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The Spiritual Shepherd

By the Editor

THE relation of the minister to his church should be much more than a platform speaker to an audience. In reality it should be that of a friend to a company of friends. The true minister is a shepherd and the shepherd is a savior. He saves sheep that are lost. Sheep have a propensity for getting lost. They lose their way through stupidity and also through heedlessness and folly. A lost sheep does not get home. The more he tries to find his path, the farther he is likely to go from the fold. A sheep is like a man in that he cannot save himself; without a savior he is irretrievably lost.

In the preaching of Jesus we get the full picture of a shepherd going out to seek the sheep that was lost. When He saw the multitude He was moved with compassion for them because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd. Listen to this wonderful statement of the greatest evan-

gelist: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep." The shepherd who left his ninety-nine sheep in the fold and went out in search of one sheep which had wandered away was held up by Jesus as an example. Rescue work was dear to His heart. He was always seeking the sheep that was lost. Christ lost one of His stray sheep, and no minister is to blame because he does not keep all. But much of the loss in our ranks is culpable. It could be reduced by more faithful and sympathetic shepherding. Straying sheep in many cases could be brought back if only the shepherd would go after them.

"The work of the gospel minister is 'to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God.' If one entering upon this work chooses the least self-sacrificing part, contenting himself with preaching, and leaving the work of personal ministry

for someone else to do, his labors will not be acceptable to God. Souls for whom Christ died are perishing for want of well-directed personal labor; and he has mistaken his calling who, having entered the ministry, is unwilling to do the personal work that the care of the flock demands. . . .

"When a minister has presented the gospel message from the pulpit, his work is only begun. There is personal work for him to do. He should visit the people in their homes, talking and praying with them in earnestness and humility. There are families who will never be reached by the truths of God's Word unless the stewards of His grace enter their homes and point them to the higher way."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 186, 187.

As the year comes to its close and the church membership list is examined, let each worker ask himself the question, "Have I been a true spiritual shepherd?"

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News Notes

THE effort in Baltimore, conducted by Elder W. L. Cheatham, is progressing in a fine way. The attendance is usually large, especially on Sunday nights. Already the law has been presented and the Sabbath will soon be presented.

Elder W. M. Fordham opened his effort in Springfield, Ohio, with a very good attendance which has continued thus far. The members of the Springfield church are very happy over the prospects of reaping a rich harvest of souls to bolster their small number. I am sure the entire field will pray with them to this effect.

Elder J. H. Laurence, conference evangelist, has been acting as manager and adviser of the effort in Toledo, Ohio. A fine attendance has been evident. Pastor C. T. Richards has accepted most of the responsibility of speaking at the services and Elder Laurence assists him whenever possible.

Elder R. T. Hudson has met with many adversities in getting started with his effort. There were restrictions and city ordinances that had to be met and dealt with, but under God's guidance he is now off to a good start, and we shall pray that God's blessings will continue with him throughout his evangelistic campaign. J. H. WAGNER.

ELDER W. R. Robinson reports that he conducted a revival in the Englewood, New Jersey, church, September 14 to 22. Evangelistic messages were delivered each night. Both Adventists and non-Adventists were spiritually benefited by the meetings. Elder M. S. Banfield, district pastor, plans to follow up the interest with Sunday night meetings.

Brother W. H. Warnick, a lay-

man, is conducting a successful series of meetings in the Thirkfield Methodist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. The meetings have been in progress since September 1 with a large crowd in nightly attendance. Prospects for a harvest of souls are bright.

A. S. WILLIAMS.

IN the coal regions of McDowell County, West Virginia, one finds the light of the Eckman-Kimball Sabbath school brightly shining. This Sabbath school was organized three months ago, at which time there were only three members: Brother and Sister Shelton and Miss Ruth Martin. Sabbath school services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin, parents of Ruth. From the very beginning a deep interest was manifested by others of the community. At the time I visited them, twenty persons were present at the Sabbath school.

Surely all heaven is smiling its benediction upon these believers who are letting their light shine before men. W. R. ROBINSON,
Sabbath School Department Sec'y.

L. R. PRESTON has assumed the responsibility of publishing department secretary in place of Elder H. D. Warner, who is now pastor of the Cincinnati church.

Elder J. H. Lester is conducting nightly meetings in Newport News, Virginia. He states that the prospect is good for an excellent harvest of souls. The church in Norfolk, Virginia, under his leadership, is planning to buy lots on which to build a church school. The membership already has over nine hundred dollars on the project.

CLEVELAND.—President Truman was asked by Jehovah's Witnesses meeting in international convention here, to grant executive clemency to more than 4,000 members of the group who have been sentenced to Federal prison during the war for Selective Service Act violations.

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News Notes

THE regional meetings of the Lake Region Conference came to a close when Elder J. G. Dasent, president of the conference, preached the final sermon on "When the Devil Is Put Out of Business." All three of the three-day sessions were well attended. The guest speakers—Elder F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; Elder H. D. Dobbins, business manager of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital; Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the North American Colored Department of the General Conference; along with Elder G. R. Nash, returned missionary from Africa—gave stirring, soul-searching messages that caused the congregations in each place to reconsecrate themselves to God for the finishing of His work among the colored people of this vast territory.

The help given these meetings by Elder L. E. Lenheim, our union president; Professor G. M. Mathews, union educational secretary; Elder Halladay, of the union Sabbath school and home missionary departments; Elder A. O. Dunn, of Emmanuel Missionary College; the brethren from the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Washington, D.C.; Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of *The Message Magazine*; L. E. Ford, business manager of Oakwood College; and Dr. C. A. Dent, of California, encouraged the

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believers to rise and build a boarding academy in this conference, because it is sorely needed to help save our boys and girls. The youth of today are the members of our churches and the conference officers of tomorrow.

Judge Fred G. Bale, a former prosecutor of juvenile delinquency in Ohio, is now prosecuting old John Barleycorn in the high schools of the nation and representing the National Temperance Movement, Inc., of Chicago; also Dr. Herbert Parrish, administrator of this organization, thrilled our congregations with their clear, logical, and forceful presentation of this timely subject at our Sunday afternoon temperance rallies. Our people were urged to use the *Special Temperance Message Magazine* to help fight alcohol among the youth of America.

The sum of \$15,000 was given in cash and pledges for the proposed boarding academy. The youth gave more than \$1,100 of this amount. Because of this heavy appeal for the academy, only about \$600 was given to missions through the Sabbath school at these meetings.

The Book and Bible display proved a blessing to our people, and \$1,700 was realized in sales. Eleven persons decided to join our faithful colporteurs and distribute our truth-filled literature. Several precious souls took their stand to keep the Sabbath and unite with our churches. Out-of-town visitors from many States were present at all three meetings. Good meals were served by the sisters of our churches, and thoughtful committees were responsible for the beautiful floral decorations.

We believe our people were greatly benefited by the meetings in their districts, as we reached many more this year than last. It is our earnest desire to be able to hold an old-fashioned camp meeting on our own academy grounds next year. We urge all our constituency to exert every effort to make this spiritual convocation possible.

J. E. JOHNSON.

More About Lake Region

ON the way to his new field of labor Elder F. B. Slater, the newly elected secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and educational departments of the South Central Conference, paid a visit to the conference office where he met old friends and classmates who were happy to see him. Elder Slater is the son of Mrs. H. Hall, treasurer of the Shiloh Church, and a brother-in-law to Professor Calvin Moseley, dean of theology, Oakwood College.

TWENTY-ONE believers, first fruits from the Benton Harbor tent meetings, were baptized at South Bend recently. As many more are awaiting the sacred rite.

ANTICIPATING the opening of the new academy next fall, the Calvin Center, Michigan, church has purchased a new bus at a cost of \$3,300. It will be placed at the disposal of the school, which will make good use of it. Calvin Center is doing big things.

ON a recent Sabbath ten persons were baptized and connected with the Shiloh Church in Chicago, Illinois.

BROTHER JAMES DYKES, who has recently connected with our working force, has been asked to assist in supervising the work in the Detroit area. The East Side and Ecorse churches have been placed in his charge. Let us all pray that, under God, this young minister will accomplish great things for Him who has called him.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.—The Church of God added 14,000 new members to its rolls in the past year to bring its total membership to 115,987, delegates to the denomination's 41st annual assembly here were told by the Reverend E. J. Boehmer, of Cleveland, Tennessee, retiring general secretary and treasurer.

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Company Organized in Hartford, Connecticut

SABBATH afternoon, September 21, members of the Hartford, Connecticut, Seventh-day Adventist church gathered at a special meeting place along with the colored believers of that city to witness the organization of this latter group into what is now known as the Hartford Seventh-day Adventist Company, a part of the Northeastern Conference.

For many years a number of our colored believers have enjoyed a cordial fellowship in the Hartford church. However, with the passing of the years it was demonstrated that the masses of our group in that city, numbering more than fifteen thousand, could never be reached effectively with the advent message until our organization could be established right in their midst in the city of Hartford.

Meanwhile, M. J. Bell, veteran colporteur, was sent to Hartford to scatter truth-filled literature. So excellent was his success and so enthusiastic was his attitude, that the colored believers caught a new vision of their responsibility before God to work for their own people. Accordingly, with the approval of the pastor of the Hartford church, they found a hall and began to meet as a branch Sabbath school. Eventually plans took on a broader scope; and after counseling with the officials of the Northeastern Conference it was decided to organize this group into a company.

On September 21, following an inspiring sermon on organization by L. O. Irons, conference secretary-treasurer, the writer proceeded with the organization, assisted by J. J. North, conference departmental secretary. Including those whose membership was in the Hartford church, along with a number who

held church membership in other places but who are now living in Hartford, we were able to organize a company of ten believers.

Next summer our conference plans that the writer shall conduct a public evangelistic campaign in this virgin territory, with the expectation under God of adding a number of new converts, preparatory to organizing a sizable colored church in that large New England city.

N. S. McLeod, *District Pastor.*

Sabbath School News

As a conference we are just a little over a year old, but God has richly blessed our Sabbath school department. For the year of 1945 the members of this great Sabbath school family have turned into the treasury the sum of \$26,244.32, and in comparing the offering for the first quarters of 1945 and 1946 we find a gain as follows:

	<i>Offering</i> <i>First Quarter</i> <i>1945</i>	<i>Offering</i> <i>First Quarter</i> <i>1946</i>	<i>Net</i> <i>Gain</i>
Per Capita	\$5,972.43 .211	\$8,643.01 .288	\$2,670.58

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in."

JAMES J. NORTH, *Secretary,*
Sabbath School Department.

Dorcas News

THE primary objective of the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists is to conserve souls and to convert souls. It is a soul-winning agency. Acts 9:42, speaking of Dorcas, says, "it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord."

The work of gathering in the needy, the oppressed, the suffering, the destitute, is the very work which every church that believes the truth for this time should long since have been doing. We are to show the tender sympathy of the Samaritan in supplying physical necessities, feeding the hungry, bringing the poor that are cast out to our homes, gathering from God every day grace

and strength that will enable us to reach to the very depths of human misery, and help those who cannot possibly help themselves. In doing this work we have a favorable opportunity to set forth Christ the crucified One."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 276.

We should have an active Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists in every church which has active members, doing much in alleviating the sufferings of the sick in their neighborhood. No church, no matter how large or small, can prosper without the Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists. "In Joppa there was a Dorcas, whose skillful fingers were more active than her tongue. She knew who needed comfortable clothing, and who needed sympathy, and she freely ministered to the wants of both classes. . . . Such patient, prayerful, and persevering fidelity as was possessed by these saints of God is rare; yet the church cannot prosper without it."—*Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 304.

May God help you to let your light shine through the activities of your Dorcas Benevolent Service of Seventh-day Adventists.

JAMES J. NORTH, *Secretary,*
Home Missionary Department.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer Work

SINCE the organization of the Northeastern Conference, the Lord has blessed the work in a very definite way. The Missionary Volunteer and educational departments are not excepted in this blessing. It is marvelous how God has worked with and for our young people. At this writing nearly every church in the Northeastern Conference has a strong M.V. Society.

One of the projects that have been among our M.V. Societies is to encourage the functioning of an M.V. choir in all our societies. This project has been instrumental in activating a goodly number of our young people. These choirs are proving such a success in the reviv-

ing of our M.V. Societies that nine society choruses came together for a musical festival on a recent Sunday night. It was gratifying to hear these young people lift their voices in song to God. The other phases of the M.V. work are going forward, and with the continued blessings of God this department will prosper.

The educational work was perhaps the most perplexing in the conference. Two years ago the total enrollment of elementary students was not more than 120. At this writing the enrollment in the schools of the Northeastern Conference is more than 250. When the conference was organized, there was only one school in this area. It is gratifying to announce that two new church schools have been opened for the school year of 1946-47. One of these schools is in Boston, Massachusetts, where S. B. Huddleston is pastor. Elder Huddleston has really done all in his power to establish this school. The other school is in New Haven, Connecticut, where Pastor Thaddeus Wilson is laboring. The project for the school was begun under the leadership of Elder E. A. Lockett, who subsequently has been called to the Westchester County district. Brother Wilson is promoting the church school in a vigorous way there. Plans are on foot for the opening of other church schools throughout the conference.

JONATHAN E. ROACHE,
Secretary, Missionary Volunteer
and Educational Departments.

Religious News Service

IN country parishes in Wisconsin church giving has shown marked increases, running as high as 75 per cent in certain areas. Practically every church has doubled its income during the last ten years, the report indicated. Most churches have liquidated old indebtednesses, and all denominations have granted material salary increases to rural pastors.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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New Bern, North Carolina

A RECENT Sabbath was a day of great rejoicing in the New Bern, North Carolina, church of Seventh-day Adventists. Seven persons accepted the right hand of Christian fellowship, observed the ordinance of humility, and participated in celebrating the memorial of our Lord's death. Six of these members were buried in baptism by the writer in the likeness of Christ's death. The seventh was voted into fellowship upon profession of faith.

Among those who witnessed the services was a young woman who had been reared in the home of a Baptist minister. This young lady came forward, took her stand for the truth, and is now a candidate for further instruction and baptism. Others who were present have promised to follow soon.

N. J. GRANT.

Greensboro, North Carolina

GOD has truly blessed us this summer. We had excellent assistance in Warren Banfield, Eric Ward, Miss Margaret Daniels, and, of course, my ever-faithful wife.

We have all worked hard, but God has given the increase. Thus far 108 souls have been added to the church through this effort. The church is packed. Accommodations are now inadequate. Plans are under way to enlarge the present building to meet the need.

EARL CLEVELAND.

LAKESIDE, OHIO.—Warning the church to cast off impedimenta that retard it from its goal, Bishop Oxnam urged a renewal of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience on the part of institutions as well as individuals.

SOUTH CENTRAL

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President's Report

FINE reports are reaching us from our various Sabbath schools of the work done for the past quarter. The Louisville, Kentucky, church has reported a very liberal offering of over \$500. We appreciate what our folk are doing through the Sabbath school.

Elders H. R. Murphy and V. Lindsay made a recent trip to the Delta to visit our churches in this section of Mississippi. Of chief interest was the baptismal service which came as a result of the efforts of Evangelist W. E. Arties, Greenville, Mississippi. A fine group of nine was baptized at this occasion. Greenville and Indianola were at this combined meeting at the Greenville church. The sermon was given by Elder Murphy, and the baptismal rites were conducted by Elder V. Lindsay, assisted by Brother Arties. On their return trip they stopped over at Memphis to observe the progress of the work there. They also passed through Jackson, Mississippi, to look after some of the interests of the church in this city.

A very beautiful baptismal service was held for Brother Tony Kelly at Sylacauga, Alabama. Brother Kelly, one of our faithful laymen, this summer conducted a self-supporting meeting at Sylacauga. In the first baptismal service there were eight people. The services were conducted by Elder Murphy. We appreciate what this fine lay brother has done in the way of missionary work.

Elder C. A. Lynes has just completed a very interesting and helpful tent effort at Louisville, Kentucky. This meeting was attended by some of the best people of the city and has borne some good fruit. A further report of this effort will be given later.

The tent meeting conducted by Evangelist C. S. Myles in Nashville has resulted already in the baptism of fourteen candidates and will be followed by others later. This meeting was held in a fine section of Nashville.

The evangelistic meeting being conducted by Brother E. T. Mimms at Mobile, Alabama, is moving forward with success. He states that there are thirty-five in the baptismal class at present, and he has reason to believe that there will be others.

Elder D. B. Reid has been conducting a very strong church effort at Chattanooga and already has several baptisms as a result. Three of his churches recently came together at Knoxville for an interesting all-day Sabbath session. Brethren E. D. Brantley and P. C. Winley were in attendance from the conference office and there were also several representatives from Oakwood College present. The meeting was a great success and was quite an inspiration. Several joined the church on this particular day, and nearly \$800 was raised for church improvement in Knoxville.

Elder B. W. Abney has completed a successful effort at Selma, Alabama, and will be conducting his baptismal service shortly. Plans are being perfected there for the erection of a church building, and a considerable sum has already been raised.

The work on the church building at Birmingham is progressing nicely, and God has wonderfully blessed in the securing of material with which to carry forward this construction. The church is beyond the first floor now, and it is expected that the roof will be on within the next month.

At Sylacauga the membership is arranging to purchase a very beautiful lot for the construction of the church building. Some money has already been raised for this project.

At Huntsville the members are laying plans for the construction of a new church. Two large, well-sit-

uated lots have been paid for. A good deal of money has been raised, and the old church will soon be sold to help in the construction.

Elder F. B. Slater, recently elected to head our educational and young people's work, has been in Nashville for the past few days, making plans to move to this field.

I spent some time recently in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Sylacauga in the interest of the work in these places.

H. R. MURPHY.

Nashville News

WE are glad to report to you what God is doing for us here in Nashville. Following our camp meeting at Oakwood, we conducted an evangelistic campaign here in the city of Nashville, from which we have baptized fifteen believers, and another baptism was celebrated on Sabbath, November 2, at which time we baptized eight more, bringing our total for this campaign to twenty-three.

The church is in the midst of an extensive improvement campaign. We have just completed refurnishing and refinishing our pastor's study, also installing Venetian blinds in the school.

Our junior academy is doing a nice work under the principalship of Miss Merrell Danley, with Mrs. Myrtle Myles associated with her, teaching the lower grades.

Our Riverside church is also carrying forward a very fine program. We are now in the midst of a \$5,000 drive toward the realization of a church edifice at Riverside. We hope to have this amount in hand by December 31 of this year. Our Riverside church stands out in the forefront when it comes to missionary programs.

We solicit your prayers in our behalf while we labor for the Master in this part of His vineyard.

C. SAMPSON MYLES,
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Progress in Missouri Work

OUR church here in St. Joseph, Missouri, went well over its goal of \$3 per member for the Riverside Sanitarium. With a membership of fifteen, \$57 was raised, and over \$21 more will be in hand within the week. Our church, though very small, is active and trying to grow. We had a baptism of four a short while ago. There are at least four others we hope to baptize soon. We have purchased a piece of property in a good section of the city on which we plan to build a much-needed church building. The lot has already been paid for.

Elder Miller and I recently closed a six-week effort in Sedalia, Missouri. A number are already keeping the Sabbath, and twelve more have indicated their desire to walk in the light of God's commandments. We plan to organize a church there in the near future.

R. L. WOODFORK.

SILVER LAKE, NEW YORK.—Dr. Harry C. Munro, Chicago, of the International Council of Religious Education, said here:

"I can't imagine a person who values the unity of his family serving drinks."

He admitted that the Christian Church has lost ground morally "because it has thrown over traditional taboos without putting more valid equivalents in their place."

The church, which once condemned dancing, card playing, and theatergoing, should extend its moral outreach by developing "an active concern to achieve a more just economic order, a high code of race equality and a clear-cut conviction regarding the use of violence in war," he said.

Sweet Chariot Hour

ELDER OWEN TROY'S Sweet Chariot Hour, over KXLA, Pasadena, rates high Sabbath afternoons, six-thirty to seven o'clock, and why not? He has both eyes focused on good programing. First, he broadcasts from the Sunset Avenue Church and invites visitors to see as well as hear the broadcast. That's good publicity for both church and radio program. Second, outstanding personalities of our denomination appear as guests of the program. Recently, September 14, Elder J. L. McElhany, our president, was featured for a very fine interview. With such ideas broadcasters can readily understand why the Sweet Chariot Hour continues with good listening interest.

S.D.A. Broadcasters' Exchange.

Evangelistic Efforts

FOR some time we have felt that more work should be done for the colored people of Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. We have colored churches at both centers. Recently the Central California Conference kindly consented to loan to us Brother R. E. Berry, of Bakersfield, to conduct a three-month evangelistic meeting in Salt Lake City.

After the effort in Salt Lake City our colored believers in Las Vegas can look forward to an effort there. Brother Berry will be in Las Vegas for three months after he is through in Salt Lake City. In all, he will be with us for at least six months. I am sure this will greatly hearten our colored believers, and they will look forward with pleasure to his presence in this field.

Throughout the conference a forward step in evangelism has been taken. Our workers all plan to

pend the winter winning souls. We shall pray daily that God may bless the labors of these brethren. Now is the time for us to work as never before.

R. A. SMITHWICK, *President,*
Nevada-Utah Conference.

Fresno, California

OUR tent effort started late, owing to the fact that we were unable to receive a permit to pitch a tent in the city. After prayer and much study and planning we were able to secure a lot outside of the city limits. The effort was well attended. A number have taken their stand and are now being instructed for baptism. Among the candidates for baptism is a sister and her husband who have been in search of the truth for many years. She gives her testimony:

"We thank God for the truth that we have been searching for these many years. From a child I was taught the Ten Commandments. I understood that the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week but could not understand why the first day of the week was kept instead. Finally, when I inquired, my pastor told me that we were living in a new age, and at the resurrection of Jesus the Sabbath had been changed, and under this dispensation we keep the first day of the week, which is the Christian Sabbath. This brought me no satisfaction. I inquired further into the question and changed churches. The answer was the same. I gave up asking and began to pray for light on the subject. After a period of time a brother of the Seventh-day Adventist Church came to my home and asked us to sign up to take a series of lessons from the Voice of Prophecy. From the study of these lessons we received the light of the Sabbath along with other valuable truths. We thank God for the message, and we have accepted it and are happy and rejoicing in it.

"We were introduced to a gospel tent meeting, where we had ad-

ditional instruction. Now we are in the church still learning and both my husband and I are preparing for baptism."—MRS OTTIS MOORE.

V. A. JOSEPH, *Pastor,*
Fresno Church.

God Heals Physically and Spiritually

"I WAS a member of the Holiness Church. I have always felt the need of something much more spiritual. One Friday evening I attended church and was taken seriously ill. From that moment I developed a condition which compelled me to spend thirteen days in the hospital.

"After a slight recovery some of the members of the Holiness Church came to visit me and to pray with me. They requested me to pray, clap my hands, and shout, but there was no inclination for me to work myself up in a state of frenzy. I was later recommended to the Adventist people and was given Bible studies. Then I was taken to the Fresno West Side church on the Sabbath. At the close of a very spiritual sermon the minister made a call for those who desired to take a stand on the side of Christ to keep all the commandments of God. I immediately went forward and gave him my hand. Now I am rejoicing in the truth and telling it everywhere I go. Thanks be to God."—MRS ELIZABETH HAMILTON.

GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE.—A Negro school here has been renamed the Richard Allen School in honor of a pre-Revolutionary slave who rose to become the first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Pupils and faculty members suggested the new name.

WORKING as a brickmaker and woodcutter, and serving as a helper in the Revolutionary War, Allen earned enough money to purchase his freedom. He was ordained a Negro deacon by Bishop Asbury, pioneer Methodist leader, 1799, and in 1816 was ordained bishop of the A.M.E. Church.

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Regional Meetings

FOR the first time in the history of the Southwestern Union, regional meetings were held throughout the union. The first was held in Oklahoma City, August 30 to September 1. On the following week end the believers in the Texas and Texico region assembled in Dallas. On September 13-15 the meeting in New Orleans was attended by those located in Louisiana. The fourth and last meeting was held in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 20-22. It was necessary to hold four meetings, two in one conference, because this is such a vast field and the members would have had to make long journeys in order to attend otherwise.

Some of the major speakers in attendance at these meetings were: T. M. Rowe, secretary of the colored department of the Central Union; L. B. Reynolds, editor of *The Message Magazine*; L. L. McKinley, president of the Texas Conference; J. L. McConaughy, president of the Oklahoma Conference; Dr. J. Mark Cox, of Riverside Sanitarium; Dr. Eva B. Dykes, of Oakwood; and Lafayette Williams, secretary of the Texaco Conference colored department.

The meetings proved to be an inspiration to all who attended; the presence of the Spirit could be felt. Each person resolved to do more in the way of lay evangelism to build up this field that is white to harvest with so few laborers.

Going Forward

THE workers in the Southwestern Union have banded themselves together as one and plan to do bigger and better things for God in this field. The spark of working spirit is now a blaze. A new day has dawned in the Southwest.

The goal for souls set for this year was 300. We feel sure that with the help of the Lord this goal will be reached and surpassed. So far in his effort in New Orleans, Elder W. S. Lee has baptized eighty-one souls with many more prospects in view. Elder W. W. Fordham has baptized forty-one as a result of his effort in Oklahoma City, and the end is not yet in sight. Meetings are still being held in the Y.W.C.A. in Oklahoma City. Elder D. C. Batson, who was recently ordained into the gospel ministry, has realized thirty as a result of his effort in Shreveport, Louisiana. No definite report has come in from Elder J. H. Williams' effort in Dallas.

Even though all the workers are not holding tent efforts, they are engaged in some form of soul-winning work. As a result of Bible studies and a brief church revival Elder A. R. Carethers has already baptized more than twenty new converts.

With much added strength, the prayers of the field, and the help of the Lord we expect to see our work in the Southwestern Union taking a leading place as a result of the earnest and sincere labor that is being done there. HELEN WIGGAN.

News Notes

ELDER S. A. DOUGLAS, of San Antonio, Texas, stated in a very encouraging letter received the other day, "The Ephesus church here raised \$200 for Riverside. We are very thankful for the co-operation we are receiving from the membership."

DUE to the fact that the city of Houston is building a superhighway which will take in our present church location, it was necessary for us to sell out to the city. The city purchased our property for \$42,000, and we in turn were able to find an excellent piece of property 100' x 100' with a large two-story house on the premises facing a beautiful park, only six blocks from our previous location. After counseling with our

local and union conference officials we have purchased this piece of property for \$14,000. We plan to move our present building to this new site, and when building restrictions have been lifted and material is again plentiful, a superstructure will be erected which we feel will be representative of our work in this city.

A NEW health clinic has been opened in Dallas by Anne C. Green, M.D., specializing in physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, massage, food therapy, and colonics. We feel that this clinic is an asset to the union. Dr. Green is the daughter of Elder T. H. Coopwood, former secretary of the Southwestern Union colored department.

BECAUSE of the overcrowded condition in the New Orleans church it was necessary for 120 men and boys present to observe the ordinance of humility in the basement. The attendance was 400, and the seating capacity is 260. The members of this church will be forced to seek other quarters until they are able to build. Their plans call for a \$50,000 structure with a seating capacity of 600. The church has already raised \$10,000. Of this amount, \$7,000 has been raised since May.

Interest in Schools

UNDER the blessings of God the first colored church school for the Texaco Conference opened its doors in Lubbock, Texas, in the month of September. Although the building was not entirely finished, the school session was opened by Mrs. Lafayette Williams. The present enrollment is thirteen, and more are planning to attend.

A night school for adults is being planned, and with the co-operation of the pastor and his wife it is expected to prove a real good for the community and a benefit to the church company.

LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS, Pastor.

The Message Magazine

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE

DEAR SIR:

This is just a little note to say in a few words what many hundreds would like to say, I am sure. *The Message Magazine* is really a great document. It is filled from cover to cover with unusual material. Its whole impact is for good, but for good in a positive, challenging way. I appreciate it for the mass of new material which is printed within its covers.

Every preacher in America should have access to *The Message Magazine*. Why not send sample copies to the American ministry of all churches? As the director of a coast-to-coast broadcast which includes over five hundred radio stations in North and South America, I have found it a mine of good material and of timely, urgent truth.

May God give you His blessing in your endeavor to circulate hundreds of thousands of copies of this good magazine.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

H. M. S. RICHARDS, Director,

Voice of Prophecy, Inc.

MESSAGE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION REPORT

Northeastern Conference	5,980
Allegheny Conference	10,060
Lake Region Conference	6,115
South Atlantic Conference	8,805
South Central Conference	5,750
Other conferences:	4,460
(Including unions where no colored conferences have been organized)	
Grand Total	41,170

We have reached the goal of 35,000 and surpassed it by 6,170 subscriptions! How was this achieved? Every church member made himself responsible for five subscriptions to *The Message Magazine*.

Oakwood College

F. L. Peterson, Pres.
Huntsville, Ala.

"Spilling Over"

OAKWOOD COLLEGE is "spilling over" with students and teachers, many of whom have no place to stay. Some have to live in town; others are sleeping on the floor. The housing situation is beyond being acute. Work on the new dormitory is being held up for a permit, but they plan to start building very soon.

At present there is a large hole in the ground where the foundation is to be laid. Lumber has already been sawed from timber on the place, and large stacks are piled high, ready to be put into the new building when the actual work begins. Old campus roads have been plowed up and filled in, and grass has begun to grow on the surface. A master plan for the campus has been voted by the board.

In spite of housing handicaps, etc., everyone seems to be of good courage, and Oakwood is headed for a very successful and prosperous school year.

J. H. WAGNER, *President,*
Allegheny Conference.

LONDON.—Spiritual guidance is a necessary foundation for happy marriages, Bernard Cardinal Griffin, archbishop of Westminster, declared here in a speech formally opening the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council's new London center. The center will provide guidance services for husbands and wives in their marital difficulties, and it is hoped that other centers will be established later.

THE Holy Scriptures are the perfect standard of truth, and as such should be given the highest place in education.—*Education*, p. 17.

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

J. M. Cox, Med. Dir.
H. D. Dobbins, Mgr.
800 Youngs Lane
Nashville, Tennessee

THE Lord has ordained that sanitariums be established to stand as memorials for Him. This is one of His chosen ways of proclaiming the third angel's message. By this means the truth will reach many who, but for these agencies, would never be enlightened by the brightness of the gospel message. Through this line of missionary effort infidels will be converted. By the wonderful restorations taking place in our sanitariums many will be led to look to Christ as the healer of soul and body.

The purpose of Riverside is evangelical and medical. The sick in this institution are directed to the Great Physician and treated with the most approved and scientific methods known to the medical profession. It is our endeavor to help in the removal of the cause of disease, give health education, and use natural healing agencies, including proper dietary combined with modern and scientific diagnosis and treatment.

Our purpose is to have a registered medical institution with a well-qualified staff of workers in all lines. It is a requirement for all skilled workers to be registered in their fields, and I am happy to say that the small group that Riverside has at present are all registered. Those who come later will meet the same qualifications. It is the plan that all other workers be assigned their tasks and supervised until their work is done smoothly. The essentials of a registered medical institution are gradually being met. Organization is continuing. The new plant will be modern, safe, and free of fire hazards. Equipment for diagnosis and treatment will be complete. The medical staff is limited to well-qualified, ethical physicians, and a program of continuous staff education is in effect. A staff of well-qualified consultants is avail-

able when needed. The laboratory and X-ray department is staffed with registered personnel, all pathological tissues being examined by a pathologist, and all X-ray films read and X-ray therapy prescribed by a roentgenologist. The pharmacy and anesthesia are under the direction of competent personnel. A graduate dietitian is in the diet department.

The nursing department, though understaffed at present, has competent and registered personnel. Arrangements are under way to staff the new building with well-trained supervisors and graduate nurses. An adequate system of medical records is laboriously being developed and will be in smooth running order in a short while. Other essentials—infant nursery, delivery room, and other requirements—will come with the new building, which is about two thirds complete at this time. We wish to qualify for internship in the future.

A school of nursing is planned to begin in June or September of 1947. This will produce adequate nursing graduates from year to year to staff the plant and prepare young people for medical ministry. A high standard of training will be maintained so that our nurses may have the best training available. The school is planned to meet the standards of the department of nursing education of the State of Tennessee and the national organization.

The new institution will house seventy-five beds for adult patients, eight for children, and twelve bassinets for infants. The patients will be divided into surgical, medical, obstetrical, and sanitarium units.

Riverside is expanding. A program is on at present to raise money to equip and furnish the institution. Riverside will take its place and do its duty in the great system of sanitariums operated around the world by Seventh-day Adventists.

J. MARK COX, M.D.

THOSE who minister to the sick should understand the importance of careful attention to the laws of health.—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 219.

Encouraging News

Progress

I have just returned from attending the board meeting at the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. It was thrilling to observe the construction work being done on the top floor of the new sanitarium building as it begins to take shape into a magnificent structure. It is situated on a hill overlooking the banks of the beautiful Cumberland River, with the city of Nashville in the background. The opening is planned for sometime in May of 1947. Progress is being made quite rapidly. I am certain all of us will contribute our share that this very fine building may be equipped with the very best type of furniture and fixtures obtainable. Riverside is going to be a real credit to our colored work.

J. H. WAGNER, *President,*
Allegheny Conference.

Report of Offering

Partial report of Riverside Sanitarium offering as given by conference presidents and union secretaries at the Autumn Council, October 20, 1946:

Northeastern Conference	\$7,401.00
Lake Region Conference	7,000.00
South Atlantic Conference	3,600.00
South Central Conference	1,600.00
Central Union Conference	1,800.00
Pacific Union Conference	2,062.05
Southwestern Union Conference	1,600.00
Riverside Sanitarium	1,000.00
Cash on Hand in General	
Conference Treasury	2,693.78
Total	\$28,756.83

Amount of goal at \$3 per capita for membership in United States	\$60,000.00
Amount reported	28,756.83
Amount short of goal	31,243.17

"The road may be rough, but I must *not stop*; there may be thorns in my path, but I must *go on*."

We are called upon by the General Conference to provide furnishings and equipment for our own Riverside Sanitarium, the only institution of its kind in the world. Here many of our sick will be healed. Souls will be won to Christ. Our young women and young men can be trained in the nursing profession.

G. E. P.

Missionaries

THE following is an excerpt from a letter written by Elder G. Nathaniel Banks in Liberia: "The workers are all well, and we are enjoying the reports of the General Conference in the *Review*. All of us are being kept busy. Please remember us to all our friends. Several Dorcas Societies have cheered us and our work here with packages. I never before realized they could mean so much to those in the mission fields. I know the shipping puts them to some expense, but if they could see the blessings resulting they would not regret it. We are glad they have not forgotten us."

News Notes

THE November *Ministry* contains the general announcement of the new 1947 Ministerial Reading Course. A stimulating article by Professor A. W. Spalding appears on page 3. An editorial on building for strength and solidarity on page 22 is followed by the center opening, giving a display of the component volumes, with a description of each, also the retail and the club price. This in turn is followed by a list of recommended electives, and such other information as usually pertains to the Reading Course.

Miss Louise C. Kleuser, of the *Ministry* staff, visited the Bible Auditorium headquarters in New York City. It is inspiring to realize that 12,000 interested Bible students are becoming acquainted with our message by means of this radio and correspondence school, with William

Fagal in charge. Here a busy personnel behind the scenes prepare the way for the field Bible instructors, who are leading many a family into the faith.

Oregon High Lights

ABOUT three months ago P. W. McDaniels and his family accepted a call to the Oregon Conference for evangelistic work in the city of Portland. From a recent letter from Elder McDaniels we submit the following:

"God has richly blessed us in the work here. To date, ten persons have taken their stand to keep God's commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath; and about thirty-five others are meeting weekly in Bible classes.

"Sabbath, October 5, was a high day for our work in Portland. At this time twenty-six colored believers were organized into a church. Elder C. A. Scriven, president of the Oregon Conference, and I officiated. Elder Scriven in his message told of the efforts put forth by the conference committee and Elder G. E. Peters of the General Conference to get the work started here among the colored people of Portland. This was not an easy task.

"We are grateful that another lighthouse is burning for God in the city of Portland."



THERE is no branch of legitimate business for which the Bible does not afford an essential preparation. Its principles of diligence, honesty, thrift, temperance, and purity are the secret of true success. These principles, as set forth in the book of Proverbs, constitute a treasury of practical wisdom.—*Education*, p. 135.

The Recent Autumn Council

THE council convened at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The session opened at 7:30 P.M., October 14, and closed October 23. Some six hundred delegates representing North America and several foreign countries made far-reaching plans for meeting unprecedented needs and calls for spiritual guidance.

We shall never forget the dynamic and lucid interpretation of the text, Acts 3:6, used by Elder J. L. McElhany, our General Conference president, in his opening sermon: "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."

The speaker emphasized very clearly the worthlessness of material things, and in a mighty appeal urged our leaders gathered together from North America and other world fields to lean wholly upon God in this crisis hour and to plead for an infilling of the Holy Spirit which we must have to bring the work of God in the earth to its successful climax.

He further stated, "Finishing the work of the gospel in the earth does not depend on huge budgets or vast appropriations." He urged that confidence be placed not in material things but in the *POWER OF GOD* "for finishing of His work in the earth."

Sabbath, October 19, Elder McElhany again brought us a Spirit-filled message based on Matthew 24:44: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." The speaker stated, "We must live in a constant state of readiness for the Saviour's appearance." "The atom bomb has shed light on several Bible texts." "The Bible warns us that in the judgment all . . . things shall be dissolved. . . . We read that 'the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.' Once we accepted these things by faith, but now we

can see how easily these awesome predictions can be fulfilled through the natural laws of atomic energy."

Notes of Interest

DENOMINATIONAL youth leaders at the council voted to hold a nation-wide Youth's Congress in San Francisco, September 3-7, 1947, estimating that 12,000 Adventist young people will attend.

IN the Philippines, French Indo-China, and Malaysia 10,000 people were baptized and taken into Adventist churches during the four years of war—this despite the fact that they lost by war 117 church buildings, their publishing house, two academies, and many of the missionary homes.

THERE are 111 Adventist missionaries, including children, on their way to the Far East.

DELEGATES approved formation of a corporation to supervise and control increasing welfare work of the church to be known as the Seventh-day Adventist Charities, Inc.

THE denomination has spent \$767,000 on food and has shipped more than 600 tons of clothing into war-torn areas.

OFFERINGS given by Adventist members throughout the world during 1945 amounted to \$31,540,935, a gain of \$2,855,501 over the previous year.

THE autumn council approved appropriations for 1947 totaling \$13,762,401.14 for special projects and expansion, \$8,754,292.45 of which will be used in overseas divisions.

IMPORTANT among many matters considered was the expansion of the denomination's medical and educational work; also a new and fervent emphasis was placed on evangelism, enlisting the efforts of every minister and lay member.

APPROPRIATIONS were voted the colored work in North America as follows: Oakwood College, addi-

tion on girls' dormitory, \$25,000 (making a total of \$125,000, including a previous appropriation); Riverside Sanitarium, new building, \$125,000 (making a total for new building project of \$325,000). There were other appropriations for Riverside (besides the regular annual appropriations) of \$30,000 to be used for working capital and remodeling of the old plant for dwelling purposes.

New Organization

A REQUEST was submitted at the council by the Southwestern Union Conference that the General Conference authorize the organization of a colored mission in the union territory comprised of 1,500 members. This authorization was voted October 28 by the General Conference Committee. The new setup will include a mission superintendent and a secretary-treasurer, one or more departmental secretaries, stenographers, and an executive committee. It will begin its functions January 1, 1947. This form of organization will provide colored executive leadership to our work in the Southwestern Union under the guidance of the union conference committee. The mission will be superseded by a conference organization as soon as the membership and financial income warrant it. The sum of \$5,000 was appropriated for the headquarters of this new colored mission.

The Central Union has also given consideration to a mission organization in its territory. We hope to be able to report on this as soon as General Conference action is taken.

FLASH! The colored delegates at the Autumn Council requested the General Conference Committee to arrange for the holding of a North American Colored Department Advisory Council prior to the Spring Meeting in 1947.

The Pope especially urges that Catholic Boy Scouts should demonstrate "the same love for boys of other religions as for Catholics."

Flash! Report Just Received

WITH the advent of the autumn season, the gathering in of the fruits, nuts, grain, and vegetables, the country-side of central Indiana, where it was my privilege to labor, has been very beautiful. Mother Nature displayed her coat of many colors as the turning leaves of the trees fell lazily to the ground. But as we look upon the souls of men all around us, we can well ask the question, "is all the harvest in?"—the answer to that query would of necessity have to be, "no." As we see the hundreds and thousands of unwarned men and women in sin, we can only come to the direct conclusion that we have only begun to do the task which our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care.

However, as we take a circumspective view of our work for the last nine months, there is, to a degree, a cause for rejoicing. In the middle of the month of July of this year, the conference asked me to hold a series of tent-meetings in the city of Evansville, Indiana. Brother Moseley of East St. Louis, Illinois, Mrs. Bailey and Miss Malita Phipps of Cincinnati, Ohio, were to assist me in the effort, and they all gave unstintingly of their services. Two or three attempts were made to find a suitable location for the meetings, but to no avail. However, after much prayer and work, we decided to have the effort in Oakdale, a suburb of Evansville, where a very large lot with a small number of residents were in close proximity. We started the meetings trusting explicitly in the strength of God to give the interest and attendance at the services. A number of nights the 50 x 70 foot tent was filled to its capacity. The first night, the Capitol Avenue Church choir came and started the meeting with a half-hour of good music.

After carrying these people through the main doctrines of the message, I am happy to announce that, at the close of the effort, twenty-two souls were buried in the watery grave. Before this summer's meeting, there were but three sisters

who were baptized believers in the message in Evansville. Now, there are between thirty and forty in attendance at the Sabbath services in that place as a result of the blessings of God and our labors.

After one month as an organized company, under the leadership of Brother Moseley, an intern, it is gratifying to note that this new group of believers has paid into the conference treasury over \$115 in tithes and offerings. To God be all the praise and honor. Please continue to remember the Evansville company in your prayers.

The work in Indianapolis is moving along very nicely in an orderly way. Brother C. Moore, one of our laymen here held an open-air effort on the west side, and, as a result, I have baptized four from this effort. The church school has a larger enrollment than it had last year. We have three fine teachers to carry on the work, and I may add that they are doing a splendid job. A new system is used this year to collect the tuition, and it is working marvelously. A two hundred dollar neon sign has been added to the lower section of the church building, and the lower auditorium has recently been re-decorated. At the present time, the church membership stands at approximately 330 believers. We are carrying on Sunday night services, at the present time, and they are well attended.

The church is free from debt. In addition to this, we are cognizant of the needs of our conference, and, as a church, we have pledged to support the conference to the extent of \$4,022.00 by the end of the year for the boarding academy. We are paying this money into the conference treasury as fast as we get it. This year the church raised in Ingathering \$4,523.00. Our prayer meetings are usually held in the lower auditorium of the church, but it is becoming too small to accommodate the large and increasing attendance.

Last Sabbath, as the golden sun was being extinguished in the horizon of the west, it was my happy

privilege to lay eight more souls in their watery graves. This makes total of 71 souls added to the churches in my district thus far this year. We are hoping to increase this number to 100 before the close of 1946.

For all of these special blessings from heaven and many more too numerous to mention, we give to God the praise and the glory. As we labor here in this place, please remember us at the Throne of Grace. J. W. ALLISON, JR.

ROME.—(Pope Welcomes Boy Scouts.) The Pope, who was expected to receive the Catholic scouts in a mass audience during the convention, stressed that it is necessary for youth to have good teachers and leaders who will impress upon them that they "must learn to love their neighbors and to understand that peace will return only when finally men recognize each other as brothers and show brotherly love and co-operation."

"Nowadays," the Pontiff wrote, "it will be more dangerous than ever if leaders live dull Christian lives, lacking strong interior energy. It is necessary to find men of great seriousness in life and religion, who frequently use the sacraments, always give example of frank loyalty and faithful obedience to the church, and continuously and with great courage profess their Christian faith."

WASHINGTON, D.C.—After an intensive six-month study of religious beliefs and habits among persons of all races, creeds, and colors here, a special citizens' committee, composed of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, has concluded that acts and signs of religious intolerance are less evident in the nation's capital than in most large American cities, but there is still much room for improvement.