



Wearing the Mantle of Elijah

BY GEORGE EDWARD PETERS

ELISHA asked not for worldly honor, or for a high place among the great men of earth. That which he craved was a large measure of the Spirit that God had bestowed so freely upon the one about to be honored with translation. He knew that nothing but the Spirit which had rested upon Elijah could fit him to fill the place in Israel to which God had called him; and so he asked, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." Read 2 Kings 2:1-11.

Elijah's mantle did not accidentally fall upon Elisha. The younger man had been schooled under the older, and was the beneficiary of his companionship and counsel.

To wear the mantle of Elijah is not to be a mere imitator. Elisha was most unlike Elijah in some respects. The older prophet loved the wilderness and solitary places, the younger the city and the camps of Israel's armies. Elijah, the Tishbite, was stern and of fiery intensity; Elisha, the son of Shaphat, was milder, gentler, yet withal firm and uncompromising with evil. There are imitators of great men who simulate voice, gesture, and even foibles, but the true successor possesses the spirit and preserves his own individuality.

If we wish the mantle of Elijah, we shall have to make ourselves worthy of it. Elijah's mantle was the symbol



The Editor

of the choice of Elisha to continue the prophet's ministry. In the upper room in Jerusalem, Jesus breathed upon His disciples, symbolic of His Spirit that was soon to come upon them. He was parted from that chosen group while in the very act of blessing them. In that parting he conferred upon them no insignia of authority that the eye could see. There fell from Him no visible mantle, but they possessed His promise, and that was enough until fulfillment came. The disciples tar-

ried in prayer and expectancy, and upon those thus gathered, His Spirit came in fullness and power. Jesus left no successor, but He left many successors.

Elisha prayed for a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and thereby received his mantle. The mantle without the spirit was but a castoff garment, a mere piece of cloth, but as a symbol of the spirit it was an eloquent reminder of the great prophet who wore it becomingly and with power.

Jesus, in granting His Spirit, gave more than the disciples had dared to ask, and thus He gives us of Himself today—superabundantly—if we will but receive Him.

"So stir me, Lord, that I may
Give myself so back to Thee
That Thou mayest give
Thyself again through me."

If you desire greater power to win more souls for the Master, or you long for victory to conquer some weakness in your life, remember the promise, "I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:9, 13.

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President's Report

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IT is a fact that the Allegheny Conference came into existence three years ago amidst a flood of apprehension and misgiving. There were logical reasons for these attitudes, but those who believed in the plan moved forward under the counsel from the servant of God and after two years of prayer, perseverance, and hard work, we are able to report that this conference is making rapid progress under the blessings of Heaven.

When we organized in Philadelphia December 17, 1944, our membership was 3,567. Now the membership stands at 4,021. We have 18 ordained ministers, 12 licentiates, 6 Bible instructors, 37 church school and academy teachers, 9 workers in the office, and 136 colporteurs. The colporteurs have sold \$265,599.20 worth of literature in the past two years. The sales of the Allegheny Book and Bible House have been \$138,481.98 for the same period.

The enrollment for our church schools and academies is 645 to date. In the first year of its operation, Pine Forge Academy had an enrollment of 97 students, from every section of the country. This school answers a need that has been prevalent in our field for the past 20 years. To purchase, equip, staff, house, and open this school has been a signal achievement of the Allegheny Conference. Over \$105,000 has been raised and spent for this project in the past year. The plant is now easily worth at least a quarter of a million dollars, and is an asset reflecting credit to our work.

The home missionary department of the conference is a very efficient organization. The army of laymen in the Allegheny Conference during 1946 conducted 10,000 Bible readings, made 22,000 missionary visits, carried 6,000 persons to Sabbath

school and other services, gave 15,000 persons needed help, and gave 4,000 treatments.

As a result of these labors by the laity, 300 persons have been added to the church. In the two Ingathering drives that we have launched since our organization, \$56,243.87 was raised for missions. Total mission offerings, including Sabbath school, Ingathering, Missions Extension, and Midsummer amounted to \$167,356.36 for the two-year period.

Our Sabbath school work is moving forward. Four new Sabbath schools were organized during 1946. Records from our Sabbath school show that 286 persons from the Sabbath school classes were baptized into full church membership. The financial picture is a bright one. Our believers have demonstrated their loyalty to God's program by their liberal gifts to missions. The Sabbath school offerings averaged \$153.91 for each day, or were a total of \$56,024.67 for the year 1946. This is a gain of \$4,159.89 over 1945.

We have five Dorcas federations, embracing every church within our conference territory. Thousands of articles of clothing have been crated and sent to the Eastern warehouse for overseas shipment. Blankets, pillow slips, curtains, towels, bandages, etc., have been donated to Riverside Sanitarium. New electric sewing machines, tables, scissors, and notions have been given to the home economics department of Pine Forge Institute. Curtains, table linen, accessories for the dining room, as well as money to furnish a guest room have been given to the school by Dorcas groups. In the Allegheny Conference "Dorcas Does Things!"

For the year 1944, the tithe was \$197,396. For the year 1946 it was \$231,789.99. Thus, for the two years of our operation, the tithe and mission offerings have amounted to \$616,543.74. The Allegheny Conference has passed on to the union and General conferences \$348,992.06 for the past two years.

While doing this for the world field, we have not neglected our work at home. All outstanding church debts against church build-

ings in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Columbus, Dayton, Cleveland, Youngstown, and Cincinnati, Ohio, to the amount of \$50,000 have been obliterated. School properties have been purchased, church buildings renovated and repaired, and all along the line there has been a general improvement.

In spite of the fact that we are handicapped by not having sufficient equipment for efforts to carry on a strong evangelistic program, the workers of the Allegheny Conference baptized 370 persons in 1945 and 376 persons in 1946, or a total of 746 since the organization of the conference.

Truly God is blessing the work of this new organization, and with His continued support and the loyal and faithful co-operation of our workers and constituency the future looks bright, and we are of great courage in the Lord as we go forward with a firm determination to do our honest share in carrying this gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people so as to help usher in the eternal kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

New Leader Visits the Field

ON Sabbath, May 17, 1947, in filling my new appointment as M.V. leader and educational superintendent, I spoke at the Ethnan Temple in Pittsburgh. The occasion was Young People's Day, and I confined my theme to the problems of young people, tying in current happenings throughout the world. The obligation and responsibility of parents in

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the training of the young was stressed and giving the youth the full opportunity for Christian education. A challenge and an appeal were made to get all the children registered in our schools.

At the 4 P.M. hour, a special investiture service was conducted. Sunbeams, Builders, Friends, Companions, and one Master Comrade were the happy recipients of their pins. They took the pledge of continued loyalty, and were greeted as new members to the ranks of the honored Progressive Classes of Missionary Volunteers.

Mrs. Louise Davis, principal of Ethnan Temple school, has been working with the Progressive Classes, and she was especially happy to witness the investiture service. Brother Alonzo Banks is the Missionary Volunteer leader, and Elder R. T. Hudson is the dynamic and aggressive leader of this fine congregation. The youth choir, the Harmonaires, the rhythm band and other features on the program were invited to participate on the Allegheny Conference camp meeting program.

Visits Other Points in the Field

Later, I also participated in the closing exercises of the elementary school at Cincinnati, where an interesting and animated program, representative of Christian Education, was enthusiastically entered into by the children. Mrs. Hurley Phillips is the principal, and Elder H. D. Warner is the church pastor.

The Dayton school has enriched its program this year, and a very fine school closing program is planned. Miss L. Naomi Shelton is the principal.

Springfield, Ohio, inaugurates a church school program for September. A new building is now ready for its roof, and the congregation at Springfield is roundly complimented for their courage and willingness to follow the instructions of the Lord.

er W. M. Fordham, the pastor, has vision and is being supported by his people in both Dayton and Springfield. The Dayton congregation has renovated its building, and a drive is now on to purchase the

parsonage, 1205 Home Avenue, in that city.

Ramah Academy in Cleveland continues to do a good job of educating and training the young. The institution is well staffed, and the enrollment is representative of the fine congregation. Miss Mae E. Laurence is the school principal, and Elder J. H. Laurence is pastor of the church.

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News From Cleveland

Where there is a vision, there is progress. The work in Cleveland exemplified this statement.

Under the providence of God, and the leadership of our good pastor, Elder J. H. Laurence, the Cedar Avenue church now occupies quite an outstanding place among the churches of the city.

The evangelistic program has proved of great interest to the public. Weekly the attendance has grown until the spacious auditorium no longer accommodates the congregation. In a few weeks a still larger soul-winning campaign will be launched. There are yet many honest souls in this city who do not know of our church or who have not found it convenient to attend the services. These too must be reached, even though it might call for some changes in the present program. Right here a tent was most needed, but as far as we could see there was none available.

Where there is a vision, there is no discouragement. We learned that a tent could be purchased right here in the city. Because of the generosity of well wishers we were able to obtain it in a very short time. For this we are most grateful. Again we solicit the prayers of our sister churches in our soul-winning campaign.

At the present writing we are engaged in the Ingathering campaign. We hope soon to report that we have gone over the top.

Coinciding with the spiritual program is the educational. Professor

A. V. Pinkney, educational superintendent of the Allegheny Conference, made a visit recently to inspect the school. He found an enrollment of 90 students. He assured us that the program was a good one. Miss Mae Laurence, our principal, plans to make it even better the coming school term, insomuch that Ramah Junior Academy will truly be a modern duplicate of the Schools of the Prophets.

EMYTH A. GIDDINGS

Report of Berea Temple S.D.A. Church, Baltimore, Maryland

WE of Berea Temple greet you again, and during the interim since you last heard from us, hope that each of you has been doing a great and good work for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We would like to tell you of some of the things we have been doing these past few weeks. We are happy to report that through the help of the Lord we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000; \$5,400 covers our Ingathering goal, and the other \$4,600 is for the Pine Forge Institute, Pennsylvania; the Riverside Sanitarium; and our own local program. This work was accomplished in ten weeks. On May 24, 1947, when we reached our goal, we also had the baccalaureate sermon for our eighth grade graduating class of the Baltimore Academy. The sermon was given by Elder W. A. Thompson, of Camden, New Jersey, who took his text from Luke 18:8, advising each of the graduates to continue to let his light shine more and more unto the perfect day. The commencement address was delivered by Pastor E. I. Watson of Dover, Delaware, on May 25, to the class of twelve graduates and a large audience.

For the week of May 31 to June 7, 1947, we celebrated the 25th anniversary in our present church. Twenty-five years ago we were brought to our present church by Elder M. C. Strachan, and during the twenty-five years we have had six pastors, namely, Elders M. C.

Strachan, M. S. Banfield, F. C. Phipps, J. H. Wagner, L. H. Bland and our present pastor, William L. Cheatham. During the term of Elder J. H. Wagner we were able to victoriously celebrate the burning of our mortgage.

Each of the past pastors was present, except Elder Bland, who was unavoidably detained at home. Several visiting pastors were present, including Elder G. E. Peters of the General Conference. The review of the Sabbath school lesson was conducted by Pastor F. D. Beatty, formerly of Berea Temple. Elder M. S. Banfield gave the lesson study.

The morning services followed the usual procedure, with our visiting elders participating. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Elder M. C. Strachan, introduced by Elder G. E. Peters, who used as his introduction the texts in Romans 1:8 and Philippians 1:6, 7. Elder Strachan spoke on "Glorifying the House of God at All Times," and took his texts from 1 Samuel 4:21 and Haggai 2:9. Elder Strachan asked the question, "What constitutes the glory of a church?" We were told it is a house where the worshipers are marked with the love of God, marked for the cause of humanity, its piety, its Christian deportment, and its sacrifice. We were also told there is no meaning in anything done in that house if the glory is gone, and we should keep in mind the glorification and do and say nothing that will make that glory depart.

The four o'clock meeting was opened by a hymn and prayer, a selection by the gospel choir, and a solo by one of the young ladies of the church. The sermon was delivered by Elder F. C. Phipps, whose subject was the "Advent Sign." Elder Phipps took his text from Psalms 78:41. He told us that God has given us the sign and the message; the third angel's message is the greatest message any people ever had. He also said we are God's peculiar people and are marked by Him. God has given us His Sabbath, not just any day. Christianity means to fear God and keep His commandments. Elder Phipps stated also that our

church has stood on this corner for twenty-five years calling the people of God and the people to God.

After a short recess we reconvened for a service at six o'clock, and opened with a hymn and prayer, followed by a solo rendered by Sylvia Harris, our thirteen-year-old prodigy. The sermon was given by Elder G. E. Peters, who took his text from Acts 10:34. He began by telling us God is no respecter of persons but of character. He said God will finish His work and take from every kindred, tongue, and people those who have given their hearts to Him. He also spoke of the soon coming of Christ and the signs of the second coming, the falling of the stars, and that "this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Matt. 24:34. Elder Peters gave a number of facts concerning the advancement of the colored work. C. M. Kinney was the first minister, sixty-five years ago, and the work began with fifty believers. He called to our attention the increase in workers for the Lord and the increase in the number of churches, and stated that three times as many people were baptized last year as were baptized in the first twenty-seven years of the colored work.

The Sunday night services were opened by prayer and music by the three choirs of the church. The sermon was delivered by Elder J. H. Wagner, who also sang a solo. He took his text from Psalms 118:19, 20, and the main thoughts of his sermon were that the true church is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous will enter. It is the gate of heaven. (Gen. 28:16, 17.) The true church is a strait church, and will be generally spoken of as a narrow church. (Matt. 7:14.) The gates of hell will not be able to prevail against this church, but in spite of trials and persecution a host will be victorious, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. (Rev. 14:1-3, 12.) Those keeping all God's commandments are the ones who will enter the gates into the city of God. (Rev. 22:14.)

On Wednesday evening we held special anniversary prayer services,

and on Sabbath, June 7, 1947, the annual Dorcas sermon was delivered by Elder W. R. Robinson, secretary of the Sabbath school and home missionary departments of the Allegheny Conference.

As the quotation at the bottom of our program says, "God be with you 'til we meet again."

MARY L. BURKE,
Church Reporter.

Allegheny Conference Camp Meeting

THE Allegheny Conference members met in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, for a ten-day camp meeting from July 3-13. Nearly three years ago an organization was perfected which enabled our colored constituents to expand the work among their own people. The Allegheny Conference then came into being. This conference is composed of colored believers in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The camp site was located on a 575-acre tract in a beautiful valley watered by the Manatawny Creek. The Pine Forge Institute on these grounds has just closed its first but successful year, with an enrollment of 97 students from 15 different States. Professor J. L. Moran is the principal.

A galaxy of notable speakers graced the program during the camp meeting. They stressed the importance of spiritual renewal, Christian fellowship, signs of the times, healthful eating, progressive classes of Missionary Volunteers, and the importance of youth in the denomination.

Elder N. C. Wilson, of the General Conference; Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department; Elder W. A. Butler, of the General Conference; Dr. Eva B. Dykes, Oakwood College and formerly of Howard University; Prof. Frank L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; Dr. J. Mark Cochief of staff at Riverside Sanitarium; Elder D. A. Ochs, president

of the Columbia Union Conference; and Prof. G. M. Mathews, educational secretary of the union, were among the outstanding speakers who were heard at the camp meeting.

A special young people's program was planned, and the wealth of talent represented in the 38 Missionary Volunteer Societies of the Allegheny Conference was featured during the ten-day session.

A. V. PINKNEY.

Visits of Educational and M.V. Departmental Secretary

ON Sabbath, June 21, the writer spoke at the eleven o'clock hour for Elder E. S. Dillett, pastor of the First S.D.A. Church in Washington, D.C. The occasion was Young People's Day, and talented youth served in various capacities during the service. The First Church is blessed with an abundance of young talent which has been successfully put to use by the pastor.

The theme emphasized the responsibility and privilege of parents to expose their children to Christian education and capitalized upon the hazards which parents risk in surrounding their children with influences which lead away from, rather than to, God.

First and Ephesus churches are commended for their planning along educational lines as we look forward to an enriched program to be offered by Union Academy during 1947-48.

The service was highlighted by the pastor, who distributed two hundred crisp one-dollar bills, the recipients pledging themselves to increase the amount manyfold, making their report within three months. The full return will be used for Union Academy.

East Is East and West Is San Francisco, California

Enthusiasm is running high among the young people in the Allegheny Conference as plans materialize for the San Francisco youth's Congress. To date, twenty societies have forwarded their initial

fee to our office, and we anticipate that before the deadline, Allegheny will have 28 delegates certified. Philadelphia is carrying a busload to the Congress, and Newark, New Jersey, has also chartered a special bus. Indications are that this will be the greatest gathering of young people in the history of the denomination.

Schools Reach "New High" in Allegheny

Announcing the opening of a church school in Springfield, Ohio, to serve the needs of the young people there, and the attitude and decision recently reached by the pastor to make this one of the best schools in the conference, brings great joy to the educational department.

May we take this opportunity to compliment the pastor, T. L. Davis, and congregation of Columbus, Ohio, for their determined effort to open a church school in September in this very needy field. We know the Lord will bless, and every sacrifice that is made will be represented by rich return, evidenced through Christian training and character building in these days of stress, uncertainty, and growing juvenile delinquency.

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Worker Leaves for California

EVERY now and then we are reminded that this is a great movement and that the workers in the Advent cause are always on the move, going hither and thither with the saving message of truth. Regardless of where you may be laboring—in a large conference or a small one, in one of long standing or newly organized, a call might reach you, or causes for a change in field of labor might arise, which make it imperative to move on to some other field. Such is the case of Elder J. E. Johnson.

For the past two years or more Elder Johnson has served the Lake Region Conference as secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments. Rapid strides were made in these two departments under his leadership. The work of both has expanded and been strengthened greatly as a result of his untiring efforts. But due to the ill health of his wife, Elder Johnson was forced to tender his resignation, effective June 15. It was with much reluctance that his resignation was accepted by the members of the committee.

Having accepted a call to connect with the Southeastern California Conference as pastor of San Bernardino church, the elder and his wife left for their new field of labor on June 17. I am sure that their many friends are sorry to learn of their departure, but Elder and Mrs. Johnson can rest assured that our prayers and best wishes go with them. May this change prove beneficial to the health of Mrs. Johnson, and may success continue to accompany the faithful labors of these ardent workers for God.

J. GERSHOM DASENT,
From the *Lake Union Herald*.

Regret to Leave

WITH deep regret we leave the Sabbath school and home missionary departments of the Lake Region Conference, but health conditions make it necessary for us to seek a milder climate. Therefore, I have accepted a call to southeastern California, where I will return to pastoral work.

We have greatly enjoyed the work and association of our workers and believers in this conference, and regret the separation from the many dear friends in our churches.

We know that you will give to our successors the same splendid cooperation you gave us, and see the work continue to go forward under the new leadership. Whenever you are visiting in California, please remember that the latch is on the outside, and *welcome* on the mat. We

will continue to remember you in our devotions, and solicit your prayers in our behalf as we take up work in the San Bernardino district.

With Christian regards to all, we are

Yours ever,
ELDER AND MRS. J. E. JOHNSON.

Home Missionary Work in Hospitals and Jails

SISTER MELVINA ANDERSON is a member of the Shiloh Church of Chicago, Illinois, and a veteran in missionary work. Before accepting the third angel's message she spent years helping wayward boys and girls in state institutions. She became known as Mother Anderson to hundreds of prisoners and patients. Since coming into this movement, she has been working practically alone in jails and hospitals, giving out tracts, many of our books, *Signs and Message* magazines. Sympathetic friends would assist with fruit, flowers, and candy from time to time. However, on November 7, 1937, an institutional missionary band was organized in the Shiloh Church with eight members, who began mission work in the large county jail of Chicago. Unfortunately these members soon lost the vision and fell by the wayside, leaving Sister Anderson to continue alone. She continued faithfully visiting the jails and the wards of the Oak Forest, Illinois, Hospital and conducted services at each place.

In the year 1945 in answer to the constant appeals for help due to Sister Anderson's age, the young people of the Shiloh Church selected Miss Bernice Bland as their leader to go with Sister Anderson to help continue her work in the jails and hospitals. It cheered my heart as I boarded a large bus a few Sundays ago with 40 of these fine young people, who compose one of the best-trained choirs in our denomination, which is under the direction of Brother Robert McKinzie. They gave a splendid half hour of gospel music which touched the hearts of doctors, nurses, and patients in this large



Sister Melvina Anderson

Oak Forest Hospital. After a brief devotional talk by Mother Anderson, tracts and magazines were given to all persons.

The last report gave these revealing figures:

893 Signs, 645 various tracts of the Advent message, 96 dozen oranges, 26 pounds of peaches, 10 pounds of pears, and on some visits the patients received fruit juices, cookies, and candy. The very poor and needy receive a little cash from time to time to purchase little personal necessities not furnished by the institutions.

Heaven alone can reveal the good this dear sister and her young people are doing for the souls of men and women in these institutions whose inmates are there because of crime or loss of health. We pray that the literature ministry will bring many of these souls to a knowledge of the saving and healing power there is in Jesus Christ our Lord. We further pray the Lord's continued blessing on this phase of the laymen's work.

J. E. JOHNSON, *Home Missionary and Sabbath school Secretary.*

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Springfield Church Acquire Building

THE recording of a deed on June 30 to the church property at 368 Bay Street, in Springfield, Massachusetts, marked the realization of a long-felt need by the members of our church group, who have been worshipping in a house church since 1936. From their humble beginning in the year 1925, when six colored believers bade cordial farewell to their fellow members in the white Springfield Adventist church, carrying with them a vision of a more effective soul-saving work among the colored population, the progress of this little group has been well-nigh remarkable.

With the exception of about three years spent by Elder A. W. Clarke in Springfield in the early days as resident pastor, the work of the church has been carried on mainly through the faithful labors of the laymen. One year ago I was sent to the city as resident pastor, also overseeing the work in Hartford. The plan was to raise sufficient money to remodel the present house into a church. However, due to the high cost of material and labor, it was felt that the expense of such an undertaking would be prohibitive. Meanwhile, we continued to raise funds, hoping the Lord would provide a more satisfactory solution to the housing problem. At length it was learned that the Second Universalist church property was for sale for \$14,000. When we had the building officially appraised, it was learned that such a church could not be built in these times for less than \$50,000. Therefore, with proper local and union conference approval, the said property has been purchased under a plan to liquidate indebtedness by July 1, 1948.

Pray for us in our endeavors to carry forward the work of the Lord here in Springfield.

N. S. McLEOD, *Pastor.*

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Successful Camp Meeting

THE first annual camp meeting of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held in Jacksonville, Florida, came to a successful close Sabbath afternoon, June 14, at sunset, as the words of the song "Never Part Again" were sung by the camp meeting choral group. About 1,100 persons were present on the last day at the camp meeting. The Lord was very near throughout the encampment, protecting from accident and showering upon us His rich spiritual blessings. Many were the victories gained. It was common to hear the exclamation, "This is the best camp meeting I have ever attended."

We were happy to have present with us Elders G. E. Peters, E. E. Roenfelt, and J. E. Edwards, from the General Conference; Elders E. F. Hackman, R. H. Wentland, B. E. Wagner, and C. H. Lauda, from the Southern Union Conference; Elder C. E. Moseley and Dr. Eva B. Dykes, from Oakwood College; Elder H. D. Dobbins and Dr. J. M. Cox, from Riverside Sanitarium; Elder L. H. Bland, from the Northeastern Conference; Elders W. W. Fordham and V. L. Roberts, from the Southwestern Mission; Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of the *Message Magazine*; the Voice of Prophecy group; as well as the ministers and workers of the South Atlantic Conference.

Camp meeting was held at the Moncrief Springs Recreation Grounds, where we had the use of the bath house and its facilities, lovely spring water piped to our grounds, and an excellent swimming pool. Extra busses were very freely supplied us by the city transportation company during the rush hours of the camp period. The daily papers gave much space to articles relating to our meeting, and the Pittsburgh Courier sent out their reporter, with a photographer who took pictures of the camp.

Sabbath afternoon, June 14, at 3:30 a solemn ordination service was conducted, at which time Brethren Norman G. Simons and O. S. White were set apart for the sacred work of the gospel ministry. Elder C. E. Moseley of the theological department of Oakwood College, former instructor of both the young men, gave the ordination prayer. Elder G. E. Peters gave the charge, and Elder L. S. Follette led out with the welcome.

At this writing, our large new conference truck is busy transporting the tents from the camp grounds into the field, where a number of tent efforts are to be conducted this summer by our evangelists.

The spirit of harmony and cooperation, as well as Christian fellowship, was evident throughout the camp meeting. All left rejoicing in the Lord and looking forward to bountiful blessings during the year in the South Atlantic Conference.

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Camp Meeting in the South Central Conference

THE South Central camp meeting was held this year on the beautiful campus of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. To this point came believers from Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, west Florida, and cities from other States as far north as Michigan.

For two weeks ministers and Bible instructors assisted our conference, laboring untiringly between the camp and making ready for the oncoming campers. J. G. Thomas superintended this work, assisted by D. B. Reid. Near the main pavilion tent was the conference office, ministerial, reception, and medical tent. On the main campus walk was the Book and Bible House tent, which was very attractively arranged on the interior with several displays of our good denominational books. This

tent was in charge of P. C. Winley.

On the other side of our campus was the young people's tent, and not very far from it was located the children's tent.

The opening service of the camp meeting was conducted by the Voice of Prophecy group on Thursday evening, June 5. Over 500 persons were in attendance at this service. Several musical selections were beautifully rendered by the King's Herald quartet. H. M. S. Richards, "The Voice," preached a very inspiring sermon. This meeting was appreciated by all. A contribution of \$158 was given to the Voice of Prophecy to help them in their work. Each meeting of the camp proved to be interesting. It was very beneficial to be favored with General Conference ministers in the persons of J. E. Edwards, of the Home Missionary Department, and G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department. These brethren gave excellent spiritual help with their timely messages.

E. F. Hackman, union conference president, spent two full days with us, and his sermons greatly benefited all. Present also from the union conference were H. C. Klement, C. H. Lauda, B. E. Wagner, and W. H. Wentland. These brethren gave us good assistance, and the Lord poured out a blessing in the messages they gave.

Word of commendation must also be given to the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital for the work carried on by Drs. J. Mark Cox and Rayfield Lewis. These brethren gave some very inspiring health lectures, especially on diet; and medical examinations were given without charge to nearly one hundred and forty persons. Dr. T. H. Bullard, one of our faithful officers in the Meharry Boulevard Church in Nashville, was also present and gave helpful advice.

F. B. Slater, conference educational and Y.P.M.V. secretary, conducted a very fine youth and junior program throughout the entire meeting. The boys and girls reported that they thoroughly enjoyed every feature of camp meeting life. Mrs. L. B. Cox, of Riverside Sanitarium, was in

charge of the primary and kindergarten activities, and did a splendid work.

D. B. Reid served as chairman of the baptismal and special prayer committee, assisted by W. H. Winston, B. W. Abney, J. G. Thomas, and Thomas Murphy. The platform committee did faithful work under the leadership of C. A. Lynes, assisted by C. S. Myles and E. F. Carter. We enjoyed many special numbers, made possible by the music committee, consisting of E. T. Mimms, W. E. Arties, and Charles Graham. The tents were beautifully decorated with flowers through the work of Mrs. D. B. Reid, Mrs. C. L. Baker, Miss E. M. Dibbs, and Mrs. E. T. Mimms. Andrew Shorter managed the camp meeting cafeteria, assisted by Miss L. McDonald and A. P. McNichols.

On the last Sabbath of the camp meeting, Brother B. H. Ewing was ordained to the gospel ministry. In this service, H. C. Klement gave the ordination prayer, E. F. Hackman the charge, and the writer the word of welcome.

A fine group of colporteurs gathered at the meeting, and a service was held every day at 8:00 A.M. for their benefit. W. E. Adams, assisted by E. D. Brantley and B. H. Ewing, led out in this feature of the work. Several new persons signed up to begin this work.

The Sabbath school and missions offerings amounted to \$550.53, in addition to \$329.15 in pledges. A sum of \$231.13 was contributed for camp expense, and book sales amounted to \$1,300.

My observation of this camp meeting was that the Spirit of God really moved upon the hearts of all who were present. The messages given by the ministers were given with power by both young and old. The great concern of the people was that they should be ready for the coming of the Lord. The last Sabbath of the camp meeting over 900 persons were present to enjoy the spiritual feast. As the sun began to sink in the west and the Sabbath folded her wings on the evening of June 14, camp meeting was near its close—never to

be forgotten, but long to be remembered in the lives of those who attended and who were assured that another round in the spiritual ladder had been reached.

With quickened spirits and determined zeal, the members returned to their homes fully aware of the great moments which are to pass between now and the coming of our Lord.

H. R. MURPHY, *President.*

PACIFIC UNION

Colored Department

Owen A. Troy, Sec.

735 Winona Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Report Covering the Field

THE Los Angeles Academy held its first commencement exercises on its new El Segundo Boulevard campus when the first senior class of seven graduates received their diplomas from Principal J. F. Dent, Sunday afternoon, June 1. Using the entrance of the administration building as the speakers' platform, and with hundreds of persons seated in the open air before the building, the officers saw that the occasion was one of dignity and beauty. Elder W. W. Fordham of Dallas, Texas, gave a challenging and outstanding address to the graduates.

Since this academy is a union school, operated by the churches in the area, the various exercises were held in the regions of the supporting churches. Class night was held at the Lincoln School Auditorium in the vicinity of the Sunset Avenue Church of Pasadena. The consecration service was held at the Compton Avenue Church. The baccalaureate sermon was given at the Wadsworth Church, in Los Angeles, by Elder Alonzo L. Baker. The new academy buildings will be used for school this coming September. The old site has been sold and the equipment moved to the new campus. Thus far, buildings erected will represent a cost of \$160,000 when fully completed. Plans call for two more elementary units to be erected, at a cost of \$50,000, and an auditorium

at a cost of \$35,000. Completed and equipped, this modern school plant will cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Recent visitors to the school were Elder N. C. Wilson and Brother W. H. Williams, of the Gen. Conference. Both men expressed satisfaction in the progress being made. They felt that the buildings were being constructed solidly, yet economically. The greatly needed auditorium will have to await additional funds, since the institution is being erected on a "pay as you go" basis. However, the brethren have faith that God will impress the minds of persons with large means as well as those with limited funds to send in contributions to help complete this institution. You are cordially invited to visit this new school, located at 846 East El Segundo Boulevard (129th Street), Los Angeles, California. Telephone: Menlo 4-1202.

PLANS are being made for a new church building in Fresno, California. Elder V. A. Joseph is busy conferring with contractors and architects relative to a church to take care of the growing work there. The present building is entirely too small. Elder Joseph hopes to hold an effort in the Fresno area this summer and fall.

ELDER R. HOPE ROBERTSON continues to attract large crowds to his Sunday evening meetings, held in a tent which has been up continuously for more than a year. Friday evening services are held in the Wadsworth Church. It is reported that about thirty took their stand for the Sabbath at the tent on June 29. Associated with Elder Robertson are Sisters Hazel Perkins and Effie Davies.

ELDER DENNIS S. BLACK, who has been ill for more than a year, is able to resume his work again after a recovery from a very serious vertigo operation at the White Memorial Hospital. He has started the erection of a new \$50,000 church, which is located on an excellent corner. Besides auditorium and adequate class-

rooms, this building will include a clinic and special rooms for welfare work. Elder Black is preparing a goodly number for a baptism which he will conduct shortly. Miss Sally Clark of La Sierra College has been employed as a Bible instructor to work with Elder Black.

ELDER AND MRS. J. E. COX, of San Francisco, have returned from a well-deserved and needed vacation through the East to visit relatives and friends. He will conduct a large effort in their beautiful church, which is favorably situated for use in a city effort. Miss M. Warrington is the Bible instructor. Elder Cox and his associates are making plans to house the Youth's Congress delegates, who will soon be making their trek to the city by the Golden Gate.

ELDER AND MRS. R. E. BERRY have been in Las Vegas, Nevada, holding an effort in that very wicked city. Brother and Sister J. W. Burnett of Turlock, California, have been assisting in the effort.

The Sweet Chariot Hour broadcast, which has been giving its evangelistic message over the air for five years, is now "on its own." In other words, it has to pay all its own bills. The conference has had to make certain financial adjustments, so all of its broadcasts have had to withdraw from the air or support themselves. Friends of all races said this program "must not go off the air." By faith, the program continues. It costs approximately \$75 for the radio time each week. The churches in the area are co-operating to keep this widely known broadcast on the air. Elder Harold Lindsey is the director of the program. Associated with him are Elder W. C. Webb, of the Compton Avenue Church, Elder E. Wilkins and Brother Roy Stone of the Pasadena Sunset Avenue Church, and Brother Bennie Ballenger, of the Vadsworth Church, who is the music director of the twenty-voice choir. The program is broadcast by remote control from the Sunset Avenue Church, 1281 Sunset Avenue, over station KXLA (1110 kcs.), Sat-



Members of the School Board and Faculty of the South Los Angeles Academy

urday evenings, 6:30-7:00 P.M. Visitors are always welcome to witness the broadcasts.

THE Sabbath school secretary of the Southeastern California Conference reports that churches of our group are conducting six branch Sabbath schools. They are to be found in the San Diego, Brawley, and San Bernardino-Riverside areas. Southeastern leads the field!

THE Society of Missionary Men of the Sunset Avenue Church, led by Brethren R. Stone and B. McAdoo, is planning to conduct a lay effort this summer. This society has the distinction of being the second in the large Southern California Conference.

ELDER R. WENDELL NELSON, pastor of the Market Street Church, of Oakland, is conducting a large evangelistic effort in Richmond, California, one of the suburbs of Oakland. Large crowds are filling his three-pole tent despite the streetcar strike the area has been suffering. The interest there assures the organization of a new church. Associated with Elder Nelson are Brother and Sister A. T. Johnson, Brother and Sister W. Gulley, and Miss Veva Knox. The Market Street Church membership is helping in a strong way in the music and visitation.

MRS. MYRTIS BEAMAN, Los Angeles Bible instructor, has been seriously ill. Special prayer has been offered for her. She reports improvement in her health.

BROTHER T. J. DOUGLASS, of Tucson, Arizona, recently invited Elder Troy to assist him in a baptism there.

ELDER AND MRS. J. E. JOHNSON, recently of Chicago, were officially welcomed to California by Elder H. H. Hicks, president of the Southeastern California Conference, at one of the services of the La Sierra camp meeting. Because of Mrs. Johnson's health, Elder Johnson returns to labor in the San Bernardino-Riverside area, where he pioneered the work a little over fifteen years ago. Elder Johnson is one of our strong workers, having served as pastor of large churches in California, Washington, D.C., and Detroit, Michigan. He was secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments of the Lake Region Conference before coming to California. Associated with him in the work of the district will be Brother William Galbreth, pastor of the Riverside Church, and Miss Justine Reed, Bible instructor.

AFTER five years of efficient service as Bible instructor in the Southern California Conference, Mrs. E. Van

Nockay Porter has accepted a joint call with her husband to labor in the newly organized Central States Mission, in Kansas City, Missouri. Brother Porter was called to the secretaryship of the Book and Bible House of that field. While in Southern California, Sister Porter labored with Elder Troy in Pasadena and Monrovia and in connection with the Sweet Chariot Hour broadcast. Also she assisted in other efforts held in Los Angeles by Elders Peterson and Lindsey. Quiet, dignified, and capable, she is greatly missed. Brother Porter also is a willing and energetic worker in the church.

ELDER HAROLD A. LINDSEY, now in charge of the Pasadena-Monrovia districts, reports that finally they are ready to break ground for the Monrovia Church, which will be erected at a cost of \$25,000 on their beautiful corner lot. The contract has been let and the plans are all drawn.

Congratulations!

OUT of the hundreds of young women of the nation who were competing for the famous Atwater-Kent scholarship awards was one Seventh-day Adventist, Miss Bernice Peterson of Los Angeles. On the final night of the contest she was among the seven finalists, five of whom would receive awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The judges were internationally known musicians. Miss Peterson won second prize—\$1,750! She was the only one of her race to win an award. Stories and pictures of her achievement appeared in the daily and weekly papers.

THIS year's graduates in the medical field include: Drs. Frank L. Peterson, Jr., and John Holloway, dentists, from the Dental School of the University of Southern California; Dr. Omar Stratton, physician and surgeon, from the College of Medical Evangelists; Mrs. John Richard Ford, the Misses Earline Logan, and Una Mae Darby, from the White Memorial School of Nursing. These were June graduates. Graduates of the



First Graduating Class of the South Los Angeles Academy Before the New Administration Building. Commencement Address Being Delivered by Elder W. W. Fordham, Superintendent of the Southwestern Mission

Glendale Sanitarium and the Paradise Valley Sanitarium will have their exercises in August. Their names will appear in a later issue of the INFORMANT.

FAREWELLS were said to Dr. and Mrs. John Richard Ford recently at the home of Elder and Mrs. Troy by the young people's society of the Sunset Avenue Church. Dr. Ford has accepted a coveted residency in surgery at Freedman's Hospital, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ford was the top student in his graduating class from the Loma Linda medical school. He stood highest in competitive examinations for his internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. With all this brilliance, he still found time to be a faithful church worker in the Sunset Avenue Church. A suitable gift was given to Dr. Ford by the young people at the reception. O. A. TROY.

work was stimulating to us, and made deep impressions upon all who heard them. We hope providence will turn the wheels of its vehicle to this sunny land some future day with this same rare cargo.

The work in Los Angeles moves forward under the guiding hand of God. A large tent was pitched by the writer a year ago, and well-attended meetings have been going on all through the winter, with excellent results. Over two hundred have been added to our membership, and our great problem now is that of housing those who are turning their faces Zionward. We are sure, however, that the Lord who watches his church will show us the way out. Your prayers in our behalf will be greatly appreciated.

—R. H. ROBERTSON, *Pastor,*
Wadsworth Church.

Oakwood College

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

Notes of Interest

IT was indeed a happy incident to welcome the presidents of the Colored conferences and Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the North American Colored Department, to Los Angeles during the Spring Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The fine spirit of the men along with their long-range vision of the progress of the

A Successful School Year

OAKWOOD COLLEGE has just rounded out fifty years of service as a training center for the colored youth of North America.

Eighty students were graduated during the commencement activities, which took place from May 23 to May 25. Sixteen of these received the

baccalaureate degree; twelve finished the two-year business and secretarial courses; eight the pre-nursing course; two the special Bible instructors' course; and forty-two received their diplomas from Oakwood College idemy.

On Friday evening, May 23, Prof. J. L. Moran, principal of Pine Forge Institute and for thirteen years president of Oakwood College, delivered the consecration message to the graduates. The baccalaureate sermon was given on Sabbath morning by Elder J. H. Laurence, pastor-evangelist of Cleveland, Ohio. Elder J. W. Allison, Jr., pastor of the Capitol Avenue Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, delivered the commencement address Sunday morning at 11 A.M.

A large and appreciative audience was present over the week end to witness the closing exercises of the college.

The school year 1946-47 marked the largest enrollment in the history of the college, with 509 students registered. The college is now working on an ever-expanding program of more adequate facilities and greater efficiency.

A dormitory which is designed to be a women's residence hall is now nearing completion. This building will provide living quarters for 150 students and will house the cafeteria and culinary department.

A sewage disposal plant costing \$47,200 will be installed, which will make for better sanitary conditions at the college.

A new library building is in the offing, and we believe that next summer this much-needed structure will be taking shape on our campus.

F. L. PETERSON.

VOICE OF PROPHECY

The Voice of Prophecy broadcast is now heard on the Mutual Broadcasting System every Sunday morning at the following hours:

Eastern Daylight Saving	
Time	10:30 A.M.
Central Daylight Saving	
Time	9:30 A.M.
Mountain Daylight Saving	
Time	8:30 A.M.
Pacific STANDARD	
TIME	8:30 A.M.

Consult your newspaper or phone your radio station for local time release.

The Message Magazine

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"The Message Magazine"

BY GWENDOLYN BURTON

The Message Magazine is now in its thirteenth year of publication. From the first undated issue, in 1934, a trial number, for which the late Elder R. B. Thurber was responsible, the magazine has made unusual strides. Now having gone through many stages of development, it has at present a circulation of over 1,355,000. It is evident that the Lord is blessing the work here in a marvelous way.

Due to increased production costs it has been necessary to raise the retail price of *The Message Magazine* from ten cents to fifteen cents per copy. We felt that this would have some unfavorable reaction in the field, but we have learned instead that the workers have experienced amazing results, the new cost notwithstanding. Just the other day we received this letter from one who is regularly distributing *The Message*:

"I am glad to say that I find no trouble in taking subscriptions for *The Message* because of the increase of price. To my idea, it should have been fifteen cents at first. I haven't had anyone to complain of the increased price."

Just yesterday we received these encouraging words from one of our ordained ministers:

"We are doing just as well, if not better."

Over 230 letters and cards have come to my desk recently regarding the advance in price of *The Message*. Nearly all these have indicated that the field has been very favorably disposed to our problem. Most of them say that they have noticed little or no difference in the sale at this increased cost.

For September we shall be placing before the public another attractive issue of *The Message*, devoted entirely to the temperance question. This special number will be coming

off the press around the first of August. Such prominent characters as Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president-elect of Fisk University; Langston Hughes, well-known poet and author, who is on the faculty of Atlanta University; and several other outstanding people will favor us with articles in this special temperance number.

Several large universities have asked that we supply them with sufficient copies of this special magazine for distribution to all their students and faculty personnel. Some high schools have made use of our 1946 issue. We hope that all our workers will make the most of their opportunity to distribute this temperance instruction among the population of the cities where they labor, especially in the schools and colleges.

We are encouraged over the prospects for a greater magazine. We know that this phase of the work must go forward to an early triumph.

North American Youth's Congress

By CLAUDE CONARD

Statistical Secretary of the
General Conference

TODAY youth everywhere are being pressed to bear burdens of large responsibility. Present duties demand young men and women, strong in spirit and body, to build the battered and broken areas around the circle of the earth. The vitality of the older generation is waning. Their sons and daughters must take up the load.

No less in the industrial and material affairs of the world is the need for youthful activity than in the proclamation of the gospel of God. The burden of energetic endeavor in leading men to Christ rests heavily on the young people of the church.

Trained and disciplined for spiritual service and guided by the experience of their elders, Seventh-day Adventist youth assumes the steady advance into the opportunities of the world's need. The San Francisco Youth's Congress is a long step in that direction.

Youth's Congress in Center Stage

By L. R. RASMUSSEN

Associate Secretary, General Conference Department of Education

THE coming Youth's Congress in San Francisco is occupying the center of the stage in the thinking of our Seventh-day Adventist youth in the United States. This great gathering of our youth should have the fullest support of every worker and every believer.

"Christ is calling for volunteers to enlist under His standard, and bear the banner of the cross before the world. The church is languishing for the help of young men who will bear a courageous testimony, who will with their ardent zeal stir up the sluggish energies of God's people, and so increase the power of the church in the world."—*Messages to Young People*, pp. 24, 25.

This passage from the servant of the Lord is the great objective of the Youth's Congress.

The most priceless heritage of this cause is its youth. As our youth go, so goes the future of this cause. It is for the Adventist denomination to have faith in its youth, and at this time to make provision for rallying them in this great Youth's Congress.

We have no time to lose!

"Time is too short,
Eternity is too long,
Souls are too precious,
Heaven too wonderful"—

to have our youth spend their time and talents in unimportant pursuits. As our youth succeed, so our church will succeed.

Youth need to be challenged with big things—they need inspiration and direction. Great spiritual frontiers challenge our youth to pioneer service and sacrifice. Our church leaders have a vision of a great movement among our young people's societies. Let this Youth's Congress be a rallying point. In my opinion this Youth's Congress may be God's means of awakening and directing the great untapped resources of this denomination's youth, challenging them with the great task for Christ

which will give meaning and purpose to their youthful lives.

Let us all take part in this Youth's Congress and make it a great heavenly advance for our young people.

If there are those who are not delegates but plan to attend the Youth's Congress in San Francisco and who will need rooms, send your request with detailed information as to price, length of stay, number in party, etc., to: Elder J. E. Cox, 1359 Geary Street, San Francisco, California.

Our Message Carried Through News Stories

THERE is growing evidence these days that God's Spirit is opening the way for the masses of people everywhere to learn about the work of Seventh-day Adventists.

We are impressed with this every day in scanning the hundreds of clippings of Adventist news stories that come in to our Press Bureau office. Of late we have received some striking things from lands afar that to us seem most significant. A recent camp meeting held near Johannesburg, South Africa, attracted newspaper and magazine writers from a number of near-by places. One beautifully printed and illustrated magazine, *Photo News*, published a two-page spread of pictures with a very fine story of the history of Adventists and what they teach. It is headlined—*When the World Comes to an End*—with a large subhead: Seventh-day Adventists, Believing That the Second Coming of Christ and the End of the World Are Near, Proclaim Their Faith Amid Picturesque Surroundings Near Johannesburg. This is only a small part of the publicity given the Adventist work in connection with the camp meeting. Similar stories appeared in weekly publications so that into many thousands of homes was carried the spirit of the meeting and much concerning the

services held and the beliefs of this people.

The *Chicago Daily News*, in its issue of May 23, 1947, flashed to its readers this headline—2,000 Converts for Adventists . . . Open 21 Churches for Dominicans.

The story was written by a correspondent for the *Daily News Foreign Service* and given a date line—Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. In it we learn that "The American Seventh-day Adventists, who observe the Sabbath on Saturday and believe in the second coming of Christ, though they do not predict the date, have 21 churches, seven schools and 2,000 adult converts in the Dominican Republic."

The writer further says: "This is the result of work begun two years ago in this predominantly Catholic land under the leadership of Charles R. Beeler, missionary, of Little Rock, Arkansas." This particular story is appearing in other papers also. We have caught it in the *Oakland, California Tribune*, and in the *Miami, Florida Herald*. Probably many others have carried it. Incidentally, we told Elder E. E. Andross, former Inter-American Division president, of this item, and he recalled the time when he had to do with sending the first worker into the Dominican Republic, then called Santo Domingo, when there were no Adventist churches or members.

From European countries papers that we cannot read are now coming to us, but when the marked stories are translated we find that they are reporting Seventh-day Adventist meetings and other news about the church. And they are very fine in reflecting the spirit of our work. Elder K. Fischbacher in Switzerland has been succeeding nicely in getting articles into leading Swiss papers. Now he is being transferred to Austria, and he says he will be sending reports from there, he hopes, soon. We have just opened a bundle of newspapers from France, and there on the first page of each for a successive number of issues is an article by our Adventist worker, Charles Gerber. He is winning the confidence of the press in France, and has been

asked to contribute a series of articles. In one we can read in the headline, *The Signs of the Times*, so we are sure they touch upon significant things closely related to the truth for this time.

According to a letter just received this week from Ceylon, a live interest in the press work has sprung up there. We are asked to send all the information and help we can. "We are launching out in an island-wide evangelistic campaign, and the Bible correspondence school is making a large number of friends for us. Several have been baptized."

Elder A. J. Campbell has just returned to New Guinea after a two-year absence due to war conditions. He answers a letter we sent him in August, 1945, which had just reached him through the military authorities with other things that had been taken over. He is interested, even away out there, in what is going on in giving publicity to the work of Seventh-day Adventists. "The way is surely opening up for a larger work in these parts," he writes. "We live in the Central Highlands of New Guinea, an area wherein, it is now estimated, live a million people, the most thickly populated area in the South Seas outside of New Zealand. We have almost completed the construction of our new European church, the first building of such type to be erected among all these people. . . . I baptized five dear souls on the North Coast recently, the very first to be baptized in all that extensive region. . . . Though twenty bombs were dropped by the Japanese on our mission property, and though the buildings were heavily machine-gunned and sprayed by bomb fragments, little real damage was done. This is surely our great day of opportunity."

As our work pushes out in every direction at home and abroad, its importance will enlarge in the minds of editors, and the stories they publish will favorably impress many hundreds of thousands of people. Only a very short time ago as part of a big feature story in the *Saturday Evening Post* a column or more was given to the story of how a pilot

in Ethiopia on a dangerous and remote plane route safely landed a Seventh-day Adventist missionary and his wife at their destination.

"Everybody knows the wide range of Seventh-day Adventist missions as found by GI's in 'the World War,'" a church editor in Syracuse, New York, wrote recently in his story of a visit to the Adventist church service. We think this statement is perhaps too liberal, but the publicity given our missions work is drawing the minds of large numbers of people favorably to it.

Around the world, as first suggested, Adventist work is becoming more rapidly known. The great presses of earth are devoting time and space to telling about it. Let us pray that this may continue, and that we as Adventists may fully live up to our profession and to the standards that are frequently mentioned by writers in telling about our church.

J. R. FERREN, *Secretary,*
General Conference Bureau of
Press Relations.

Editorial Secretary Leaves "Informant"

MISS LEILAFRED BALLARD is discontinuing her work in the office of the department, where she has worked for almost a year and six months, serving as my secretary and as editorial secretary of the *INFORMANT*. Her work has been efficient and most satisfactory. We regret to see her go, but she leaves to complete work on her master's degree at Howard University. Miss Ballard has expressed a hope of re-entering our work in some capacity after her graduation. We are sorry to lose Miss Ballard from our office, but wish her God's blessing as she enters the field of advanced education.

GEORGE E. PETERS, *Secretary,*
North American Colored
Department.

Leave-taking

DEAR READERS:

It has been a pleasure, during the past year, to have a part in sending



Miss Leilafred Ballard

to you *THE NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT*. The reports of the work you are all doing which have come in from the field have been read with great interest by those of us here in the office. Your letters of appreciation for the *INFORMANT* have brought great joy to us and a feeling that our efforts have been truly worth while. We do hope that you will continue to enjoy the periodical and that it will serve a definite purpose among our people in letting you know of the progress of the work in the various fields.

Because of the delight with which we have all watched this little bimonthly magazine grow, it is with reluctance that I find it necessary to discontinue my work here. I have benefited spiritually in noting from your reports how each one is diligently engaged in some form of carrying this great message to those around us who are not yet aware of the nearness of the end of time, of the perils which surround us continually, nor of the great joy to be derived from knowing and serving our beloved Master.

I have enjoyed my work in the department, and as I leave the staff to continue my studies, it is a privilege to join you, the enthusiastic readers of *THE NORTH AMERICAN INFORMANT*.

LEILAFRED BALLARD,
Editorial Secretary.

Words of Appreciation

EVERYONE here who receives the INFORMANT is well pleased with this splendid periodical. Each one appreciates the news from the field; the style of printing is commended also. This magazine fills a very important place in our work. May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve as its editor.

OWEN A. TROY, *Department Secretary, Pacific Union Conference.*

RECENTLY volume 1, number 5 of your publication came into my hands, and I have read it with sincere interest. I would much appreciate your placing me on the mailing list to receive the INFORMANT. If you have them, I would appreciate the first four issues that preceded this one.

O. R. STAINES, *Editor, "The Medical Evangelist," Loma Linda, California.*

I WISH to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate the INFORMANT. It has proved to be most helpful to me in the Sabbath school department, so much so that I am enclosing the names of my assistant and my secretary, hoping that you will kindly include their names with those who are receiving this valuable paper.

G. L. DANIELS, *Sabbath School Supt., College Avenue S.D.A. Church, Topeka, Kansas.*

More About the North American Youth's Congress

By A. V. OLSON

Vice-president, General Conference

THE greatest earthly asset of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is its large and beautiful army of young people. Upon these young people must rest in a large measure the responsibility for the finishing of the task which God has committed to His remnant church. They are our hope for the future.

How important, then, that the church leave no stone unturned in

its efforts to harness all this youthful energy for service in the Master's cause. Everything possible must be done to help them sense the importance and the immensity of the responsibility that rests upon them, and to galvanize them into action for God.

Somehow one cannot escape the conviction that the coming Youth's Congress in San Francisco must mark the beginning of a new era in our young people's work. Under the guiding and impelling power of the Holy Spirit we trust that this mighty gathering of young men and women—the greatest in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church—will set things on fire for God.

Because of this, we consider it of the utmost importance that every section of the North American Division should be well represented. From the East and the West, from the North and the South, let the Adventist youth go up to this holy convocation.

Current Events

Washington, D.C.

LOUIS R. LAUTIER, Negro correspondent of the *Atlanta Daily World* and the National Negro Publishers Association, has been admitted to both Senate and House press gallery membership, following a Senate Rules Committee's overriding of the standing committee of correspondents, which governs the capitol press galleries subject to Congressional rules. (GP, ANP)

P. L. PRATTIS, Washington representative of *Our World* magazine, was "unanimously approved" as the first Negro granted admission to the periodicals galleries. (GP, ANP)

Waterbury, Conn.

THE local board of education has voted that in the future the department will not "participate in the granting or distributing" of graduation prizes that are restricted to students of "any race, religion or creed." (Waterbury, Conn., *American*, March 18, 1947)

Chicago, Ill.

A GROUP of white Chicago acts have obtained several thousand dollars from philanthropic sources and set up scholarships for young Negro doctors wishing to specialize. Ten fifteen scholarships will be provided a year. (Chicago, Ill., *News*, March 27, 1947)

Palo Alto, California.

WITH the provision that there will be no discrimination as to race, color, or creed in the assignment of residents, Stanford University has received a gift of \$400,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Lucie Stern for the construction of a new men's dormitory. (*Report*, American Council on Race Relations, March, 1947)

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Report From the Central States Mission

THE Lord is richly blessing the effort that has been started by Brother Maxfield, a layman evangelist. This effort began June 5 in Rosedale, a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri, and will continue until July 26. Eight souls took a stand for the truth and six others are interested. We are praying earnestly that the Lord will bless Brother Maxfield in his work of winning souls. Miss Vernice Jones, a Bible instructor for the Central States Mission, is assisting Brother Maxfield in his evangelistic effort. She reports that there are many who long to hear the message of the soon-coming Saviour.

Sister E. Van Nockay Porter, another Central States Mission Bible instructor, reports that God is truly blessing her in her work. Sister Porter comes to us from the Southern California Conference. She mentions that Sabbath, July 5, six precious souls were baptized and one took her stand. She is assisting Elder Spears, of the Kansas City, Kansas, church in his work.

We are happy to report that Elder Rowe and his family have come to Kansas City to stay. They will reside right across from the Central States Mission office. We thank the Lord that He has continued to permit us move forward in our work, and we are asking for your prayers in our behalf.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church of St. Joseph, Missouri, is sponsoring a program under the auspices of Elder R. L. Woodfork. They are presenting Miss Betty Bradford, a lyric soprano of Kansas City, Missouri. An elaborate program is planned, and the proceeds from the program will be used to help build a new church building. Construction will begin very soon.

If present plans carry, with the help of the Lord, a mission camp meeting for 1947 will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, beginning August 20 and continuing until August 24.

Brother and Sister Vashni T. Davis arrived in Kansas City recently en route to Pueblo, Colorado, where Brother Davis will assist Elder Xavier Butler in finishing up the effort there. He will later serve as pastor-evangelist in Pueblo. Brother Davis is a graduate of Oakwood College. Sister Davis, formerly a stenographer in one of the eastern colored conferences, is planning to do colporteur work in Pueblo. We know that the Lord will continue to bless these young folks as they go out to labor in His vineyard.

"The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world." How well has the pen of the Lord's servant proclaimed this declaration. The Central States Book and Bible House has heard the clarion call, and though still in its infancy is happy to report the first \$1,000 weekly sales. Our next aim is \$2,000. We solicit your prayers.

PAULINE JONES.

Ordinations

IN the month of June the following workers were ordained to the Gospel Ministry:

Norman B. Simons, secretary, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments, South Atlantic Conference; Osceola White, pastor-evangelist, Thamasville, Georgia, A. L. Kirk, pastor-evangelist, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is truly a privilege and honor to be dedicated by God to administer His work in the church and to direct lost sinners to Christ.

You Don't Have to Tell It— They Know It

You don't have to tell how you live each day,

You don't have to say you work or you play;

A tried, true barometer serves in the place,

However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit, that you bear in your heart

Will not stay inside where it first got the start;

For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace,

What you wear in your heart you wear in your face.

If you've gambled and won in the great game of life,

If you feel you have conquered the sorrow and strife,

If you've played the game fair and you stand on first base,

You don't have to say so, it shows in your face.

If you dissipate nights till the day is most nigh,

There is only one tattler, and one that won't lie;

Since your facial barometer is right in its place,

You don't have to tell folks, it shows in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,

For not what you get, but how much you can give;

If you live close to God in His infinite grace,

You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

—Author Unknown.

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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"Health—the Greatest Wealth"

BY GEORGE E. PETERS

HEALTH is the most valuable temporal blessing that any human being can possess; and to maintain health is far more important than to obtain a knowledge of all the arts.

Many people regard sickness as a result of some unknown and mysterious cause, and in seeking relief they seem to think that some mysterious and marvelous means must be found. This has caused them to seek a cure from everything under the sun. The death rate of the human family is not set by divine decree but is determined by the way men live.

One of the great essentials to health is rest. Many abuse the body by overworking it. The lungs may be injured by breathing impure air; and the digestive organs, by the use of improper foods or by wrong habits of eating. Keeping well is easier than getting well. Investigations made by the medical profession show that every day there are more than three million persons sick in bed.

The new Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital will soon open its doors of service to those who are seeking rest and relief for their bodily infirmities. This sanitarium is much more than an ordinary hygienic institution. It is fully equipped with the most modern facilities. There are numerous departments—medical, surgical, X-ray, laboratory, and obstetrical. Beside the advantages of these varied departments, one may obtain dietetic assistance for special food needs; also hydrotherapy, including salt glows, hot applications and packs, sulphur baths, electrotherapy treatments, massage, and exercise. We are glad to state that the sanitarium is equipped to care for general medical patients. It is a homelike institution, the place for

those seeking rest and health. Mental cases and contagious diseases are not accepted.

We are requesting our leaders and lay members in the North American Division to talk about the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital to their many friends; then pray for the institution and patronize it. This new unit houses seventy-five beds for adults, nine beds for children, and sixteen bassinets for infants. Remember that the institution is approved by the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association; and the efficient staff pledges to render first-class service.

Let us not forget to safeguard our health. "Health is the greatest wealth." It pays to take an intelligent interest in the welfare of our bodies. This institution is established for no personal gain or selfish ambition. The sanitarium personnel plans unselfishly for the relief of physical suffering and sin-burdened souls. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Our heavenly Father has made provision for the sick and suffering who are willing to forsake a life of sin and conform to right standards of healthful living that they may know the miracle of renewed lives and refreshing vitality.

RIVERSIDE OFFERING REPORT ON
\$60,000.00 GOAL

Conference	Amount Received	Balance Due
Allegheny	\$4,217.84	\$7,929.16
Canadian Union	2.80	
Central States	2,390.91	36.19
Lake Region	7,355.34	195.66
Northeastern	* 7,880.67	
Northern Union	66.55	122.45
North Pacific Union	173.47	6.53
Pacific Union	3,030.02	1,805.98
South Atlantic	8,789.00	3,103.00
South Central	4,455.71	2,940.29
Southwestern	1,293.85	2,975.15
Cash—Elder Dobbins	2,902.00	
TOTAL	\$42,558.16	\$19,114.41
Purchases from Funds (Furniture)	1,312.27	
GRAND TOTAL	\$43,870.43	

* Over Goal—\$476.67



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THE Allen A Cappella Choir was first organized in October, 1942, as part of a larger group known as the Young Peoples Betterment Society. Talented young people of both the First and Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist churches in Washington, D.C. were recruited. After months of careful rehearsals the group was presented in recital. Audience response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic and gratifying, and over \$400 was raised that night for the benefit of the church school. The group made several other appearances in the city and also was featured in a program given by the N.A.A.A.Y. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The choir took part in city-wide auditions for the privilege of singing on a Major Bowes Amateur Hour Program, and was successful in the endeavor. It thus became the first Negro group to sing in Constitution Hall in Washington before a mixed and unsegregated audience. The following week the choir was requested by the Civil Service Commission to give a program on the monument grounds in honor of the Federal Government employees who had given their lives in the service of their country.

Not long afterward, the young men in the organization were called for service in the Armed forces. Most of them saw duty overseas be-

fore returning home for discharge. In the fall of 1946 the group was called together again, and dedicated itself to a new purpose—to set up a scholarship fund to give aid to at least two Christian youth striving to prepare themselves for service in the Master's vineyard.

The group has given concerts throughout the city of Washington and its suburbs and hopes to give others in various cities in a protracted summer tour. If plans work out, the Allen A Cappella Choir will make a national tour late this summer, ending in San Francisco in time for the Youth's Congress. The officers of the group are: Terrell A. Allen, director; Joseph T. Powell, president; Elizabeth J. Tynes, treasurer; Desiree M. Allen, secretary. Any church or organization which would like to have the choir render a program anywhere in the field may contact the secretary, Mrs. Desiree M. Allen, 711 24th Street, N.E., Apt. 124, Washington, D.C.

D. M. ALLEN.

MISSIONARY DEPARTURE

Elder and Mrs. Donald B. Simons and their two children, Carmelita Naomi, 3 years and 6 months, and Geneva Estelle, 5 months, left New York, July 14, by air for Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, for evangelistic work.