciation expressed was boundless, the father offered to repay the sums expended, and two members of the family are attending church. An earnest little mother with a very sick husband, mounting bills, and no means of even feeding her family, has been given encouragement and needed help, and invited to services. We believe she will attend when her home situation permits.

Some non-Adventist neighbors, a family of five, completely lost their home and their possessions by fire. While the ruins were still smoking, one of our Dorcas workers arrived. She inquired about the sizes of clothing and shoes. Friends and relatives sheltered the homeless family. And before nightfall our members had gathered considerable clothing for all the family and rendered other help.

We hope we may soon see these dear folk embrace the message of truth.

A few days after this occurrence a non-Adventist friend asked if I knew this family that was burned out. I replied that I was not personally acquainted with them, but that our welfare group had helped supply clothing for them. He commented: "Well, the Seventh-day Adventists surely got some excellent publicity from that. I heard the case discussed the next day on the bus, and on the street, and in a store while I was waiting to be served. Everyone who knew of the fire seemed to know of the help the Adventists had given. All of them spoke of your church with the highest praise."

Of course, we do not pray, weep, and work for those to whom misfortune comes for any publicity or for any praise of men. But it is well that these things should come to the attention of others, that we should be known by our fruits; for we should be like Dorcas who "was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

And like that Other, the Greatest of all, "Who went about doing good," we follow in His steps.

CLARE B. YELVINGTON,
Junior Dorcas Leader,
Orlando, Florida

LAY WORKERS' MEETING

The Florida Conference lay workers' meeting is scheduled to be held in the Tampa Seventh-day Adventist church, beginning on Friday night, September 23, and running through noon Sunday, September 25.

Elder T. L. Oswald, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, Elder R. H. Wentland of the Southern Union, Elder R. H. Nightingale, and other workers of the Florida Conference will be present and ready to contribute valuable assistance for a successful meeting.

Information has been sent to the local elders and pastors suggesting that the church boards meet and select the group from their churches which they wish to attend this lay workers' meeting. The boards are already meeting, and information is reaching the office leading us to believe that we will have a good attendance.

This will be a helpful and inspiring meeting, for many experiences will be related of souls won to Christ through the work of the lay members

of our churches. Much practical instruction will be given, verbally and by demonstration, relative to holding the attention of an audience, bringing people to a decision, and establishing converts.

Plan to attend, for you will look back to this with much pleasure as you realize you have gained a signal blessing through this series of meetings.

S. S. WILL

One of Two Places

"There are only two places in the world where we can deposit our treasures,—in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to Christ's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause." —*Testimonies, Volume VI*, page 448.

Our native believers in the mission fields are choosing to place their money on Christ's side. A letter from Elder Hackman says, "In some of our fields the church members rarely see more than \$50 cash during the whole year." From another section of the Inter-American Division comes this word, "This means that the per capita time is less than \$10 per year." And still another report says, "Many work all day in sugar cane, coffee, bananas, etc., for 50 cents per day. Yet they gave one-third as much as the believers in the United States and on about one-tenth the earning power."

Sacrifice? Yes, they sacrifice for the world-wide work. They are continually choosing to place their money on Christ's side. Many are calling for instruction in God's word, and they continue to hear the answer, "We do not have the funds; you must wait." The chiefs have invited us to come in, but as yet the invitation has not been accepted.

After seeing his first baptism, Elder Amundsen writes: "This Aztec youth asked, 'Sir, why can you not send someone to teach my people about Jesus? We, too, want to know about this great, good Man who died to save others. We, too, want to go down into the water and die, so that we may come up and live. Will you not help us, sir?'"

"How sad the answer, 'We have no one to send just now. Sorry, but there is no one to send.'"

"But, sir," the inquirer pressed his quest, 'why cannot I be buried in the

PLEASE NOTICE

We plan to open a series of evangelistic meetings on October 2 in Lakeland, Florida. If you have friends or relatives who are not members of our church and who live in or near Lakeland, please rush full name and address to

J. R. Spangler
P. O. Box 731
Lakeland, Florida

To all names sent in, we will send a special invitation to our meetings.

water like the others were? I would like to be a follower of Jesus, too."

"Yes, my good man, but you must first of all be instructed in the Word of God; then you can be baptized," was all the consolation he received.

"The Aztec youth answered slowly, 'I will go home to my village and wait—wait until the teacher comes; and when he arrives, we shall all come together to hear him. But please send the teacher soon.'"

Yes, the doors are open, the calls are urgent, the native believers are depriving themselves, and the Lord appeals to you to continue placing your money in His storehouse and not allow it to be counted on Satan's side. Won't you make September 24 a **DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY** for Thirtieth Sabbath?

S. S. WILL, Sabbath School Secretary, Florida Conference.

A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT

On the evening of October 10, 1948, Elder J. R. Spangler opened a series of meetings in a large, attractive tent directly across the street from the Sarasota courthouse. From the beginning the attendance was very large. The meetings were to continue to the middle of January, but because of such a keen interest, the time was extended another month, and the record crowds continued to the very last service. Nearly sixty people have taken their stand for the truth, and many more are studying our doctrines.

It would cheer the heart of any believer who attended our little church



Part of the Number Who Took Their Stand for the Truth in the Sarasota, Florida. Effort. Workers are Seated in the Front Row.

in Sarasota a year ago to join us on a Sabbath morning now. The church membership has more than doubled, and the attendance is really remarkable. One Sabbath I noticed on the Sabbath school bulletin board these facts: Attendance one year ago, 45; Attendance today, 126. We thank God for His Spirit that has made possible these figures.

The evangelistic offerings were another source of courage. During the four-month period, over \$4,000 was given for the support of the meetings. The people were led to feel they were an integral part of the entire program. Simple appeals were made at each service and the Spirit of God impressed the hearts of the hearers to give liberally.

Elder and Mrs. Spangler were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carubba, who took charge of the music. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watt helped with the meetings and took care of the other churches in the district. Doris Matthews was the Bible instructor for the entire time. Mrs. George Retzlaff joined the group for about six weeks to aid in Bible studies.

The picture would not be complete unless we praise the many faithful Sarasota members for the time, talent and help they gave. Successful meetings depend much upon our faithful members and we thank God for their consecration to His cause.

We can only praise God for His goodness, and we believe there are

many more souls on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in. Pray for the work in Sarasota. Many of those who accepted the truth during the meetings are shown in the picture which was taken on the last night of the meetings.

DORIS MATTHEWS,
Bible Instructor

EVANGELISM IN MIAMI

We have just closed the effort in the north section of the city of Miami and rejoice with the angels of heaven over the fifty-four who have taken their stand for the message, and some are yet to be baptized. It looks as if the entire effort will cost the conference about \$50 after all bills are paid.

As a result of this sectional evangelistic program, a nice new church group has been organized into the third church of Miami, with Elder R. B. Thurmon taking charge. A beautiful lot has already been chosen by the new church building committee and it will be purchased right away. With the enthusiastic leadership of Elder Thurmon, a new lighthouse for God is burning brightly in the north section of this great playground of the world.

Now that the Temple church has given up a number of its members to the newly organized church, a great soul-winning program is being worked out so that those missionary-minded members that have left can be replaced by new converts.

A wonderful spirit of cooperation is being shown between the three churches of Miami to promote the strongest junior academy program that has ever been launched here. Our six-teacher school has opened, and everyone is looking forward to a great advance step in the field of education for our youth, "the heritage of the Lord."

Robert Hamm and his family did a nice work with the 54th Street church and the effort during the past year here in the Miami area. They have now taken a district of their own. We also will feel the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Kraner who are leaving us. They have responded to a call to teach evangelism in the college in the Caribbean Union. Sister Moasby, our Bible worker, is due much credit for faithfully following up the interest the Lord has given us from time to time.

The members of the Miami district will continue to march forward until the work of God is finished and we can all go home with our Lord.

W. O. REYNOLDS

NEWS NOTE

★ Miss Velda Jean Burke, of the Forest Lake community, and Mr. Clifford Bloodworth, of St. Petersburg, were married by Elder L. W. Pettis in a candle-light service in the Forest Lake Academy chapel on Sunday evening, August 14. After a short wedding trip in Florida, the Bloodworths are at home in St. Petersburg, where Mr. Bloodworth is employed.

PRAYING WITH PEOPLE

There are many, who because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them. There is a line of work in house-to-house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others. He can become acquainted with the people, and understand their true necessities; he can pray with them, and can point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus the way will be opened for the special message for this time to find access to their hearts."

—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 6.

"Much responsibility rests upon the canvasser. He should go to his work prepared to explain the Scriptures."

Georgia-Cumberland

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You--Not Yours

When God places His hand upon the shoulder of some man or woman and says, "My Son, it is *you*, not *yours* that I want," and calls him to some distant land to work for Him, He is asking for one of the greatest sacrifices an individual can make. Giving of our means week by week in the homeland is the easiest part of God's great mission program. It is when the Lord asks us to give our sons and daughters or go ourselves that the real test of our devotion to Him comes. When He declares that He wants *us*—not what we have to support others—for foreign service, He applies the truly acid test. Thousands are willing to give what they have to support others in the mission field, who would never think of going themselves. Giving is easier than going.

Thirty years ago a consecrated young couple left the shores of the homeland full of courage and hope for the future. They had given their lives for foreign service and were responding to the call of the Mission Board to labor in the tropical West Indies. En route to their field of service, the boat called at various ports and the young couple enjoyed these stopovers to the full. At one of the last ports before reaching their destination the young wife felt somewhat indisposed with a slight cold, so did not go ashore with her husband as usual.

A few days later when the new missionaries finally arrived in their field, the wife was still not feeling too well, and while her condition did not give cause for alarm, the young minister felt it would be best to place her in a hospital for treatment, since they had no home or friends to go to in this strange new land. Leaving his wife in the hospital, our brother went out in search of a place to live. After being absent for an hour or two, he returned to the hospital to see how his wife was getting along. Imagine the young man's bitter anguish to learn this his wife had passed away during the short time he had been

gone! Try to enter into the experience of this missionary youth in a strange land, no friends or acquaintances, and to lose his wife so suddenly. Wouldn't it have been easier to remain at home and give of his means? Under such circumstances he might have been justified in returning to the homeland, but he didn't—he stayed on alone. Today, this veteran soldier of the cross is still in Inter-America, laboring faithfully for the Master.

This Thirteenth Sabbath, as once again you are given an opportunity to give of your means to help forward the work of God in Inter-America, will you not remember those who have given themselves for the Master's service in distant lands, and make your offering something special?

R. H. PIERSON, *President,*
Caribbean Union

WE WANT YOU TO VISIT US

When you visit the conference office there is one place which we trust none of you will fail to go, and that is our Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence School. As you enter the room, you will find Miss Betty Clayton, the secretary, very busily engaged in correcting the lesson sheets, making up new enrollment cards, working among the files, or sending out the truth-filled lessons. Miss Clayton is carrying on a very efficient work in this department.

Interest in the course is growing. Every week's mail is bringing us heart-stirring modern miracles of conversion. In these solemn times it seems to me we should put forth a titanic effort to reach every home in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference with a message of hope. The present events have caused many to question the future, and they are now willing to accept facts well presented.

One of our students wrote this past week: "I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff and pray God will reward your effort in better acquainting me with God's Holy Word. I have been greatly benefited although I haven't been able to contribute like I wanted to or would have. I am trusting that God will give me opportunity to help spread His gospel. I have enjoyed every lesson and hope our fellowship doesn't end here. I want to attend church as soon as God permits. I would like to know the location of the Atlanta church. I

am out of bed, and hope to be out and around soon. Pray for me."

Another student writes: "I cannot express my thoughts in words as to how much help I have received from this course. So many times I decided to quit, but I just thought if anyone was interested enough to want to help me I most surely would accept that help I so needed. I studied and read my Bible more. I understand many things I was in doubt of. May I add that I feel you workers of this course will surely be blessed. Again I express my sincere thanks."

We appreciate your interest in the Twentieth Century Bible Course, and solicit your prayers for its success. May God inspire our conference as a whole to follow up and care for interests rapidly developing through the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence Course.

V. W. ESQUILLA,
Home Missionary Secretary

ATTENTION, PARENTS

I would like to call to the attention of all the parents who have children six or seven years of age, an article in the September 1 issue of the *Review and Herald*, page 13, entitled, "Is Your Child in a Classroom Crisis?"

This article is a reprint from *Collier's* magazine of September 4, 1948, and it deals with the question of whether your child is ready to enter the first grade or not. It gives evidence of the fact that 50 per cent of the children will still lack the eye coordination necessary for reading. If your child is one of these, he will not be able to keep up with the class. He will feel more and more inadequate as the years go on, and he may become a problem child.

The article points out that all young children are growing in three different ways—physically, mentally, and socially, and at three different rates of speed. By tests, 41 per cent of the children between the ages of six years and six years and five months make satisfactory reading progress, while 87 per cent of those between seven years and six months and seven years and eleven months progress satisfactorily. This information certainly is in harmony with the instructions given in the Spirit of prophecy that "parents should be the only teachers of their children until they have reached eight

or ten years of age."—*Testimonies*, Volume III, pages 135-138.

If you parents have a child in this age group who is not ready for the first grade and you insist on sending him or her anyway, you create a problem for the child and also for the teacher. We should certainly give every consideration to both our children and to our church school teachers. If you would like further information concerning the advisability of entering your boy or girl in the first grade, we will be more than happy to send you the pamphlet entitled, "When Is a Child Ready to Enter School?" published by the Department of Education of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Just drop us a card, and we will be glad to send you one by return mail.

WARD A. SCRIVEN,
Educational Superintendent

ATLANTA M. V'S SHARE THEIR FAITH

On Sabbath, April 2, the leaders of the Missionary Volunteer society—Dr. George Tolhurst, Dr. Rollin Mallernee, Corrine Graham, Lillian Brown, and I — together with our pastor, Elder H. B. Taylor, met with three individuals in Marietta, Georgia, who were interested in starting a branch Sabbath school. We met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lord. L. L. Burns was also in attendance. These people had bought books from Colporteur Deward Edgmon some time before, and as he called on them from time to time they showed more and more interest. Mr. Burns had previously been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, but had drifted away and given up his faith entirely. He now became convicted that he should forsake the ways of the world and give his heart to the Lord anew.

This first meeting was only a small beginning. On the next Sabbath we met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Mrs. Burns was at that time a member of another church, but said she was very open-minded and would be interested in knowing more about the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists. Our little group met in this home for several weeks. The news of these meetings spread to our isolated members in that vicinity, and from time to time they and other interested people came in.



Branch Sabbath School at
Marietta, Georgia

Corinne Graham, an assistant leader in our young people's society and also Bible instructor for the Atlanta Beverly Road Church, studied with the Burns and Lord families each week until she was transferred to another district in June. Members of our young people's society have conducted the little Sabbath school each week in about the same manner that this service is carried on in our home church.

The school continued to grow, and it became apparent that we would need a larger meeting place. When this was made known to members of our church, Dr. and Mrs. William Trinker suggested that a large play room which they had recently built onto their house might be used until we could locate something more satisfactory. We began meeting there on the third Sabbath in June, and this room meets our needs so nicely that we have looked no further. At the present time there are about sixteen adults and six children in regular attendance.

On July 2 Mr. and Mrs. Burns and Mr. Lord were baptized. Because of illness, Mrs. Lord was unable to join her husband in this rite at that time. However, on August 27 both she and her sister, Miss Shirley Howell, took this step. This makes a total of five who have been received into church membership through the efforts of our young people. Another dear lady has accepted all of our doctrines, and we are praying that at the next baptism she, too, will unite with the church.

DORIS DAVIS, *Leader*
Missionary Volunteer Society
Atlanta Beverly Road Church

TWENTIETH CENTURY TESTIMONIAL

"Dear Instructor:

"I am writing a note to try to express in words the joy and peace I now have since uniting with God's

commandment-keeping church, and am determined with the help of Jesus to become a better Christian.

"I guess you know that Elder Esquilla baptized my boy, who completed the junior correspondence course, and me. I never before met such a fine lovable people like the believers at Albany. They certainly have a beautiful church building. I am so thankful to say that they are really heaven-born Adventists, true followers of Jesus. They love and welcome those who may not be as fortunate.

"My husband hasn't spoken very much to me since about a week before I was baptized. Whatever he may do will not discourage me in living for Jesus. Please pray that I may have a closer walk with God and be strengthened so I can be more lovable despite my husband's actions."

V. W. ESQUILLA,
Home Missionary Secretary

NEWS

★ Elder Robert H. Pierson, president of the Caribbean Union of the Inter-American Division, accompanied Elder Esquilla, our conference Sabbath school secretary, the week end of August 20, when they visited the following churches: Columbus, Friday evening; Atlanta Beverly Road, Sabbath morning; Griffin, Sabbath afternoon; Atlanta First, Sabbath afternoon at the regular youth hour service. On Sunday evening, August 21, Elder Pierson spoke to the Graysville believers. He also spoke in the Chattanooga church at the regular mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evening, August 24. Elder Pierson's messages were enthusiastically received. He told of the great needs in the Caribbean Union and gave encouraging reports of the onward progress of our work in the Inter-American Division.

★ Miss Betty Clayton, secretary of our Twentieth Century Bible School, reports a growing interest in this phase of our work. Elder E. A. Lemon, leader of the Waycross, Georgia, district, recently sent Elder Esquilla the following message: "Nine willing Waycross, Georgia, church members enrolled personally more than one thousand judgment-bound souls in Twentieth Century Bible Course *this week*. Climaxes three weeks' literature program in house-to-house work. One of the best over eighty years old." We believe this message will inspire

others to visit enthusiastically their neighbors and friends and appeal to them to make application for this outstanding Bible course.

★ Elder Nash visited the three churches in the Greeneville, Tennessee, district on Sabbath, August 20. On September 3 he visited the churches in the Boston, Georgia, district. He spoke at the Valdosta church in the morning and in the afternoon met with the Boston believers at the Barwick Baptist church, where he also baptized six new converts with whom Milton Connell, the district leader, has been studying the message. Five with whom one of our colporteurs has been studying plan to unite with the church in the near future.

★ On Sunday night, September 4, Elder Nash attended Elder Lemon's evangelistic service at Waycross, Georgia. He reports a good attendance of a very fine class of people.

ONE HUNDRED WHERE THERE IS ONE

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story-books, but to bring before the world the books containing truths essential for this time."
—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 7.

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WORKERS' MEETING

A very successful workers' meeting was held August 28 to 31 at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson, Tennessee. Elder D. E. Rebok, president of the Theological Seminary, Takoma Park, D.C., was the principal speaker, and his studies on true Christianity and the uplifted Christ were enjoyed by all. Elders V. G. Anderson, H. S. Hanson, B. E. Wagner, R. H. Wentland, J. M. Cox, and Brother H. E. Schneider, from the Southern Union; and Elder W. D. Frazee from Wildwood, Georgia, were present part of the time.

There was a noticeable spirit of courage and enthusiasm manifest at all times, and the desire to win more souls was stated many times as our real objective. Pastors, district leaders, Bible instructors, and all other conference workers went back to their duties with a greater desire to see the work entrusted to their care grow and prosper. We were happy to welcome a number of new laborers to our group, especially Mrs. Kenneth Matthews, bride of our Ashland, Kentucky, pastor. W. E. STRICKLAND

NEWS NOTES

★ We are happy to announce that our total Ingathering raised for 1949 was \$61,391.18. This gives us a per capita of \$15.01. We appreciate the faithful work of all our church members.

★ Elder J. O. Marsh has just had the third baptism in Cumberland County, Kentucky. This makes a total of eighteen brought in a result of the work carried on by Brother O. R. Henderson and Elder Marsh in the dark-county effort. There will be another baptism in the near future.

★ Churches adding members by baptism in the month of August in addition to those mentioned above are: Louisville, Kentucky, 2; Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 3; Dyersburg, Kentucky, 1; and Lexington, Kentucky, 2.

★ Brother A. D. Burch has taken his tent down in Franklin, Kentucky, and it is already on its way to Elder C. C. Cress, who is planning to start a short series of revival meetings in the Jackson district.

★ Two were baptized in Franklin, Kentucky, on Sabbath, September 3, as the firstfruits of the effort in that town. Elder R. M. Hillier will have his first baptism in Tullahoma on September 10.

★ Heartiest congratulations are due to Elder and Mrs. C. C. Cress upon the birth of their son on August 30.

★ Brother and Sister T. A. Church have adopted a baby boy, born on August 29, and conferred upon him the name of Theodore A. Church II. Brother Church is the leader of the Murfreesboro, Tennessee, district.

★ The Dorcas Society in Madison made a fine missionary contact as a result of a Twentieth Century Bible School interest. They are giving attention to this family, and prejudice is being removed from that community.

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EVANGELISM IN SOUTH CENTRAL

Recently it was my privilege to visit three of the tent efforts now in progress. In Jackson, Tennessee, Pastor Dudley is carrying on a nice meeting and in spite of the many difficulties, his meeting is progressing. His courage in the Lord is very good. He has quite a number who are interested, and several are beginning to follow the Lord all the way.

In Paducah, Kentucky, we found Elder C. S. Myles carrying on a strong meeting. We were there on Sunday night as he emphasized the "Earmarks of the True Church," and at the close of the message many people came forward for prayer. Included among them was one of the principals of the city schools. There has not been an effort conducted in Paducah for many years and the people seem to appreciate the message at this time.

On Sabbath, August 27, it was my privilege to be in Louisville, Kentucky, and to speak to the believers in that church. Four young people came forward and surrendered their lives to the Lord. Evangelist E. T. Mimms is carrying on a very good work in Louisville. He has marshalled the church members into a mighty campaign for souls. It was interesting to listen to the chorus of about thirty young people singing for the evangelistic service. The tent company there is studying in the homes of over one hundred people.

On Sunday night, September 4, it was my privilege to visit the evangelistic service being conducted by Elder E. F. Carter in Nashville, Tennessee. Over five hundred persons were in attendance. I counted forty cars parked around the tent. The subject for the evening was "What and Where Is Hell."

Encouraging reports are coming in from the field relative to the success of the summer efforts. A more detailed report will be given in a later issue of the TIDINGS. We solicit an interest in your prayers for the services now being conducted, that each meeting will be successful. H. R. MURPHY



JUNIOR COLPORTEUR CLUB OF THE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CHURCH

At the right on the front row is eleven-year-old Ronald Graham, president of the club; behind him is Mrs. E. L. Green, sponsor of the club; from left to right on back row: publishing secretaries: B. H. Ewing, South Central Conference; B. E. Wagner, Southern Union Conference; and M. G. Cato, South Central Conference.

We just finished a fine rally for the colporteurs in Louisville, Kentucky, and it was a very fine one, if I must say.

At the eleven o'clock hour Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of the *Message Magazine*, brought to us a very inspiring message. Elder B. E. Wagner, publishing department secretary of the Southern Union, delivered a very brief but powerful message that afternoon following the colporteur symposium. The symposium was excellent, and to climax the service one of the juniors, Ronald Graham, who is the president of the Junior Colporteur Club, which consists of eleven members none over eleven years of age, told a wonderful experience of how God is leading him and the other juniors on to a great work in soul-saving.

Surely the time has come that was spoken of by the messenger of the Lord, when God will use the young people in a mighty way to help finish His work in all the earth. Louisville is the first church in the conference to organize a Junior Colporteur Club. Mrs. E. L. Green, one of our faithful colporteurs there, is the sponsor. Let us have more Junior Colporteur Clubs throughout the field.

M. G. CATO,
Publishing Secretary
South Central Conference

SUNSET TABLE

	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Atlanta, Ga.	6:43	6:33
Charlotte, N. C.	6:28	6:18
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:46	6:36
Huntsville, Ala.	5:52	5:42
Memphis, Tenn.	6:05	5:55
Meridian, Miss.	6:00	5:50
Nashville, Tenn.	5:54	5:43
Orlando, Fla.	6:29	6:20
Wilmington, N. C.	6:17	6:07

EVANGELISM (Continued)

A YEAR OF PRECIOUS BLESSINGS

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and forty nights' for the complete building of the Goldsboro church, making it ready for dedication. In the spare time of these 'forty days and forty nights' the Elizabeth City church has nearly been erected, and they plan their dedication service for October 22.

"The far eastern district surpassed its Ingathering Minuteman goal and the district goal for 1949 before Christmas time, 1948, with a per capita of \$29.48. Notice the Ingathering per capita of these different churches: Elizabeth City, \$54.13; New Bern, \$50.00; Wilson, \$41.23; Greenville, North Carolina, \$24.33; Goldsboro, \$22.57. Not only has Elder Elliston been instrumental in building these five new churches in the far eastern district during the past year, but he has also promoted vigorously all church campaigns and through his personal ministry has led twenty-eight individuals into the church through the door of baptism."

"The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger. The churches know not the time of their visitation. Often they can best learn the truth through the efforts of the canvasser. Those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His messengers to give to the multitudes who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 8.

Every Resource Rallied for Evangelism in 1949

The Journey's End

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 14:13

BROCK:—Shirley Iris Brock was born in Spartanburg County on June 20, 1937, and passed away on August 16, 1949, at the tender age of twelve years. On April 27, 1946, she united with the Spartanburg Seventh-day Adventist church under the labors of Elder H. T. Anderson, and remained faithful until her untimely death. She leaves to mourn this great loss her mother, Mrs. J. E. Brock, three brothers, and one sister. She now sleeps to await the call of the Lifegiver.

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"Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as His instrumentalities. Christ is our sufficiency, and we are to present the truth in humble simplicity, letting it bear its own savor of life unto life."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 12.

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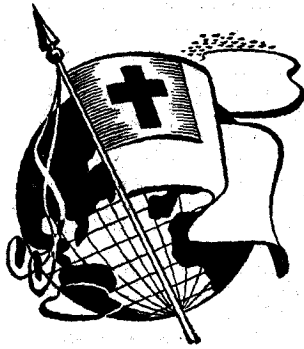
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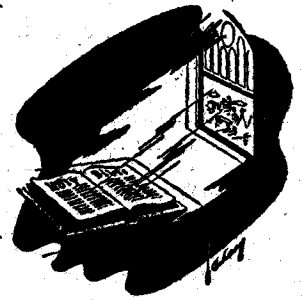
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A Year of Precious Blessings

The following message comes to us from Elder C. H. Lauda, president of the Carolina Conference, in reference to the work of Elder M. B. Elliston, who has been laboring in the eastern part of North Carolina. God is continuing to bless our evangelists. May we uphold their hands day by day. V. G. ANDERSON

"A year of precious blessings!" Yes, we repeat that saying many, many times, for surely the Lord has poured out His blessings on the untiring labors of Elder M. B. Elliston and the believers of the far eastern district of North Carolina.



At camp meeting time in 1948, there were no church buildings in the far eastern district. The believers in Wilson, New Bern, Greenville, Goldsboro, and Elizabeth City were meeting in halls, homes, community buildings, print shops, and elsewhere.

But, thanks be to God, the earnest prayers of these believers for many years, and their slogan "Keep Looking Up" pushed them forward in saving, soliciting, and in working. So today, after a year of precious blessings, five new churches have been erected. Two have been dedicated, and the date set for the third dedication.

Elder M. B. Elliston is known as the evangelist, pastor, and builder. Throughout his district, not only our own members marvel at his untiring labors, but ministers, people, and members of other churches talk about the 'working preacher.'

"It was on Sabbath, October 2, 1948, that the New Bern church, known as 'The Chapel of Faith,' was dedicated to God. On this day eleven precious individuals were baptized. On Sabbath, August 6, 1949, the Goldsboro church was dedicated and another baptism was held, the first baptism in the new church and in the new baptistry. District rallies were held in the new Wilson church and the new Greenville church. These churches expect to

have their dedication services at a later date.

"It required seven weeks and two days' to build the Greenville, North Carolina, church. It is ready for dedication except for the plastering on the inside and ceiling. It took forty days

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Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Church
Wilson, North Carolina, Church
New Bern, North Carolina, Church



Five New Churches Built in One Year in Elder Elliston's District

Goldsboro, North Carolina, Church

Greenville, North Carolina, Church

