



## Christian Giving

IF we do not give to the Lord out of love to God, we can never give with a true spirit. Christian beneficence means well doing. It is benevolence put into exercise. Charity, as many misinterpret it, means a gift or donation bestowed out of pity upon some one whom we call an object of charity. But this is not the Bible idea of charity. Most human beings are willing to consider the poor and to relieve suffering, and when a person shuts up his "bowels of compassion" upon the suffering, he is called inhuman.

Christian giving means much more than the relief of suffering. Here lies the difference: In the modern sense, one gives because he pities; in the Scriptural sense, one gives because he loves. This is the difference between gospel charity and popularized charity. The one is pity; the other is love. We give to a beggar or an unfortunate person because we pity him; we give to a friend because we love him.

In giving to God for the purpose of carrying on His work or enlarging it, surely we would not give out of pity but out of love. Could we dare presume to give to the cause of God as connected with the saving of souls as we would toss a bone to a dog, or give an old coat to a beggar? Rather, we would give to God as we would to a dear friend, feeling that it is a favor to give, and feeling that our gift is far too inadequate to express our gratitude and love. This is the true idea of giving to God.

Giving is part of the service of Jesus. The giving of time, effort, and money are included in every Christian obligation. The true motive of giving should be the good of others and not the glorification of self.

Notice the plan of giving to the cause of God as outlined in God's Word. The Lord commanded the construction of a tabernacle out of the most precious materials to be found in the possession of His people. Moses, the leader of God's people, gathered the congregation together and made this simple request: "This is the thing which the Lord commanded saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass." Ex. 35:4, 5. Moses made a strong appeal and gave the people time for consideration. After the notice was given, he dismissed the congregation, "and all the congregation . . . departed from the presence of Moses." Verse 20.

As far as the record goes, no further agency was employed—not even a repetition of the request from God. There were no collectors passing from tent to tent; no one reminded them of the duty every Sabbath for weeks; for though there was a commandment, yet every one was free in his donation. "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it." Verse 5. It appears that Moses had been restrained by the Lord's instruction from receiving

any but freewill offerings. "Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take My offering." Ex. 25:2. What a contrast with the machinery necessary in these days to get a little money out of the pockets of so many modern Christians.

Let us notice the results: "And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold." Ex. 35:22. Not content with one contribution, the people repeated it again and again. "And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning." Ex. 36:3.

Our gifts to God must, therefore, denote our esteem and love for Him; and when we give for the support of the home church, the giving of the gospel in heathen lands, the support of the poor, or for any department of God's work on earth, we should do it with feelings of love and real charity. Then we shall enjoy real giving, and be blessed by it. We shall not look at giving as a hardship, as many do now, nor shall we speak of the church as "begging," or of the ministers as preaching begging sermons, when they are in reality soliciting funds for the cause of God in the world.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all."

G. E. P.



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## CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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### God Smiles on Central States

ON Sabbath, July 10, it was my privilege to worship with the Berean church in Saint Louis. Elder L. J. Pryor, the pastor, is endeavoring to carry on a strong evangelistic program in this great center.

There are at present twenty-seven in the baptismal class. Outstanding among this group is a very fine young man whose wife was baptized about a year ago. Even though he has not been fully accepted as a member of the church yet, he and his good wife came into the pastor's study to pay their tithe for the first time. We each looked on with amazement and profound gratitude as he placed thirteen one-hundred-dollar bills on the pastor's desk. He continued until he had given \$1,357. We greatly rejoiced as we noted the smile of satisfaction on this young man's face, which gave evidence that the Spirit of God had made him fully conscious of his duty as a commandment keeper.

#### Evangelistic Project

SEEING that the tithe income from our believers is not adequate to meet the growing needs in our field, we have secured and placed in the homes of each member of our mission a bank made in the form of a church in which they are to place five cents each day. This fund will be set aside by our treasurer for evangelism.

#### Installation Services in Iowa

ON Sabbath, June 19, T. M. Rowe installed Elder F. J. Bryant as pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, church; and the following Sunday afternoon a similar act took place in Sioux City, Iowa. These services were made possible after the advisory council met and voted that the colored believers in the State of Iowa be added to the Omaha district

under the supervision of Elder F. J. Bryant.

Plans were then laid to begin an evangelistic effort in the Des Moines church starting Sunday, July 4. We solicit your prayers that Elder Bryant will be mightily used of God in bringing the truths of the message to the hundreds of unbelievers in this city.      THOMAS M. ROWE.

### Evangelistic Effort

ON Sunday night, June 20, an overwhelming group of believers and nonbelievers gathered to hear the first sermon that was preached on the opening night of the evangelistic effort being held at the Wichita Wabash Avenue S.D.A. church.

In spite of the inclement weather, the people were eager to attend the meetings for the first week. The sound film "Atomic Power" served as a visual aid to the sermon "Armageddon and the Atomic Age." From time to time special films will be used to put emphasis on the subjects to be presented. Elder W. E. Penick, pastor of the Wichita Wabash Avenue church, is the evangelist, and his co-workers are Brother Frank H. Lindsay, colporteur-evangelist, and Sister Mattie M. Fitch, Bible instructor from Denver, Colorado. This effort will be held until August 1. Let us as individuals pray for the success of the effort.

VIRGINIA McCLURE.

### Go Ye Into All the World

#### Freetown, West Africa

"You will be glad to know that Elder D. B. Simons, our American Negro evangelist in Freetown, is having very successful meetings in the largest hall in the city. The latest reports are that he is overcrowded each night when he holds the meeting in the large Wilberforce Hall. This is good news from Freetown, and we are earnestly hoping that it will mean a great revival of our work in that old center."—W. McCLEMENTS, Association Secretary, West African Union Mission.

### British West Indies

"During the past three years in the British West Indies, lay preachers have held 334 evangelistic efforts with a fruitage of 1,113 baptisms and 1,113 S.D.A. members. In 1944 a Bro. Case won 17 persons to the message; in 1946 there were 21 more added, and this year his goal for souls is 30."      R. H. PIERSON, President.

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### LAKE REGION

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### Camp Meeting

THE first annual camp meeting of the Lake Region Conference brought approximately 2,000 or more believers and friends to the grounds of the Lake Region Academy near Cassopolis, Michigan. Seven of our churches hired busses to assist in bringing large numbers to the meeting.

This grand occasion proved a bountiful spiritual refreshing from the Lord, as His people testified to His glory. The capable assistance of our General, union, and local conference brethren was received laudably and was well appreciated. We were happy to have a number of these men with us during the opening meetings. Elder A. Wellington Clarke, newly appointed pastor of the Shiloh church in Chicago, spoke at the Sabbath services, June 19, at the eleven o'clock hour. The tremendous crowd was unable to be accommodated adequately inside the large tent; however, the Lord

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Group of Officers and Workers at the Recent Lake Region Conference Camp Meeting

truly blessed Elder Clarke as he brought the stirring message, "The World's Reception of Christ." On Sunday, June 20, Elder W. A. Scharffenberg, executive secretary of the American Temperance Society, conducted a temperance rally which included a short true-to-life play, "The Prisoner at the Bar," and a movie.

Elders E. E. Roenfelt, C. S. Longacre, and L. B. Reynolds took a prominent place in bringing to the assembly their contribution of rich experiences in the work of God. We were indeed happy to have our union president, Elder L. E. Lenheim, with us at our first camp meeting. He, together with other union officials, spoke on several occasions and brought encouragement and strength to all. The young people of the conference were in care of in an admirable manner as Elders W. A. Nelson and D. W. Hunter took active parts in making the meetings a success. It was greatly inspirational to listen to the hearty singing of the young people as their meetings progressed

from day to day. Elder Nelson conducted a campfire at the close of a meeting one evening. He and Pastor J. Parker Laurence thrilled the boys and girls with their stories by the light of the brilliant campfire.

Elder I. H. Ihrig and Brother Virgil Gibbons led out in the presentation of the work of the literature ministry. As the result, a good number present signed to take up the colporteur work in an active way. An attractive book display, under the direction of Brother L. B. Baker, was set up and proved a special blessing.

We deeply regret that two of our important speakers were unable to be with us, Elder G. E. Peters because of illness, and Elder H. K. Halladay because of death in his family. We shall continue to pray for these brethren that God's blessings may sustain and keep them.

Sabbath, June 26, marked the close of this wonderful meeting, and the attendance that day numbered nearly two thousand. The eleven o'clock hour was taken by Elder D. W. Hunter, and Elder T. M.

Fountain gave a stirring message to the youth. Both meetings were held simultaneously, and the tents were filled to capacity with many standing on the outside. Approximately \$7,000 in cash and pledges was received when an appeal in behalf of the Lake Region academy fund was made. This generous response indicates that the constituency of the conference can be depended upon for full support in a project.

A solemn hour was spent as an ordination service was held. Pastor J. Parker Laurence, of the Milwaukee church, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The sermon was preached by Elder W. D. Forde; R. F. Warnick offered the prayer; Elder J. G. Dasent gave the charge; and Elder T. M. Fountain gave the welcome.

A special Ingathering victory rally was held in the afternoon, with Elder T. M. Fountain in charge. It was most inspiring as eighteen of the twenty-six churches of the conference received banners indicating that the Minute Man church goal had been reached. It is hoped that



the remaining churches will strive for the completion of their Ingathering goals very soon.

Elder D. W. Hunter gave able assistance in the investiture service which was held. Mr. Richard Parker, of the Calvin Center church, presented a fine group of young people. From the group seven received Master Comrade, Comrade, Companion, and Friend pins.

The conference workers worked untiringly and cooperatively to make the meeting a success. Special mention should be made of each one, but space will not permit; however, attention should be called to Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Smith who supervised and managed the camp cafeteria. Many gracious compliments were extended to them and their efficient assistants for the palatable meals served. Elder J. G. Dasent, president of the Lake Region Conference, is to be commended for his leadership in this first camp meeting, and it is hoped that the blessing of heaven will rest upon him continually.

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### SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

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### Camp Meeting

THE first camp meeting for the Southwestern Mission is now history. From June 11 to June 20, hundreds of members, delegates, and friends of the Southwestern Mission assembled at the Wheatley Elementary School grounds, in Dallas, Texas, for the first annual camp meeting and constituency meeting. The attendance was far beyond our expectation. We were literally flooded with reservations. Our week-end attendance was estimated at 700.

The various activities of the camp meeting were under the supervision of committees which functioned smoothly and added much to the inspiration of the meetings. Meals were served three times daily in the school cafeteria, and the food was delicious and nutritious.

Each day began with the six o'clock devotion, and the excellent way in which the people attended these early morning meetings revealed their religious fervor. The rest of the day was highlighted by departmental meetings, sermons, and Bible studies. Special attention was given to the young people, and the various committees supplied recreational as well as spiritual needs. The spacious auditorium of the Wheatley school was used exclusively for the young people's meetings.

The camp meeting session opened with a powerful call to reconsecration by Elder W. W. Fordham, superintendent of the Southwestern Mission. Each evening an evangelistic sermon was given, and Elders W. S. Lee, J. H. Williams, J. H. Wagner, and G. E. Peters gave stirring appeals to which many responded.

Monday, June 14, opened our conference session. At this time the reports of the superintendent, the secretary-treasurer, and the departmental secretaries were given. The present officers were unanimously re-elected; and in addition, Prof. C. C. Cunningham was appointed as our first educational and young people's leader. He will also assume the responsibility of Sabbath school secretary. Brother Oscar Dunn of the Allegheny Conference was invited to head our publishing department. Brother J. H. Jones will be associated with him.

The ordination and baptismal services were conducted on the last Sabbath. Brethren H. J. Fordham and D. J. Dixon were ordained. At the baptismal service, conducted in a pool near the school, sixteen persons were baptized.

Our visitors were from the General Conference, Oakwood College, Southern Publishing Association, and our sister conferences in North America. Among those who gave valuable help were G. E. Peters, H. O. Olson, R. G. Campbell, E. J. Lorntz, I. B. Burton, M. L. Andersen, C. R. Crawford, J. H. Wagner, H. M. Burwell, and Dr. Eva B. Dykes.

### High Lights of Conference Biennial Report

1. Three new churches voted into the sisterhood of churches, namely, Nacogdoches, Wichita Falls, Austin, Texas.

2. Total funds received from our constituency during biennial period, \$158,476.77.

3. Membership at close of 1946, 1,584; 1947, 1,854; net gain 270.

4. New church schools in Wichita Falls, Texas. Eleventh grade added to New Orleans Academy.

5. New church building.

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### News Notes

MORE than five hundred people gathered under the big pavilion for the opening session of the South Central Conference, Thursday, 7:30 P.M., June 10, 1948. From every direction in this field families and individuals came to enjoy the great camp meeting of the South Central Conference. The attendance reached its highest peak on the last Sabbath when there were more than 900 present.

We were very fortunate to have many outstanding speakers. Among them were Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference, who brought timely counsel and instruction to the conference workers. Elders J. H. Wagner, F. H. Robbins, and Prof. Leo Thiel relieved Elder Peters the last three days and gave rich morsels for thought. Elders V. G. Anderson, H. C. Klement, B. E. Wagner, and R. H. Wentland were the other guest speakers who addressed the camp meeting audience.

Several people responded to the call of the literature ministry during the colporteur meeting at which time Elder B. E. Wagner and Mr. M. G. Cato lead out in the service. Elder Terry and his wife, mission-



aries from India, brought vividly before us their unusual and outstanding experiences in that country. The pictures clearly depicted work that they are doing in India and also indicated the opportunities for more work to be done. Elders W. P. Bradley, Meade MacGuire, and F. H. Robbins, all of the General Conference, brought a wealth of inspiration to our camp meeting. These men have had a great deal of experience and were in a position to bring to our camp meeting "old fire" for this new day. Keith Argraves, the veteran paratrooper, addressed young and old under the main pavilion, and the message he brought was rare and encouraging. Elders L. B. Reynolds, R. T. Hudson, and H. D. Singleton also contributed to the spiritual success of our camp meeting. We were very glad to have these men.

The Dorcas Societies of the various churches brought to camp meeting many of the garments, which had been made by their members, and put them on display. The exhibition consisted of many interestingly designed aprons, pot holders, quilts, baby clothes, scarves, pillowcases, and dresses.

The faithful dining staff, despite the penetrating heat, prepared three meals daily for the campers and workers. Better service could not have been desired for camp meeting. Pastor Andrew Shorter was the manager of the cafeteria assisted by Miss Marian Gresham.

The camp meeting committees were as follows: pastoral: H. R. Murphy, chairman; V. G. Anderson; G. E. Peters; V. Lindsay; B. W. Abney; and E. F. Carter. Special prayer and baptismal: J. G. Thomas, chairman; W. H. Winston; B. W. Abney; C. A. Lynes. Locating and reception: C. S. Myles, chairman; H. Jones; C. Dudley; E. C. Hummery; Miss E. Bibbs; Mrs. C. Baker. Platform: W. E. Arties, chairman; E. Mimms; C. R. Graham; and J. N. Richardson. Flowers: Miss Anna Knight, chairlady; Mrs. E. T. Mimms; and Mrs. A. McNichols. Publicity: L. A. Pashcal, chairman; and R. C. Brown. Ministerial recep-



H. R. Murphy, Re-elected President of the South Central Conference

tion: D. B. Reid, chairman. Medical: J. M. Cox, chairman. Camp: C. S. Myles, superintendent; and F. M. Davis. Cafeteria and store: A. D. Shorter, manager.

### Welcome to South Central

WELCOME to South Central, Misses Ruby Jones, Frances Hudson, and Doris Merideth! Miss Jones comes to us from the business office at Oakwood College and is now working in the secretary-treasurer's office. Misses Hudson and Merideth were graduated from the department of business administration and secretarial training respectively, June, 1948. Miss Merideth is secretary to the Book and Bible House, and Miss Hudson is office secretary to the publishing department, educational department, and Missionary Volunteer department.

WHO does the best his circumstances allow, does well, acts nobly, —angels could do no more.—Selected.

## PACIFIC UNION

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### Native African Speaks

THE thrilling story of her conversion from heathenism to Christianity was told by Rose Patricia Benson at a special missions' vesper service which was held Sabbath afternoon, June 26, at six o'clock, at the Saint Paul Baptist church, corner of Twenty-first Street and Naomi Avenue, in Los Angeles.

Elder and Mrs. G. Nathaniel Banks, on furlough from Liberia, West Africa, brought Miss Benson to this country to attend Oakwood College so that she could return to work for the women of Africa.

Miss Benson, who is a native schoolteacher and speaks English, was interviewed on radio station KXLA (1110 kcys.), between 6:30 and 7:00 P.M., when the Sweet Chariot Hour was broadcasted from the Saint Paul Baptist church that same evening. After the broadcast she related her experiences to the auditorium audience. Mrs. G. N. Banks told of the work that is being done for the women of Africa. Elder Banks and the other two speakers were dressed in native African costumes.

OWEN A. TROY.

### Sweet Chariot Hour on Vacation

THE Sweet Chariot Hour, after six years of continuous weekly broadcasting, bowed off the air for the summer, Saturday evening, June 26, with a program featuring traditional spirituals and gospel songs by the combined choir of one hundred voices and a presentation of our denominational mission work by Elder G. N. Banks, who interviewed Miss Rose Benson, native West African. Over 1,200 persons crowded into the Saint Paul Baptist church of Los Angeles to witness the season's final broadcast and to enjoy the inspiring and thrilling mission reports



brought by Missionary and Mrs. Banks and their native convert.

After an eight-week layoff, the Sweet Chariot Hour is scheduled to return to the air on September 4. It will be heard at its usual Saturday evening time 6:30-7 P.M., over the Pasadena station KXLA (1110 kcys). The program is being reorganized in order that it may better present the message to the thousands who listen weekly to this broadcast. Consideration is being given to broadcasting once a month from the Wadsworth church in Los Angeles.

For over a year the program has been on a self-supporting basis, the major burden falling upon Elder H. A. Lindsey and the Sunset Avenue church. They have done nobly with the aid of the listening public. In order to lighten this burden, a reorganization has been effected so that all well-wishers can have a part in supporting this weekly evangelistic medium.

In the Los Angeles' area, as a direct influence of the Sweet Chariot Hour and the instruction received through the Sweet Chariot Hour Correspondence School, Sister Effie Davies, Bible instructor, reports that the records and follow-up survey show that thirty-four have been baptized. There are a number who are keeping the Sabbath and looking forward to baptism. Of the 925 active students taking the 20th Century Bible Course, 300 are in the State of California, and 173 in Los Angeles. There are enrollees in every State in the Union. More than 100 are active students in Nigeria and West Africa.

Any information that you have relative to the results and influence of the Sweet Chariot Hour would be greatly appreciated. Kindly send the same to Sweet Chariot Hour, Box 455, Pasadena, California.

O. A. TROY.

"EVERY Christian congregation is a Pool of Bethesda: all that gather here are somehow lame and halt and blind and diseased, and those most of all are halt or blind and diseased who know it not."

## Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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### Occupancy of New Sanitarium Building

By J. M. Cox, M.D.,  
Medical Superintendent

APRIL 18, 1948, was moving day at Riverside. The equipment and furnishings of the old units were all moved into the new building. Early that Sunday morning a number of the members of the Meharry Boulevard church in Nashville came out to help the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital personnel move. It was necessary to move beds, dressers, chairs, and medical equipment because the new furniture had not come at that time. Everything was cleaned in the new building by the ladies, and everything was moved by the men in one day. The patients received all their meals and treatments on time. Their only realization of the moving was just going to a new room in the new building.

It was necessary that the moving be done at this time so that all

the personnel would become acquainted with their new departments, new equipment, new procedures, in order to coordinate with the whole unit for a smooth-run and efficient institution.

New furniture arrived in trucks May 5, 6, 10, 14, and 24. Rooms and furniture had previously been given a code number so that as the furniture arrived by truck it was taken to the room with the identical code number. All patients' rooms, the lounge, the dining rooms, the library, and the lobby have new furniture. Much of the medical equipment was already available, and some had been donated. The operating rooms were already furnished. X-ray, kitchen, physiotherapy, delivery-rooms, and clinical-laboratory equipment is new and already installed. Many of the offices had to be refurnished. Existing supplies were put in strategic places and new supplies obtained to stock sufficiently for operation. Riverside now is new throughout.

Each person had previously gone over operations, coordinations, and integrations in his department, with other departments, and with the hospital as a whole. New procedures were inaugurated in many areas, and the institution was put



Modern Hospital Room. Dr. J. M. Cox, Medical Superintendent, Is Attending Physician



on a first-class business basis. This makes it possible to give the maximum medical efficiency with the least amount of expense.

Landscaping and the renovation of the cottages for personnel living quarters are progressing rapidly in order to be ready for dedication September 5, 1948.

As you enter the lobby, you see easy chairs and palms. The lady at the information desk also operates the switchboard. The institution is approved by the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, and is also a member of the Blue Cross plan of hospitalization. Down the west wing to your right are offices of administration, accounting, medical service, and library. The chaplain's office is just to the left of the lobby. In the east wing are private sanitarium rooms, beautifully furnished, and at the end of the corridor is a lounge for patients. The seats in the lounge are upholstered in leather. Looking south from the lobby are other sanitarium rooms, the pharmacy, and the patients' dining room is at the rear.

In the west wing of the ground floor are departments of physiotherapy for men and women. Here there are bright new gadgets and



Nurses' Station Located on Second Floor. Dr. Rayfield Lewis, Staff Physician, Is Pictured in Foreground

walls of tile. The kitchen and dining room are in the south wing with all new stainless-steel equipment. The patients' trays go on the dumb waiter from here to the different floors. Down the east corridor are clinic rooms, nursing school rooms, and a dental room. The stock rooms are at the center of the building, and every new supply must come through here.

We may now take the elevator to the second floor, and just here at the intersection of the halls from the three wings we see the nurses' station, which commands the hospital's surgical and medical wings. The west wing is medical with a solarium at the end, and the south wing is surgical with an examining room and a central supply room where all sterile packs, trays, and solutions are prepared. The maternity section is in the east wing with its delivery rooms, labor rooms, and nursery. The children's ward is right at the front of the building.

On the top floor there is one wing which points south. Some surgical patients' rooms are on the front. You will also find here the clinical laboratory, blood bank, electrocardiographic room, X-ray, cast room, pack room, surgeons' dressing and wash rooms, and a beautiful operating room with a sterilizing room next to it. The view up here is superb. The walls are painted throughout the building according to color therapy, and they are conducive to recuperation. Each patient has ear phones to hear radio programs and devotional services. There is also a speaking system through which each patient may converse with the nurses' station.



Information Desk and Waiting Room, Riverside Sanitarium



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### Educational Department Report for 1947-1948

"THE best education that can be given to children and youth is that which bears the closest relation to the future, immortal life. This kind of education should be given by godly parents, by devoted teachers, and by the church, to the end that the youth in turn may become zealous missionaries for either home or foreign fields. They are to be earnestly instructed in the truths of the Bible, that they may become pillars in the church, champions for truth, rooted and grounded in the faith. They are to know whereof they believe, and to have such an experience in divine things that they will never become betrayers of sacred trusts. . . . We are in great need of educated ability, and the talents intrusted to our youth should be consecrated to the service of God, and employed in His work."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 231.

Our academy has set forth these guiding principles as beacons in charting our course.

We began the school year, 1947-'48, with six teachers and an enrollment of forty-one students. We are glad to report that twelve students were graduated from the twelfth grade. We have encouraged these students to remain in our schools and educate their abilities to be qualified workers in this great cause. Ten of this number plan to go to Oakwood, one to A.U.C., and one into the colporteur ministry. We thank God that their hearts have been moved to make such decisions.

At our fall Week of Prayer ten students joined the baptismal class, seven taking their stand for the first time. In our spring Week of Prayer we had a reconsecration and a rededication that was wonderful to experience.

Our Missionary Volunteer department has been very active. Through it we donated a basket at Thanksgiving, sent food to Liberia, and conducted other worthwhile projects.

From time to time we emphasized and stimulated interest in reading the Bible through by having Bible quiz programs, and each morning the Morning Watch text is brought to the attention of the students. Our colporteur club is active. In two and a half months the club has put out more than one hundred dollars worth of magazines.

We firmly believe that we have been guided by the Holy Spirit and thank God for our success thus far. With a strong spiritual program, we have found it easier to carry on the other activities of a school program. We have received commendations from the fire department on the conduct of the students in fire drills. Neighbors have made good reports concerning the general decorum of students going to and from school.

Our activities are many and varied, and our academy is trying with the help of God to follow the charted course.

The officers of the Northeastern Conference should receive a word of commendation for the generosity of their appropriations, the wisdom of their counsel, and their wholeheartedness in getting the academy off on such a good start. We also appreciate the cooperation of patrons and friends who have contributed so readily to all our programs.

Profiting from experiences of the past, we can meet the challenge of the future, and by working together, attain spiritual and intellectual heights.—*Submitted by the Principal and Faculty of Northeastern Academy.*

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"HE who feeds on Christ becomes Christlike, as the silkworm takes the hue of the leaves on which it browses."

"MEN are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but by the sacrifice God has made for them."

### Academic Reflections

THE senior class and their sponsor, Mrs. Williamson, took a trip to Oakwood College to take part in the annual College Day sponsored by Oakwood. Included in the group making the trip were Prof. J. E. Roache, Pastor and Mrs. John Greene, Jr., Elder and Mrs. E. A. Lockett, Professor and Mrs. Williamson, Edith Reaves, Eula Gunther, Roy Crearer, Eustace Burnett, Lois Morris, Ruby Charles, Mary Raye, Marjorie Brantley, Lois LaCondra, and Jean Hundley. The class visited Riverside Sanitarium, the South Central Conference office, and several historic spots en route.

Northeastern sent a representation to Atlantic Union College to participate in the music festival in the spring. They were represented by a girls' trio consisting of Rita Chandler, Joan Cox, and Carol Jones; and a male quartet including Donald Blake, Howard LaCondra, Sylvester Gordan, and Benny Reaves. Timothy Dennison took the honors with his brilliant rendition of "Moonlight Sonata." Professor Darby and Mrs. Stoval served as chaperons for the group.

Every Saturday night activities were planned to enliven the social life of the students and friends of Northeastern. The senior class sponsored the first social with a kiddy party; since then the eleventh grade, the Teachers of Tomorrow, the eighth grade, and the ninth and tenth grades have sponsored very enjoyable and successful programs.

The senior class spent a day at Greater New York Academy in Woodside, New York, where they rendered a program, visited classes, and enjoyed a repast in the school cafeteria. The program, based on education designed by God, took in the school of Eden, schools of prophets, school of the present, and school of the hereafter. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by the group.

Forums, Missionary Volunteer programs, faculty talks, class sponsored programs, and educational



films filled the assembly periods with variety and interest. Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, Mrs. Barber, Professor Roache, and Elder A. E. Webb were the best speakers.

As a result of the growing interest in Oakwood and the academy senior trip there, a number of students from Northeastern are filing applications for enrollment at Oakwood College during the fall term. Mr. Roy Crearer has already been accepted as a student for the coming summer session.

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### Junior Camp

THE Allegheny and Northeastern Conferences conducted a Junior camp for youngsters between the ages of ten and fifteen years in the Manatawny Valley at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. About 100 youngsters enjoyed an intensified program of physical, mental, and spiritual instruction under the tutelage of an able and efficient corps of counselors for eleven days at Junior camp.

Arising at 6:15 A.M., their day began with a fifteen-minute exercise and a cold dip. At 7 A.M., they learned a scripture for the day and studied a portion of the Sabbath school lesson. From 7:30 to 8 A.M., they made beds, put their tents in order, and cleaned their shoes and fingernails. At 8:05 came inspection and flag raising. Breakfast call was a welcomed signal. The vegetarian meals were balanced and tastily prepared by an able crew under the direction of Elder W. A. Thompson, pastor of the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C. At nine o'clock camp duties began.

Some helped in the kitchen; some helped clean the grounds; and others tightened tent stakes. The Progressive Class program began at 10 A.M. Here instructions were given by trained leaders in the Missionary Volunteer field. The quiet hour be-

gan at 11:15 and ended at 12:15. During this time the Juniors rested or wrote letters to parents and friends. From 12:15 to 1 P.M., there were games and storytelling which were enjoyed by all the campers. The lunch call was sounded at 1 P.M., followed by camp duties. From 3:15 to 5 the Juniors swam in the Manatawny Creek. Between 5 and 6:30 P.M., lessons in handicraft and drawing were given. By 6:30 appetites were sharpened, and all enjoyed a light, wholesome meal. After another period of camp duties, for cleanliness was emphasized, the Juniors were given fifteen minutes of free time. At 8 P.M. the flag was lowered, and patriotic songs were sung. From 8:15 to 9 they sat around the campfire and enjoyed Christian stories. Taps was sounded at 9:15, and the camp became silent.

The counselors and instructors for the camp were as follows: Miss Miriam Davis, New York; Miss Edythe Diggs, New York; Mrs. John Foster, New Haven, Connecticut; Miss Jessie Godley, New York; Miss Virginia Greene, New York; Miss Sylvia Kee, New York; Mrs. Lester Williamson, New York; and Prof. J. E. Roache, codirector, New York; Mr. Turner Battle, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Prof. Wellington Clarke, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. M. Murphy, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Joseph Powell, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Benjamin Hardy, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Harry Dobbins, Camden, New Jersey; Mrs. J. H. Lester, Hampton, Virginia; Prof. R. L. Reynolds, Baltimore, Maryland; and Prof. A. V. Pinkney, codirector, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The registered nurse was Mrs. J. E. Roache, and Dr. David Lee, of Pottstown, was our physician.

A. V. PINKNEY.

Plan to attend the  
Columbia Union's  
Youth Congress  
August 26-29

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## SOUTH ATLANTIC

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### Camp Meeting

THE South Atlantic camp meeting for 1948 closed on Sabbath, June 5. These days at Moncrief Springs' Recreation Park, which is situated on the outskirts of the city of Jacksonville, Florida, were spent in great spiritual feasting. God was indeed very near throughout the camp meeting. Sermons given by visiting ministers from the General Conference, the union conference, and elsewhere lifted those present to greater spiritual heights.

Among the ministers visiting the camp meeting were G. E. Peters, W. P. Bradley, F. H. Robbins, Meade MacGuire, and J. A. Buckwalter from the General Conference; V. G. Anderson, H. E. Schneider, A. P. McDow, H. C. Klement, and S. J. Martz of the Southern Union Conference. Special invitations were extended to T. M. Rowe of the Central States Mission and Miss Anna Knight of the Southern Union.

There were twenty-six persons baptized on the last Sabbath afternoon of the camp meeting. Twenty-four of these were brought by Elder E. E. Cleveland as a result of his initial tent effort in Gainesville, Florida.

The meetings held the night of May 27 and the morning of May 28 were devoted to the conference session and the organizing of the South Atlantic legal association. The same officers who have served the South Atlantic Conference for the past two years were re-elected.

### High Lights From the President's Report

THE president in his biennial report stated that 26 tent efforts had been conducted, and 1,144 members were added by baptism and profession of faith with a net gain of 700 persons. The membership of the conference was 3,614 at the time of





New Conference Headquarters of the South Atlantic Conference

its organization, and at the end of 1947 it had increased to 4,314.

Two new church groups were received into the sisterhood of churches; one in Bainbridge and the other in Thomasville, Georgia. During this two-year period new church buildings were dedicated at Valdosta, Thomasville, and Bainbridge. The tithe for these two years amounted to \$287,906.69, and gifts to missions amounted to \$171,023. Practically a quarter of a million dollars worth of gospel literature was distributed by our faithful colporteurs. Included in this amount was approximately a half million Message Magazines.

### Recent Weddings

THREE weddings have recently taken place among the younger workers in the South Atlantic Conference. On May 16 wedding bells rang out in West Palm Beach, Florida, when Pastor Franklin S. Hill was united in marriage with Miss Lucille Jackson. Pastor Hill is in charge of the church in West Palm Beach.

On May 23 in Jacksonville, Florida, Miss Ethel McKenzie, who had served as an office secretary, was married to Pastor Charles Bradford. Pastor Bradford is a worker in the Southwestern Mission, and is presently stationed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In Los Angeles, California, June 6, Pastor Eric S. Ward, of Wilson,

North Carolina, was united in matrimony with Miss Gwendolyn Burton, former editorial secretary for the *Message Magazine*.

These young people have the best wishes of all as they work together to help finish the work of God in the earth.

### News Notes

THERE have been changes in our secretarial force in recent months. Miss Susie Ricks has returned from Oakwood College to work in the secretary-treasurer's office. Miss Thelma K. Lewis is now employed as secretary both to the president and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference.

ELDER MATTHEW GREEN, who was in charge of the Wilmington, North Carolina, district, has recently taken charge of the Thomasville district in south Georgia. Elder N. B. Smith is in charge of the churches in Wilmington, Kinston, Goldsboro, and La Grange in addition to the church at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Elder P. H. Morgan and family recently moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he will pastor the Raleigh, Durham, and Fayetteville churches.

### A Bargain Sale

I'm offering for sale today  
 A lot of things I'll need no more;  
 Come, please, and take them all away.  
 I've piled them high outside my door.  
 And trust you if it's trust you need.  
 Here I have listed all my stuff.  
 Make your selection as you read.  
 A lot of prejudices which  
 Have ceased to be of use to me;  
 A stock of envy of the rich,  
 Some slightly shop-worn jealousy;  
 A large supply of gloom that I  
 Must not permit to clog my shelves.  
 I offer bargains—who will buy?  
 A stock of still old beliefs;  
 Some pride I once was proud to own;  
 A bulky line of dreads and griefs.  
 An old assortment of ill will;  
 A job lot of bad faith and doubt;  
 Harsh words that have their poison still;  
 Choose as you please—I'm closing out.  
 I need more room for kindness,  
 For hope and courage and good cheer.  
 Take all the hatred I possess,  
 The superstitions and fear;  
 A large supply of frailties I  
 Shall have no use for them today.  
 I offer bargains; who will buy?  
 The rubbish must be carried away.

—*The Expositor*, May, 1948.  
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### After Registration

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

(Special Notice to Boys of Draft Age)

AFTER men between eighteen and twenty-six years of age have registered in August, and filled out and sent in their questionnaires, they will wait to be notified about the next procedures.

The return of the questionnaires to the draft boards will require an enormous amount of work on their part. The whole machinery of the boards, and that of State and National Selective Service, will be set to work on the vast amount of data supplied by the questionnaires in order to "screen out" those deferred by law, by Selective Service regulations, and by Presidential interpretations.

Those not "screened out," but who are found eligible for the draft will be notified by mail to report for physical examination and possible induction.

Draft call numbers will be issued. These will not be determined this time by drawing from a "gold fish bowl." This peace-time draft, being relatively small, will not require such a war-time method. Assignment of draft call numbers will be made by birth dates. This is a faster and simpler procedure.

At this writing it is not yet determined which age groups will be called first. An arbitrary selection of these groups will be made. For instance, the twenty-one age group might be called first.

The men twenty-one years of age would be assigned priority call numbers by their local boards according to their birthdays, beginning perhaps with January 1, and running through the year.

When a man's number is called up, he will be notified by mail to report to his draft board on a certain day. There he will receive a quick screening. Men found to have obvious defects will be eliminated at once and sent home. Those who pass this superficial examination will be sent the same day to the nearest of the 260 army and air



force recruiting and induction stations. There, the prospective inductee will "get the works," a thorough physical examination, with higher standards than formerly.

is the first part of the army's general classification test.

The examinations will be given in most cases by civilian—contract physicians. The prospective draftee may be kept overnight at Government expense. When the examination is completed, both those accepted and those rejected will, under present plans, be allowed to return home, the rejected to remain there, the accepted to settle their affairs in preparation for induction from two to six weeks later.

The accepted man will be notified by his board of the date and place to report. He probably will go back to the same recruiting and induction station. There he will receive a brief recheck to determine whether his physical status has changed.

Quotas of accepted men will then be assembled at the nearest main recruiting station for a given area. These will be sent forward to one of eight Army training divisions or centers (formerly called replacement training centers) or direct to tactical units.

First days in the Army will be spent in "processing." This may take a week or ten days. The soldier will get his inoculations; he will take the rest of his classification tests; his army service records will be started; he will be interviewed to determine proper assignment.

Then he will be sent to a training division (perhaps in another part of the same camp); or to a tactical unit, perhaps at another camp. He is in the Army now; eight weeks of basic training—eight hours a day, five to five and a half days a week.

It really isn't so bad. It has its drawbacks, its restrictions, its perilous influence, its corrupting associations. What station in life does not? But it has its benefits too, its physical training, its helpful discipline, its enormous opportunities for the exertion of Christian influ-

ence, and the possibilities it presents for Christian service.

Don't dread it; don't shun it. It need not be a calamity. It can be a great opportunity.

In any case, there or elsewhere, God is with you. You can count on Him. And He has something for you to do in the place He puts you. He has a plan for you. Never doubt it.

"He is silently planning for thee in love; for it matters to Him about you."

If you are to go into the Army, go in that spirit. Then army life will not hurt you; it will bring you great blessing.

### Why Preachers Move

Preachers are human. Congregations are made up of human beings. Every preacher has peculiarities of his own. Every congregation has peculiarities of its own. Some preachers are high-strung and finicky. Some congregations are high-strung and finicky. Some preachers love praise, but can't stand criticism. Some congregations love praise, but can't stand criticism. Some preachers don't study much and soon run out of sermons. Some congregations have spiritual dyspepsia and must have a change of diet occasionally. Some preachers don't have very much love in their nature. Some congregations don't have very much love in their nature. Some preachers are rather fond of going about and telling of other people's faults. Some congregations are like billboards on which are pasted the little mistakes and shortcomings of the preachers. Some preachers have been bitten by the gypsy bug and just love to move. Some congregations are somewhat of the moving type. To some preachers another field looks greener. Some congregations think that the other minister isn't quite so green. Some preachers can scarcely forgive or forget. Some congregations can scarcely forgive or forget. May we not sum up with our introduction, that both preacher and congregation are human. As preachers, let's be more patient and forgiving and work a little harder. As congregations, let us be more patient toward our minister's shortcomings, more forgiving, and let us work a little harder that together we may uphold the banner of Christ, that the world may be turned from darkness to light and the

greatest desire of minister and congregation alike shall be attained by their labors together.

—World Evangel.

THE pleasure resulting from work well done is worth while. To develop the best equipped railroad, to conduct the most successful bank, to create a great store where principle never yields to mere money making, to create an environment for the young man or woman just entering a business career that will be an incentive to do greater things, become a pleasure and remuneration far beyond any money value. It is as great a thing to develop merchandise of character and beauty as to paint a fine picture, carve a beautiful statue, or write a good book. To some manufacturers a carpet is just a carpet, a piece of gingham is only a piece of gingham. But with the desire to make the best, carpet or piece of gingham can become a work of art.—John G. Shedd.

I EXPECT to pass this way but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being, let me do it now. I will not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—Stephen Grellet.

### Reports on Riverside Offering

| Conference           | Goal     | Total Receipts To May 31 |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Allegheny .....      | \$20,549 | \$ 7,236.39              |
| Central States ..... | 3,901    | 3,275.81                 |
| Lake Region .....    | 13,015   | 9,435.34                 |
| Northeastern .....   | 12,454   | 12,003.53                |
| Pacific .....        | 9,008    | 7,103.01                 |
| South Atlantic ..... | 19,520   | 12,278.05                |
| South Central .....  | 11,990   | 8,936.62                 |
| Southwestern .....   | 7,437    | 7,054.57                 |
| Total .....          | \$97,874 | \$67,323.22              |

### Total Receipts on \$120,000 Fund

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Conferences .....                  | \$67,323.22 |
| Cash donations to sanitarium ..... | 3,915.02    |
| White conferences .....            | 21,656.04*  |
| Total .....                        | \$92,894.38 |
| Balance .....                      | 27,105.62   |

\* Included in this amount are offerings from the colored churches in the North Pacific and Northern Unions.



## Our Constitution Grew Out of Prayer

THE great English statesman, William E. Gladstone, once spoke of the Constitution of the United States as "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." But perhaps Mr. Gladstone did not know the real source of this great piece of work. The following facts throw significant light on the subject:

By the middle of June, 1781, the Constitution Convention had almost bogged down in its own deliberations. Representatives of the thirteen original States had haggled for a month, and made small progress, for suspicion had been sown among them. Personal dislikes and sectional jealousies had grown threadbare. And on the morning of June 16 Benjamin Franklin addressed George Washington in these words:

"Mr. President: The small progress we have made after four or five week's close attention and continual reasoning with each other is, methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfections of human undertaking.

"In this situation of this assembly, as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto thought of humbly applying to the Father of Light to illuminate our understanding?

"I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of the truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.'

"I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded and we

ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword, down to future ages.

"And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, conquest. I therefore beg leave to move: That hereafter prayers, imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

Mr. Franklin's motion carried. The Constitutional Convention prayed, and made progress beyond one of the darkest hours in the career of human liberty.

There remains on earth only one big country with individual freedom in its scheme of government—the United States. Whole nations plunging toward ruin are looking to us for rescue. It is time for prayer, by assembled worshipers and by contrite souls in their closets, that America may be allowed to keep her God-given freedom and granted power to bear the responsibilities that already are bearing down.

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## Eye Openers

THE United States now has 77,386,188 church members, the most in its history. The *Christian Herald*, which gathered the latest figures from 223 Protestant and thirty non-Protestant groups, revealed in its annual report on membership of religious bodies in the United States a gain of 3,713,006 over last year's number. The Catholics made the best percentage, showing with a 3.5 increase to 25,286,178 members. Protestant churches accounted for 46,149,676 members, a 2.6 rise.

In Portland, Oregon, a United States soil conservationist, Herb Boddy, made this estimate of just what the June floods had cost the farmers of the Pacific Northwest: Some 161,000,000 tons of topsoil, worth nearly \$24,000,000, had been washed out to sea and now muddied the Pacific in a patch twenty miles long. From two to 2,000 tons

of rich soil had been swept from each of 11,000,000 acres, with Oregon hit worst, followed by Washington and Idaho. About 4,290 acres of river banks had been washed away forever. Large sections of orchard land in Washington had vanished as silt. Pasture lands and truck farms which had been flooded produce no crops this year.

RUXTON METAL PRODUCTS of Carlstadt, New Jersey, announced a fire detector that can be fitted with a screw driver to the doorbell circuit. The bell will ring when the temperature rises to 130 degrees.

CARL GUTTILLA of Woodside, Long Island, has opened a self-service ironer store modeled after the half-hour laundries. Twenty-four electric ironers are available for a penny-a-minute fee.

ONE fourth of 698 patients with cancer of the mouth treated at Stockholm's Radiumhemmet (Radium Home) could blame tobacco and alcohol, said Dr. Elis Berven.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL'S Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith warned that the cytological (smear) test for cancer is being exploited with danger to the public. "Reliance on a diagnosis for or against cancer submitted by an inexperienced 'cytologist' constitutes malpractice just as surely as does the performance of a major operation by an inadequately equipped surgeon."

IN a heart attack caused by blocking of coronary artery, lack of pain is a bad sign, reported Dr. F. Tremaine Billings, of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He studied 240 patients, found that 10 per cent felt no pain; of these, 54 per cent died almost immediately. Of the 90 per cent who felt pain (in chest and through the upper arms), only 20 per cent died immediately.

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"THE teeth may be false, but let the tongue be true."