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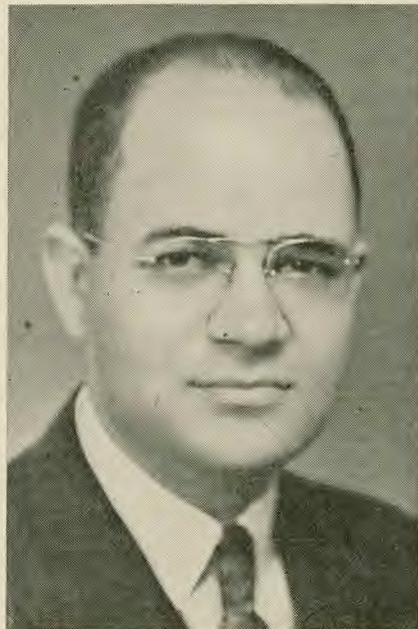
By LOUIS B. REYNOLDS, *Editor*  
MESSAGE MAGAZINE

A COPY of the Bible floating on the water in an Oriental harbor was picked up by a Japanese nobleman. He read it over and over again, and passed along the knowledge of his wonderful discovery. After several years the influence of this one Bible prepared the way for Japan to be opened for world trade, and it was thus made a recognized power in the civilized world.

A barefoot Welsh girl, saving pennies for years to buy a copy of the Bible helped to arouse an interest in its publication that has led to the greatest publishing and book-distributing business in the world. Every hour the New York branch of this business sends out 112 copies of this book. Selfridge's, a leading department store in London, some time ago placed an order for 100,000 copies of the Bible with a New York publisher, explaining, "There is only one book in the world for which merchants would dare place an order for 100,000 copies."

"There is but one book," said the dying Sir Walter Scott, when his son-in-law asked which book he wanted to hear read. There is but one book of which any of the foregoing could be said. And this book is most frequently called a name that means simply "The Book"—*the Bible*.

Why has its influence for centuries been so enormous? Why is the Bible the most universal book? Why is it the best loved book in the world? Why is it the most hated? The



Louis B. Reynolds

answer is simple, yet astounding: This book is inspired; it is the word of God. The Creator of the human race gave this book to the world through men who were His mouthpieces.

Since the Bible is the word of God, a series of communications or letters from Him to man, in which He reveals His character and His purposes regarding man, we ought to study it with a degree of earnestness and persistence vastly greater than any other book can command. Three times in the New Testament the Scriptures are referred to as "the oracles of God," and once as "the lively oracles." The latter

designation is applied to the writings of Moses by Stephen, when, filled with the Holy Spirit, he recounted God's dealings with His people in defense of his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Acts 7:38.)

It was Jesus Himself who testified, in His prayer to His Father, that to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom the Father had sent "is life eternal." John 17:3. An experimental knowledge of God through Christ, is, according to Jesus' own testimony, absolutely essential to the attainment of eternal life. Now the one all-inclusive reward, the one crowning objective, of all Christian endeavor, is the realization of life eternal. To miss that is to miss everything; to gain that is to gain all. But this supreme attainment can be realized only through a knowledge of God and His Son Jesus. But we can know Christ only as we know the Scriptures; and we can know God only as we know Christ. Of course, we can know the Scriptures only as we study them, meditate upon them, and search them. In the last analysis, the attainment of everlasting life, the attainment of immortality, is conditioned upon the faithful, eager, methodical study of the Bible.

Again and again the Scriptures tell us that God, through Christ, has put His own creative life and power into His word—the Bible. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," said Jesus. John 6:63. Observe the direct-



ness with which the Spirit of the Lord testifies: "The word of God is *quick* [living], and *powerful*, sharper than any twoedged sword." Heb. 4:12.

Through Peter the Spirit of God has taught that by God's exceeding great and precious promises we are made "partakers of the divine nature"; that is, we are re-created in God's image. These promises are, of course, found in God's Book. But if we would be partakers of the divine nature through these promises, we must know them; in order to know them, we must study and meditate upon them. Samuel Taylor Coleridge must have known the renovating power of God when it is received into the heart, for he wrote: "Never yet did there exist a full faith in the divine Word which did not expand the intellect, while it purified the heart." It is no wonder then that the Holy Spirit should plead with us to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Col. 3:16.

Romans, an eminent scholar, once remarked, "The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; . . . and the more you get into the spirit of it, the more you will get into the spirit of Christ." This marvelous transmutation was seen in the experience of Jeremiah, prophet of God, who declared: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Jer. 15:16. Notice the implied eagerness and joy with which Jeremiah approached the study of the Word.

Henry Ward Beecher suggests the indispensable nature of the Word in the following words: "Sink the Bible to the bottom of the ocean, and still man's obligation to God would be unchanged. He would have the same path to tread, only his lamp and his guide would be gone; the same voyage to make, only his chart and compass would be overboard."

But we must know the Word if we would conquer by its invincible power. We shall thus be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

"The man of one book," declared W. M. Taylor, famous missionary, "is always formidable; but when that book is the Bible, he is irresistible."

### News From the Mission Field

NEWS of the wonderful experiences of our missionary friends in Africa, Brother and Sister Giddings, has thrilled us from time to time. We can almost see the mission house with its white walls, low roof, and large grounds with a promising garden blossoming forth. It has meant many hours of labor to cut down the thick and ever-growing brush to make space for the garden which must supplement the limited food supplies available.

One can just see the eager faces of the mission children as they come to learn their three "R's" and "plus." The "plus" being the wonderful story of Jesus and His sacrifice for this sin-cursed earth. Yes, the mission children are large and not the age of the school children in America, for they have had little opportunity for education; thus the mission school is composed of mostly girls and boys in their middle and late teens. Teaching this group is not easy, for there are many tribes represented, a situation which presents a language difficulty. There are forty-two dialects alone in the area where Brother and Sister Giddings are located.

You can imagine our joy when recently we received a letter from Brother Giddings in which he stated that he had seen our brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barnett, of the Associated Negro Press. They were making a tour of Africa and had stopped at Kakata.

Later we heard from Claude and his wife, Etta Moten. They told of seeing the beautiful Seventh-day Adventist headquarters in Monrovia, which are surrounded by well-kept grounds and located on an imposing site. They heard of the wonderful work that our group is doing in that area. While in Monrovia, they visited the government hospital and were shown the Gid-

dings' adorable daughter, Cynthia Ruth, who was just two days old. Cynthia had been delivered by a Haitian doctor and is now being cared for by an American woman doctor of the U.S. Public Mission. Dr. Hilda Boldne, who formerly was on the medical staff of Provident Hospital in Chicago.

We were thrilled also to learn of the wonderful work the Giddings are doing in Konola, and the tall grass which Brother Giddings had told us about was nowhere to be seen when the Barnetts arrived. They spoke of the lovely building and well-kept grounds at the Konola mission.

The Barnetts traveled also to Sierra Leone and while there, learned that a young missionary and his family were expected any day at the mission. Since their letter, Elder Donald Simons and his family have arrived in Sierra Leone. Isn't it wonderful to know that even before our missionaries leave their arrival is anticipated so joyfully by those who are awaiting the blessed news of the third angel's message?

As I read the letter from the Barnetts, who are not Adventists, and have since heard them praise the work of our missionaries in Africa, I cannot help but sing a song of joy in knowing that each of us has had a part in spreading God's message to that distant land. Do missions pay? Yes, a thousandfold! I pray that the day will hasten when I too can swell the number of our missionaries in the land of our forefathers—great Africa.

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### Bethel in Brooklyn

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"NOT more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions, than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 327.

Since coming to the Brooklyn district from Boston, where the Lord blessed our labors, having built the membership there from forty-five to over two hundred and seventy, and at the same time renovating and dedicating that church free of debt; our work here thus far seemed to have fallen in the category of that which was committed to Nehemiah in his rebuilding and repairing the house of our God.

Though ministers of the gospel are ordained to the specific work of winning souls, this fact should not be overlooked; as men are estimated by the homes in which they live, so are they classified by the places in which they meet for divine worship.

In the dim and distant past when one inquired concerning our Seventh-day Adventist churches in some city, he would be pointed to the structure situated on the edge of town, or at the farther end of some out-of-the-way street. The advance of the message in metropolitan centers makes it contingent that our churches not only be properly situated but be kept in constant repairs and up-to-date. Some people will spare no pains in lavishing their dwellings with every comfort and convenience, but are pained whenever the preacher calls their attention to the needed repairs in the house of the living God.

Then, too, whenever persons coming into the truth from other denominations where they were accustomed to worshiping in beautiful churches, are compelled to unite with a church after the store-front order, the message they have been

hearing and the edifice into which they are asked to worship do not properly fit into their experience. It is trying for such persons to unite with a Seventh-day Adventist church that is dilapidated and shabby. A beautiful message and a dingy, rickety house of worship do not blend.

Since coming to Brooklyn, I have had to assume the roll of repairer of God's house, as well as pastor-evangelist. When the repairs on our church are completed we will have spent, according to past and present outlays, plus written estimates of work yet to be done, about \$29,226. Included in this amount are \$2,000 loaned us by the Northeastern Conference toward the installation of an oil burner as a central plant furnishing heat for the church, parsonage, and our newly opened church school.

The membership in Bethel has increased from 337 to 429. After the disastrous fire at Hartford, Connecticut, which resulted in the fearful loss of life, New York City, in conjunction with many other eastern cities, has put a ban on public efforts held under canvas canopy not made fireproof. This has worked

hardship with some of us as far as tent meetings are concerned. Therefore, I have had to resort chiefly to Sunday night revivals for the expansion of our work here.

We have a loyal membership, and while they have had to work very hard for the purchasing of the church which was consummated before my coming here, they have not stinted themselves in making unending sacrifices in repairing their church that they may have an edifice worthy of the message they represent, and an honor to the God whom they serve.

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### News

THE book work in the Northeastern Conference has been greatly vitalized since the coming of our new Publishing House secretary, Brother Charles Willis. Brother Willis has laid an adequate organization in the metropolitan area of New York for the handling of our magazines and subscription books. Now he is concentrating on perfecting an organization in the Boston and Buffalo areas.

Just recently a call was placed for Mrs. M. L. Barber, of Chicago, to



Bethel Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.



lead out in our magazine work. Sister Barber is doing a wonderful work in the training of magazine workers in our different churches. We are expecting our literature work to reach \$100,000 this year.

### Work in Springfield

ON Sabbath, August 16, Elder L. H. Bland and the writer had the pleasure of spending the day with the brethren in Springfield. Elder N. S. McLeod is in charge of that work and has been able to secure for the Springfield brethren a very fine church building. This building has been renovated inside and out, making a worthy contribution to the community.

A new interest is now manifested in soul winning as the brethren meet in their new church under the capable leadership of their pastor.

L. O. IRONS, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

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### Evangelistic Efforts

WITH so much confusion in the world today, people are perplexed and wonder what all this tumult means. The war is over, having taken its toll in death, sickness, mental and physical disorders, and still greater aftereffects remain. Man's spirit is virtually broken and therefore he cannot appreciate any prophecy, however true, without proof.

True value for the first time has been placed on this God-given message by many. It is a divine comfort reaching far beyond any human imagination. We are at ease to know that not one disaster occurs that has not been recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

This is our great opportunity to redeem wasted opportunities to lead men to Christ and to know Him as their personal Saviour even as we know Him. For the evangelistic efforts being held in the South Central States we pray that God will, as in olden times, send His Holy Spirit

to soften the hearts of men, women, and children that they might be susceptible to this only Source of refuge and open their eyes that they might see that their only hope is in Jesus.

We were greatly encouraged with word from Brother Mimms, who is conducting a meeting in Mobile, Alabama, informing us of the attendance which he has been having. Every seat in the tent is filled, and others come and bring their own chairs. He has a baptismal class which is ready for immersion. What a privilege it is to be a worker in the field of the Lord, helping people to prepare themselves for eternal life with Christ. May we all take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that have been given us.

Brother Andrew Shorter in Sylcauga, Alabama, tells of the many blessings gained in his field while conducting this great soul-saving campaign. In Knoxville, Tennessee, Elder D. B. Reid is rejoicing in the Lord for the results seen in his territory. To God be the glory, great things He has done. The young people today who are talented and who are using their talents in the cause of God will be justly rewarded in the end of all things. Mr. Charles Dudley and G. P. Walker are assisting Elder Reid in his meeting; both are formerly of Oakwood College. Mr. Horace Jones, an Oakwood graduate, is doing a fine job of helping Brother Mimms. In Memphis, Tennessee, Elder C. S. Myles has expressed his gratefulness to the Lord for enabling him to carry on in a very successful way. He has been blessed to have his tent filled to capacity and a number of interested ones expressed their desire to follow in the straight and narrow path that has been outlined for their salvation. Other efforts are being held by Elders Abney, Yazoo City, Mississippi, assisted by Brother Howard McHenry, an Oakwood graduate of this year; J. G. Thomas, with the aid of Pastors F. Davis and L. A. Paschal, in Chattanooga, Tennessee; E. F. Carter and very fine personnel carrying on in Huntsville, Alabama; and Elder Lynes faith-

fully manning his post in Covington, Kentucky. Elder Slater is doing a twofold work. Aside from being very busy with the educational department in South Central Conference, he labors in the field with Brother A. P. McNichols in Lau, Mississippi, preaching this gospel to those who have not as yet been able to hear such truth-filled words. Pastors W. E. Arties and C. R. Graham are of good courage as they do all in their power to hasten Christ's soon coming by spreading the word of the Lord. Brother Graham is holding meetings in Lexington, and Brother Arties in Clarksdale.

It is our profound hope that an abundance of souls will be harvested as a result of the seeds being sown through this area.

H. R. MURPHY, *President.*

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### Evangelism in the Southwest

NINE major tent efforts are being held throughout the Southwest. The brethren who have been given the responsibility of leading out in the work in this field felt that the time had come to reap the harvest. Never before in the history of this union have so many efforts been conducted at the same time, and with such an interest. The people are responding to this last warning message, and the workers are being received in the various towns with eager, open arms.

IN Alexandria, Louisiana, Elder D. C. Batson is maintaining an average attendance of two and three hundred nightly. His tent is one of the most attractive we have ever had the privilege of seeing. Upon arriving in Alexandria and inspecting the setup there, the mission superintendent was heard say: "This is the way I like a tent to look." As a result of the attraction, Brother Batson has drawn many to the tent, and a good interest has continued thus far.

PASTOR R. E. TOTTRISS is holding



his initial effort in Muskogee, Oklahoma. In a recent letter from Brother Tottress we read, "We have reason to believe that God will bless. The interest seems to be growing." Associated with him is our veteran minister, Elder W. S. North.

IN Helena, Arkansas, where Pastor D. J. Dixon is holding an effort, on this past Sabbath thirty persons took their stand to keep the Sabbath. This was his first call. Helena is a little town where heretofore we have had only a small company of believers.

ELDER D. E. DAVIS has just completed a hall effort in Hot Springs, Arkansas. As a result of this effort, ten souls were buried in baptism. Elder Davis has accepted a call to labor in the South Atlantic Conference. We wish for him Godspeed as he goes to his new field of labor. Mrs. Davis is an accomplished pianist, as well as a church school teacher and church worker. Her talents will be greatly missed in the Southwest.

PASTOR LEON COX is conducting a major tent effort in Austin, Texas. Word has just come to the office that he is having a successful series of meetings, and his offerings and attendance are good. Already twenty have taken their stand. Brother Irving Cox is associated with him there.

ELDER J. H. WILLIAMS is holding an effort in Dallas again this year. He has an excellent location, and the territory was well worked with the GOOD NEWS tracts before the tent was pitched. He is expecting a rich harvest as a result of the tent and the Bible studies that were given in the homes previous to the opening of the meetings. Elder Williams has a corps of faithful workers consisting of Brother and Sister A. L. Powlee, Mrs. P. Montimore, Mrs. P. M. Greene, and Mrs. G. Yancy.

PASTOR H. J. FORDHAM has recently come to this field from the South Atlantic Conference. We welcome him and his family to the great southwest. Already Pastor Fordham is engaged in a tent effort at Wichita Falls, Texas. An interest had been worked up in that town by

a colporteur carrying the printed page. Associated with Pastor Fordham are Brother L. R. Proctor, of Dallas, and Sister Duncan, of Pittsburg.

THE urgent need for an effort in El Reno, Oklahoma, was felt, and as a result Pastor C. E. Howell is conducting his initial effort in that section. The Lord is blessing his labors there, and those earnest souls who have been seeking after the truth are rejoicing with him. The tent under which Pastor Howell is holding his meetings is not large enough to accommodate the people who are attending. Mrs. Mary Brown, one of the believers there, is working very faithfully with Pastor Howell.

ELDER W. S. LEE is again conducting an effort in New Orleans. His meetings are being held in a tabernacle. The tabernacle is the only one of its kind erected in the denomination in North America. Associated with him is Pastor Samuel D. Meyers, who has just come to this field from Emmanuel Missionary College, and Sister Birdie McCluster, who worked with Elder Lee last year. The church is giving Elder Lee its full support. They are in dire need of a church building, and plans are being laid even as the meetings are going on.

IT was our privilege on Sabbath, August 2, to witness one of the largest and most inspiring gatherings under a tent on the Sabbath. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Elder W. W. Fordham is conducting a tent effort. On Sabbath, when he made his appeal, seventy-seven souls took their stand for the truth. They went forward *en masse* to witness for this third angel's message. Among them was a druggist who has just opened his second drugstore. Both of these stores were closed on Sabbath, and a sign was posted on the doors, "Closed all day Saturday; will open 7:30 P.M." There was much rejoicing as these dear people told on the same afternoon how they had come into the light of the truth, and how happy they were. One young man was about to enter a Baptist seminary to become a Baptist minister,

and now since his eyes have been opened he has decided to enter Oakwood College so that he can preach this wonderful truth that he has just heard. On Sunday night the attendance was well over one thousand, and again many stood, signifying that they believed. Prof. Furman Fordham has come down from New York to conduct the music for two weeks. He has organized a choral group, which sang on Sunday night; their songs were soul-stirring, and were sermons in themselves.

Associated with Elder Fordham are Mrs. Fordham, Pastor and Mrs. Lafayette Williams, Pastor C. E. Bradford, and Miss Alice Thompson. The Bookhardt brothers from Florida are there doing literature evangelism. They also assist with the music in the tent nightly.

We are hoping and praying, that as a result of the efforts that are being conducted in this field, many, many souls may be won to Christ, and we may hasten His soon coming.

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### Departmental High Lights

FIFTY-TWO new members have been added by baptism to the Knoxville, Tennessee, church from the evangelistic effort of D. B. Reid, of the South Central Conference.

W. E. ARTIES reports that 16 have already been baptized from his effort in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

A TOTAL of 84 were baptized in the South Central Conference during the week ending September 13.

IN the South Atlantic Conference recent baptisms are listed as follows: P. H. Morgan, 15 in Albany, Georgia; O. S. White, 14 in Moultrie, Georgia; J. E. Cox, Jr., 75 in Atlanta; E. E. Cleveland reports 132 new Sabbathkeepers present at his tent in Greensboro.

Four hundred converts have been added to the membership of this conference by baptism during the year.

R. H. ROBERTSON has added 300 new members since taking up work in the Wadsworth church in Los Angeles. Sabbath, October 4, 50 souls were baptized.





First Graduating Class, Pine Forge Institute

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## ALLEGHENY

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### Progress in Baltimore

THE Berea Temple, with a membership of over six hundred believers, announced that they expected an enrollment of over one hundred students on the opening day of the junior academy operated by the church. The academy serves as a church school and a feeder to the Pine Forge Institute.

Early in 1946 the church, under the leadership of its pastor, Elder W. L. Cheatham, purchased a three-story, eleven-room brick dwelling to house the academy. The purchase price and improvements for this building amounted to nearly \$20,000. Some of the features added include fire escapes, heating plant, and an eight-foot wire fence around the playground. Auditorium space to accommodate two hundred has been provided.

The ladies of the church, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Cheatham, serve hot lunches daily from the school lunchroom.

The faculty for the school year

1947-48 includes: Mr. R. L. Reynolds, principal, Miss Thirza Henry, Miss Anna B. Cheatham, and Mrs. Blanche Jones. Mr. Reynolds was for several years connected with the Oakwood College, where he served as principal of the academy and as head of the department of agriculture.

### News From the Field

#### Columbus

AN executive Dorcas Federation committee meeting was held in Columbus recently. Representatives were present from Ohio and West Virginia. Elder Warner, pastor of the Cincinnati church, attended the meeting along with Elder Robinson, home missionary secretary. Elder Robinson remained for the tent meeting Sunday night, and reports: "The place was packed, and scores were standing on the outside. T. L. (Elder Davis) preached a powerful sermon. Prospects are bright for a good harvest of souls." Since then, we have heard from Elder Davis that twenty-eight have already come in, and more are coming in a steady stream.

Elder Davis informed us by letter that new doors have been installed for the front of the church, also an electrically cooled drinking foun-

tain. The office of the church has been completed, and now their efforts are bent toward completing a mother's room equipped with a public address system.

#### Alexandria

WE are bidding farewell to Pastor Cleveland Tivy, who is leaving us to continue his studies at Oakwood College. He states, "The Sabbath school is progressing splendidly, and has increased in membership during the past few months. As for the missionary department, a total of twenty-seven Bible studies and missionary contacts was reached last week, an average of more than one per member. Best of all, there are four souls ready and waiting to be buried with the Lord in baptism! I understand that Elder Dillett is planning to baptize soon, and I intend to ask him to make it a joint affair. To God goes the credit for the enthusiasm and unity that are manifested among these believers. I love these people, probably because I understand them so well. I regret that I must leave." We will be praying for Pastor Tivy as he furthers his education at Oakwood College. May the Lord bless him and his former church in Alexandria.

#### Akron

THE members of the Akron Adventist church have found a new place to worship; it is a lovely one. They are trying to buy it and have put on a five-thousand-dollar building fund drive.

### News From the Office

WE are very pleased to announce to the field that we have added a new worker to our office staff in the person of Miss Frances Holmes, of West Palm Beach, Florida. Miss Holmes took up her duties with the Book and Bible House on September 1 and comes to us with excellent recommendations. She is a graduate of the Berean Business College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The motorbike was still new—in fact, it was only two days' old—when Mrs. Alta Williams, secretary to the president, rode into the path





North Hall - Cafeteria  
Girls' Annex

of an automobile near Pine Forge Institute recently. Mrs. Williams is facing a long stay in the Pottstown hospital with a fractured left leg. She is now resting comfortably, and the doctors report progress as she starts the long road back to another ride on the motorbike.

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## PINE FORGE INSTITUTE

J. L. Moran, Principal,  
Pine Forge, Pennsylvania

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### Forging Ahead

ON June 9, 1947, the Pine Forge Institute closed its door upon its first portentous year. Outside of the door are six graduates who composed her first graduating class. These young people have gone joycundly on their way in preparation of higher training and a place of usefulness in this chaotic world. Also outside of her door are approximately one hundred boys and girls who enrolled during the fiscal year.

Behind the door Pine Forge Institute divulges her beautiful campus situated on the comely waters of the Manatawny, eleven stone buildings of Dutch architecture and a terrain of some five hundred acres.

During the school year the enterprise of remodeling buildings for classrooms and dormitories was completed early in the fall. Two of our buildings, Jefferson Hall and Mill View, have been renovated into classrooms for our male students, and a third one is to be in use sometime in the near future. The home for girls is the large manor house that is ready for occupation when the funds were obtained. The second floor of the cafeteria building pro-

vides a superb and ample dormitory annex for girls.

Our many visitors are favorably impressed with the interior of our cafeteria, which will be completed sometime around the latter part of October. The Seventh-day Adventist church in Reading, Pennsylvania, along with our own churches in Baltimore and Washington, are responsible for the venetian blinds that embellish the windows of our cafeteria, and the draperies were donated by the Dorcas society of one of our churches. Our management installed the fluorescent lights, which give us an excellent lighting system. A large refrigerated cooler was placed in the cafeteria for milk and drinks, and also an ice cream unit which was proved, by both teachers and students, to be an agreeable investment.

The building occupied at present by the Allegheny Conference will be used for our home economics department by early fall. An Ohio Dorcas society donated the electric sewing machines for this department, and a unit will be installed for the teaching of nutrition and cookery.

The basement of the administration building is being re-created into science rooms and library. The old building at the foot of the hill will

house a beautiful auditorium with a stage and dressing rooms. The auditorium is under construction at the present time.

The institute had a large harvest of wheat this past spring. The garden produced, during the summer, an abundance of broccoli, corn, squash, beans, tomatoes, greens, peas, and a host of other products.

The good will of the community was finally incurred after much opposition to our purchasing and occupying the property for our school site. One wealthy doctor, of whom the school knew nothing, died, and left in his will a portion of his estate to the Pine Forge Institute. A neighbor approached the principal one day and slipped into his hand a neat cash sum in appreciation for the work of our school in his community. The Elks Club of Reading, Pennsylvania, sent a check for \$125 toward our Ingathering drive after being contacted by one of our teachers. A well-to-do automobile dealer in the city of Pottstown gave a substantial down payment on a Victor motion-picture projector for the school. A mixed delegation from the Y.M.C.A. arranged for a banquet, a picture, and an after-dinner program to help celebrate the inaugural anniversary of the Pine Forge Institute and to obtain the good favor of



Partial Faculty and Student Body



our students and faculty. Many were these acts of ingratiating and kind feelings in our community. For miles and miles around, the white flag of peace and acceptance was hung out in every little settlement for the benefit of our school.

### Faculty Changes

NEW additions to our faculty include Miss Cordell Evans, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, instructor in mathematics and science; and Mr. Joseph Powell, dean of men and assistant Bible teacher, from Baltimore, Maryland. The institute regrets to lose from her staff Prof. N. E. Ashby, former vice-principal and language instructor. Professor Ashby is the principal of Washington Union Academy in Washington, D.C. Other losses are Miss Mercedes Moran, who is engaged in another field of denominational work serving as secretary to Elder G. E. Peters at the General Conference; Mrs. Jocelyn Jackson, former matron and dean of women, who now teaches in the Cleveland church school; Mr. Hermannus Laurence, former dean of men and accountant, who is leaving to further his studies in one of the universities. Miss Ethel Smith is on leave of absence this year, terminating her work in science at Columbia University, New York.

So ends our informal chat behind the closed door of the Pine Forge Institute. September 15 saw the door open again for the second time to welcome our boys and girls from all sections of the country, together with their instructors.

We feel confident that Providence will see fit to prosper the efforts of our institute and its sponsors so that someday the world will recognize our school as an extensive training center preparing our boys and girls to transmute the only peace cry to a perplexed world before the gates of hell prevail against it.

J. L. MORAN.

"THE man of few words does not have to take so many of them back."

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## SOUTH ATLANTIC

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### News Notes

A RECENT change of workers between the Southwestern Mission and the South Atlantic Conference resulted in H. J. Fordham, Jr., leaving the field and D. E. Davis of Little Rock, Arkansas, coming to the South Atlantic Conference. We wish for Brother Fordham and family every blessing in their new field of endeavor, and welcome Elder Davis and his wife to our field.

Some interesting statistics recently came to our attention from the General Conference which show that the South Atlantic Conference led the entire North American Division in per cent of Sabbath school offerings given as compared to tithe paid in for the first quarter of this year. For every dollar tithe paid by our believers, forty cents was given to the Sabbath school. Another interesting statistic from the Southern Union Conference shows that the South Atlantic Conference gave \$5,779.16 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the first quarter. This is the largest amount given as Thirteenth Sabbath Offering by any conference in the Southern Union.

By this time the Youth's Congress in San Francisco is history. Over thirty persons went from the South Atlantic Conference. A special coach was chartered to take our delegates to and from the congress.

The South Atlantic Conference recently purchased a ten-room modern brick building in the city of Atlanta in which to house the conference office and Book and Bible House. Along with this property comes a nice garage apartment with a triple garage that can be used for storage space. The building is now being remodeled, and plans are being made to occupy it in the month of October.

A new church building has recently been started in Fort Myers,

Florida, which is in Elder W. M. Starks' district. Elder L. R. Hastings is acting as conference secretary for building operations and is assisting Elder Starks by supervising the erection of this building. It will be constructed with the beautiful coquina rock, which is native of Florida.

H. D. SINGLETON.

### Evangelism in the South Atlantic Conference

A LARGE evangelistic program is now in operation in the South Atlantic Conference. Altogether, fourteen tent efforts are being conducted this year, besides a number of church efforts. From the reports received it appears that all the efforts will be greatly blessed of God.

To date, Elder J. E. Cox, Jr., in the tent effort in Atlanta, Georgia, has baptized seventy with still others in the baptismal class. Elder F. S. Keitts has baptized twenty-five in Jacksonville, Florida, and Elder J. F. Street, twenty in Miami, Florida. Other efforts have not reached the point of baptism; however, on a recent tour of some of the efforts now in progress, we visited Elder E. E. Cleveland's effort in Greensboro, North Carolina, where we found an exceptionally fine interest. We also visited another tent effort being conducted by two interns, Warren S. Banfield and Eric C. Ward in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. A good interest is being manifested in this effort also. Elder N. G. Simons, our home missionary and Sabbath school secretary is conducting a tent effort this summer in virgin territory. This effort, which is in Gainesville, Georgia, also shows promise of good results. Pastor J. B. E. Williams has a number interested as a result of his effort in Laurinburg, North Carolina. I visited this effort on Sabbath and found several new believers present. The other tent efforts being conducted have not been visited by us yet, but all reports from them are good. We hope to give a final report concerning evangelism in a later issue of the INFORMANT.

**SEND IN YOUR NEWS**



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## LAKE REGION

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### Letter of Gratitude From Across the Seas

AMONG the many shipments of apparel sent to lands across the sea was a barrel of clothing sent to Italy by the Beacon Light Church in Ecorse, Michigan. In making up this shipment, Brother Thurman Gaines, superintendent of the Sabbath school, left his visiting card accidentally in the pocket of a shirt which he had donated.

It would seem as if this particular barrel of clothing was distributed at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Gravina, Italy. The brother receiving the shirt felt so grateful that he wrote to Brother Gaines a letter which was translated by the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc. The letter follows:

"MY DEAR IN JESUS:

"With much pleasure I write this letter to let you know that the clothing which was distributed in our church on the day 18-e-m-, I received a white shirt in which I found your address, and I do appreciate the kindness with which you sent it. Believe me, we do not know how to pay you back for this kindness toward us but, read Hebrews 2:6-10. It will make me very happy if you answer my letter.

"Our Lord through the great prophet Solomon says, 'A good surprise from a far away land is like fresh water to the thirsty traveler.' Prov. 25:22. Please write to us as our love in Jesus draws us together. We know that when Jesus comes, we will be together and only then will we be able to get the reward for our good deeds.

"We are Adventists, since 1938. Our family is composed of five people; I also have my married daughter with three children living with me; ten people in all, but all of the same doctrine. We believe with Giosue, 'Me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' Giosue (Joshua) 24:15.

"Please accept our thanks and remembrances; also, to your church a sincere Christian greeting from your brother in Jesus and family.

"GIUSEPPE INGRAVALLE,  
Via a, Punzi 26, Gravina in Puglie,  
(Bari)

"In God we trust; the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Gravina, May 28, 1947." J. GERSHOM DASENT.

### Jottings From Lake Union Herald

ELDER W. A. NELSON, newly elected secretary of the educational department of the Lake Union, during a recent visit to the conference office, expressed himself as being well pleased with what we are endeavoring to do along educational lines. He was particularly interested in the proposed boarding school under construction near Cassopolis, Michigan.

THE premises of the Lake Region Conference headquarters have been enclosed by a fence made of heavy wire. This work had to be done on account of the adjoining vacant lot, which was being made a public thoroughfare.

THE student colporteurs have done a good job with our books and magazines. Outstanding deliveries were made as follows: Miss Clara Ann Dumas delivered \$180; four others, Misses Gwendolyn Jordan, Thelma Hooks, Emma DeShay, and Sara Vanderberg, are in the \$100-odd column. In one week their total deliveries reached a peak of \$1,594.21.

Our boarding school, when completed, will be one of the most outstanding structures in that whole community; and your liberal contributions will help make it so. We solicit from our constituency monthly donations toward the boarding academy fund.

DELEGATES from all over the conference wended their way to Chicago to attend the second biennial session of the Lake Region Conference, August 6 and 7. There were no changes made in the personnel of the conference.

### High Points in President's Reports at Recent Biennial Session

Two years have passed since the organization of the Lake Region Conference. They have been years of toil, and sweat, and tears on the one hand; but on the other hand they have been years of rich blessings, increasing responsibilities, and large measures of success to which we may point with pride; and thank God for having set the stamp of His approval upon our labors.

In the first place the lives of our workers have been graciously preserved; we have all been blessed with good health, and no visible expression of God's displeasure rests upon us.

The work of the Lake Region Conference for the past two years has not been static but aggressive and progressive in all fields.

There are three phases of development which may be considered indications of, and which may tend to, success; these are spiritual development, numerical growth, and increase in finances. They are closely related to each other, for when the spiritual condition of a church organization is normal, this condition should be seen in the increasing numerical strength of the organization, and with an increased membership there should be a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings under ordinary conditions and circumstances. The work of the Lake Region Conference has made marked advances, as the reports from the various departments will show.

The Lake Region Conference has not failed to respond to appeals coming from the General Conference from time to time. To give is the very life stream of the Lake Region Conference, for by giving we ourselves are enriched. Of course we have not been neglectful of our own needs. Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised to this end. Our conference headquarters in Chicago were purchased for \$28,000.

After establishing ourselves in Chicago, we next turned our attention to the training of the youth en-



trusted to us. Prevailing conditions, together with soul-stirring statements from the Spirit of Prophecy on the subject, have made it absolutely necessary that we own and operate a boarding school as soon as possible, and have forced the Lake Region Conference committee to undertake this stupendous task. But this was not done until we had received approval from all the churches through their leaders.

Thus far the churches have responded nobly. We have purchased a beautiful site about four miles southeast of Cassopolis, Michigan, and building operations have begun. The cost of the first unit, which is a residence hall for girls, well-equipped and furnished with all modern conveniences, is estimated at \$150,000. Two other buildings are absolutely necessary and to secure these buildings and have them properly furnished, the constituency of the Lake Region Conference must GIVE, and continue to GIVE until the work is completed.

The work of the colporteurs has been most outstanding. In the past biennial period these faithful men and women in the literature ministry, averaging about fifty in all, have delivered and placed in the homes of their neighbors and friends nearly \$280,000 worth of truth-filled literature. We started out with a gross stock of \$6,000 in the Book and Bible House; today our stock is valued at \$40,000 or more. The Lord is working on behalf of His people. He has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Do not attempt to do a thing unless you are sure of yourself; but do not relinquish it simply because someone else is not sure of you.—  
STEWART E. WHITE.

It is surprising to find what heights may be attained merely by remaining on the level.—DUNCAN CALDWELL.

MEN do less than they ought unless they do all that they can.—  
CARLYLE.

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## CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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### Camp Meeting

"THE camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation."—*Testimonies*, vol 6, p. 31.

Realizing the importance and truth of this statement from the writings of Mrs. White, the Central States Mission launched a camp meeting on August 20, in Kansas City, Missouri. The place chosen to hold these meetings was the John Hope Camp, which is an ideal spot for a camp meeting. Those who attended the meetings regularly can truly say that they were spiritually blessed. The leaders were guided by the hand of God as they undertook to instruct and teach the people.

The opening address for the camp meeting was given Wednesday evening by Elder T. M. Rowe, superintendent of the Central States Mission. The early morning worships on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings were conducted by Elders R. L. Woodfork, W. E. Penick, B. R. Spears, and H. J. Miller, respectively. These morning services were inspirational to all.

The general theme for the camp meeting was "The More Abundant Impartation of the Holy Spirit." The sermons given during the entire period were centered around this aim.

Cottage prayer meetings were held each evening from eight to nine o'clock. Families assembled together to study the Sabbath school lesson and to seek God in prayer.

Visiting with us from the Central Union Conference were Elders Campbell, Reiner, Whitsett, Keymer, and Cross; from the General Conference, Elders Dickson and Oswald, and Elder Christman from the Pacific Press. A very stirring sermon was given by Elder Campbell Sabbath morning, August 23.

The Juniors were under the leadership of Mrs. E. Jones, assisted by Mrs. E. Miller and Mrs. G. Dennis, all of Kansas City. They had many activities which included storytelling and first aid.

We feel that this camp meeting which was the largest colored camp meeting in the history of the Central Union Conference, was very beneficial and profitable to all.

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### Summer Campaign

Six thousand tracts were distributed each week in the neighborhood where evangelistic meetings were being conducted by Elder T. M. Rowe. Over three hundred persons were present for the opening meeting, at the Kansas City, Missouri, Beacon Light church. Elder Rowe was assisted by Elder H. J. Miller, pastor of the Beacon Light church. The effort lasted approximately eight weeks.

ELDER H. J. MILLER recently returned from a tour around the neighboring towns. In one town he found a retired school principal. He had been taking Bible studies from one of the white sisters there. This professor and his wife have accepted the Sabbath message and are desirous of being baptized. Another believer was visited who was afflicted. He has accepted the whole truth through our literature, and a few missionary visits. He has never been to one of our religious meetings, yet he is striving to keep up with the work we are doing in our churches.

NINE precious souls were baptized at the Bethel Kansas City, Kansas, church by Elder B. R. Spears and the local elder, Brother A. Baker. These persons were brought into the truth as a result of the evangelistic effort conducted by Brother Maxfield, lay evangelist, and Bible classes taught by Miss Vernice Jones, Bible instructor.

MR. CLAUD CHAN won first prize in the contest for colporteurs for the month of July with 22,385 points. The prize was an Oxford Fervence Bible with concordance and a *Church Hymnal* to match. The



second, third, and fourth prizes were won by F. Lindsay, B. T. Taylor, and A. L. Hobby, respectively.

### Heathen Woman Healed

(Reprinted from the *Indian Missionary*)

SHE was a heathen Chinese woman who had never heard of Christ or His message of life as recorded in the Bible. It seemed as if she were soon to go to a Christless grave, for day by day the fever burned her tortured body. All that the old medicine man could do availed nothing. Her husband watched her with sorrow, and felt helpless in the face of this dread sickness, that the medicine man could not cure.

Suddenly his wife beckoned to him. She had just awakened from a troubled sleep, and wanted to speak to him. In a low voice she said, "I have had a dream. I dreamed that if I had a book called 'The Gospel of Matthew,' I would get well. Have you ever heard of such a book?"

He shook his head sadly and replied, "No, I have never heard of such a book. If I knew where to get one I would gladly go and buy one for you." And then he sat thinking of his wife's dream, and wondering whether there was such a book in the world, and if he could find such a book, whether it would cure his sick wife.

Several miles from this home of sickness lived a faithful Seventh-day Adventist sister. Her heart was open to the leadings of God's Holy Spirit. This morning the Spirit seemed to say to her, "You ought to do some kind of missionary work, and help spread the gospel which makes your heart happy and peaceful."

She had no special talents, and did not know how to begin to work for the Lord. So she went to the missionary at the chapel, and told him her burden.

"Well," he said, "here are some copies of the Gospel of Matthew. Why not go out and sell them?"

The suggestion pleased her, and she took a number and started out.

She walked out of her own village, and on to another, hardly knowing where or why she was going. Almost without realizing it, she came to a house and stopped there to sell her Scripture portions. As soon as the man of the house saw the book, his face lighted with joy, and he took one at once, saying, "My sick wife wants one of these. I will buy one."

The precious Scripture portion was read with joy and interest. As the sick woman read of how Jesus healed the sick when on earth, her faith grew, and she said to her husband, "Go and find the woman who sold you this book. I must talk with her."

So the husband went and found the faithful church member. She came and told the heathen woman that Jesus is just the same today as when He was on earth.

She prayed for God to heal this sick woman, and her heavenly Father answered that prayer of faith. This is how a new member was won for Christ in that heathen land.

CELIA R. BRINES.

### Wedding Bells

★ MISS URSULA HACKLEY, sister of Elder and Mrs. R. T. Hudson, of Pittsburgh, was united in holy matrimony with Mr. Simon C. Mosby, of Karns City, Pennsylvania, on the 24th day of August. We sincerely wish them a brilliant and prosperous future.

★ MISS EDNA WOLFE, of Cassopolis, Michigan, became the bride of Mr. Charles Higgs, a recent graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College. As they unite to do the Lord's work in whatever field they are called, we ask God's choicest blessings upon their endeavors.

★ ON the 28th of August, wedding bells softly rang for Miss Sylvia Chandler, of New York City. Miss Chandler became the wife of Mr. Samuel Stovall, of Savannah, Georgia. Last year Miss Chandler spent a successful year teaching at the Ephesus Junior Academy.

★ ON August 17, Miss Florence Burton, formerly of Washington, D.C., became Mrs. Walter A. Darby. Mr. and Mrs. Darby were students at Oakwood College last school term. Mr. Darby hails from Brooklyn, New York.

### Obituaries

KELLY.—Anthony Kelly died July 23, 1947, at the age of fifty-five. Brother Kelly was one of our very active lay evangelists who worked in several towns in Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama. He did much in pointing sinners to the way of the cross. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anthony Kelly, a grandchild, a son, five sisters, one brother, and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Kelly was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Clinton, Mississippi, to await the call of the Life-giver.

LOGAN.—James Logan was born in Camden, South Carolina, October 29, 1925, and passed to his rest at Los Angeles, California, on July 26, 1947, at the age of twenty-two. Mr. Logan was a graduate of Oakwood Junior College in 1944 and entered Pacific Union College the following fall to continue his course in business administration. After his graduation he accepted a call to serve as teacher and accountant at the Los Angeles Academy in California. He only worked there at the academy one year when Divine Providence saw fit to lay him to rest. Burial services were held for him in Los Angeles, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wadsworth church and again on August 2 at the Rocky Mount Seventh-day Adventist church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Logan, seven brothers and sisters, a number of relatives and friends. Interment was in Rocky Mount cemetery, at Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He lived a consistent Christian life and was dearly loved by all who knew him. We are confident that he went to his rest with the assurance of coming forth at the first resurrection.



## Urgent Request

CLOTHING is urgently needed by our warehouse in New York for the European needy. We are asking the Dorcas societies of all of our churches to take special note of this request. All clothing should be addressed to:

S.D.A. War Relief Warehouse  
4th Floor  
280 Lafayette Street  
New York 12, N.Y.

## Notes to the Editor

"WE all enjoy the monthly visit of our department paper. Especially do we appreciate the pictures of various conference activities. It seems to me that this should stir our people on to greater accomplishments. The INFORMANT is living up to its name."

L. B. REYNOLDS, *Editor,*  
*Message Magazine.*

"I WANT to heartily congratulate you on the INFORMANT! It is something we should always have had, and which we should never be without, as it enlightens one on the whole field.

DR. J. MARK COX, *Medical Director, Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital.*

"YOU are to be congratulated on the current issue of the INFORMANT, which is very newsy and informing, just as its name signifies. The magazine is truly representative of your department."

O. A. TROY, *Departmental Secretary, Pacific Union Conference.*

## Associate Secretary Leaves Department

IT is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Miss Geneva Bryan, R.N., who was associated with us in the General Conference for four years in the interest of health education. Acting on the advice of her physician, Miss Bryan requested a leave of absence of one year. Now that the time has expired,

she feels that in the interest of her health she must refrain from the strenuous travel involved in the inspection of our church schools and academies located in the various States of the Union.

We sincerely regret losing Miss Bryan from the employ of the General Conference and will always remember her faithful and proficient services. I am sure that the prayers of our workers and church members will follow her as she returns to her profession in her home city of Washington, D.C.

## New Secretary Arrives

WE extend a hearty welcome to Miss Mercedes Moran, who has recently accepted the responsibility of secretarial duties in the office of the department. Miss Moran was formerly instructor of commercial subjects at Pine Forge Institute, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania.

G. E. PETERS.

## Urgent Appeal

Have you done your part for the RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM? Those who fail to do their part will make the opening date, January 1, 1948, an impossibility. The funds set aside for furnishings and equipment have not been received as yet. We beseech you earnestly to do your part if you have not already done so.

## Additional Faculty Changes Pine Forge Institute

AT the time the Pine Forge Institute article reached the editor's desk, all faculty vacancies were not filled. The capable persons employed to fill these places are Miss Frances Blake, dean of women and instructor in piano; Miss Sylvia Marrero, instructor in languages and typing; Miss Hortense Moran, bookkeeper and instructor in shorthand; and Mrs. Jessie Wagner, church school teacher. Mrs. Hallie Hartie is in charge of the cafeteria.

## North American Youth's Congress

IT was an amazing scene, the evening of September 3, when ten thousand young people and visitors filled the great civic auditorium in Francisco. They were our own young people present to attend the first North American Youth's Congress of the denomination.

In this great gathering were five hundred colored Seventh-day Adventists of the North American Division. Approximately one hundred and twenty of this number were delegates. It was most refreshing and encouraging to note the general spiritual atmosphere which characterized this large assembly of youth during the four-day session.

Opening remarks of welcome were made by our General Conference president, J. L. McElhany; N. C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America; G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference; C. L. Bauer, president of the Pacific Union Conference; R. C. Baker, president of Central California Conference; and C. L. Prout, minister of the Central church in San Francisco.

Promoters and sponsors of the Youth's Congress were E. W. Dunbar, secretary Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, and his associates, T. E. Lucas and L. A. Skinner. The Lord greatly blessed these brethren in their great responsibility.

On the last Sunday of the Congress a spectacular investiture service was held, at which time hundreds of Master Comrades marched down the two center aisles dressed in full regalia. During this ceremony approximately sixty-seven candidates from ten union conferences were presented with their Master Comrade certificates. G. E. P.

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NOVEMBER 10