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## Our Way That We Should Go

By ARTHUR L. WHITE

It was an unnamed hired man that made the suggestion. Some three thousand years ago two young men for three days had been looking for some stock that had wandered from the father's farm in old Palestine. Their food was gone and their money nearly all spent in the fruitless search. In discouragement Saul suggested, "Let us return." Then his companion spoke: "Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go." 1 Sam. 9:6. And so the two young men turned toward the village where dwelt the prophet Samuel, for we are told that "before time in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer." Verse 9.

Before the young men could explain their visit to the prophet he answered their question, and then Samuel delivered to Saul a message of great importance, a message concerning his lifework—indeed, telling him the way he should go—for he was to be Israel's first king.

Men "went to enquire of God," says the Scripture. God wants His people to understand His purposes; to know the times in which we live and to be informed of the events of

the future. In these words God declared His purpose: "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." Num. 12:6. This is the means by which God communicates with His people, informing and instructing and guiding them in the way they should go. Not only in past centuries have God's children benefited by this guidance, but also in our own day the Lord has spoken to His remnant people through the Spirit of prophecy.

A little over a hundred years ago, as the remnant Sabbathkeeping church came into being, according to the prediction of Revelation 12:17 and 19:10, a voice was heard among this people saying, "As God has shown me in holy vision." It was the voice of the Spirit of prophecy manifest in the experience of Ellen G. White. For seventy years that voice was heard among us—guiding, counseling, instructing, and informing. What a blessing that voice has been to this people! And that voice is still heard from the thousands of pages that have come to us from the tireless pen of Ellen G. White, telling us the way we should go.

Through this special gift to the church the Lord has nurtured the church and has led and counseled this people into the great lines of work being conducted around the

world; and all through the years we have been guided in the conduct of this work through the many visions that were given to Mrs. White. Often the visions led us to a broader understanding of the work before us. It was so in the winter of 1874-75.

In 1874 we had one publishing house in all the world and only one sanitarium. Both of these institutions were located at our old headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan. In the fall of 1874 we sent out our first missionary. Elder Andrews was sent to Europe. In that same year we built Battle Creek College. But somehow as the buildings were being erected, some of the church members could not understand why, in view of our beliefs of the soon coming of the Lord, we should be building a college, for they felt that time was too short to give our youth a college education.

Elder and Mrs. White were persuaded to remain in Battle Creek for the dedication service scheduled for Tuesday morning, January 5, 1875, so that Mrs. White especially could help our people understand why we were establishing a college. As the time for the meeting neared, Mrs. White took sick and grew worse from day to day. When the day before the important dedication service arrived, Mrs. White was very ill, and Elder White sent

for the doctor to come to the home and examine her. Mrs. White was pronounced a very sick woman and Elder White was urged to send her to the sanitarium for proper treatment. But she was needed the next day at the dedication service and so Elder White sent for the elders of the church. The three ministers prayed for Mrs. White's healing as she sat wrapped in blankets in a rocking chair in the living room of the White home. After the ministers had prayed, Mrs. White in a whisper began to plead with God for strength and health, and while praying was taken off in vision. The men knew that she was in vision, for there was that familiar shout of "Glory to God! Glory to God!" Then she was breathless for a full ten minutes. During the vision Mrs. White rose and walked about the room, exclaiming at first, "Dark—all dark—so dark!" And then, "A light—a little light—much light!" After the vision she returned to her bedroom, and when Elder White returned home later in the afternoon he found her completely healed and busy with her work of writing. She attended a night meeting with her husband and the next day took her place at the dedication service.

As Mrs. White explained the vastness of the work before Seventh-day Adventists and the need of educating our young people, she related the vision of the day before. She told of how she saw the world enveloped in darkness and then later covered with light, which typified the extent of the work before us and the need of a training school. It was this she was seeing as she had made the exclamations in the vision. Then she told the assembled group that she had seen printing presses in different parts of the world printing the message in many languages. James White, eager to know where we should send workers and establish publishing houses, interrupted her and inquired whether she could name the countries, but she replied that the angel did not give her the names, but if she should ever see

those printing presses she should recognize them. This vision led all present to see a wider scope of the work than any had anticipated.

Ten years after this vision Mrs. White was in Europe, and as she was taken to our headquarters building she recognized the surroundings, the building, and its equipment. As she entered the printing office she exclaimed: "I have seen these presses before. These are the printing presses shown me ten years ago in the vision in Battle Creek." Then as she was introduced to the two pressmen she inquired for a third man she had seen in the vision ten years before, but whom she missed as she entered the room. Upon inquiry she learned that the man she missed was in town on business. The next day she met him and delivered a message given her for him. Ten years earlier she had seen in vision, not only a publishing house not yet established at the time of the vision, but also the man.

Mrs. White later recognized the presses in the printing offices in Norway and Australia, and it brought courage to the hearts of the workers and confidence as they contemplated that the institutions and equipment had been shown her in vision so many years before. Again and again the Lord has led His people to a broad and correct understanding of the work before us through the visions given to Mrs. White. As we contemplate this we are reminded of a precious promise found in Psalms 32:8: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." This promise is for us personally in these uncertain days. How tender is the thought that God guides His children with His all-seeing eye, an eye that sees from the beginning to the end. But, dear friends, God can teach us in the way we should go, only as we do as the two young men did of old. *We must go to the seer or the prophet.* This we can do by studying and applying the many messages of counsel and guidance that God has given us in

His Word and in the Spirit of prophecy writings. "Come, and let us go to the seer."

[Elder White is secretary of the E. G. White Publications of the General Conference. He is the grandson of the late Ellen G. White.—ED.]

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## Watch First Church Washington, D.C.

FIRST church has taken on such proportions in attendance that the church is filled to capacity at each



R. T. Hudson

meeting. On Sunday nights we have not sufficient space for the large number who attend the services.

Elder R. T. Hudson, the pastor, is wide awake, full of enthusiasm, mind-filled, and heart-filled. He gives spiritual food for the hungry

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people, and each night they return and drink deeply of the truth.

Since Elder Hudson has been with us he has answered many calls from the needy. He also raised the incomplete Harvest Ingathering goal for '49, which amounted to over \$1,000. Immediately thereafter he launched a drive for the church expense and raised a like amount. He is a man for such a time as this at First church.

Concerning the school, Elder Hudson and Elder Thompson, pastor of our sister church, are now planning how to secure more adequate quarters for the Union Academy. If they are not successful, we can truthfully say they did not sleep on the job.

Just watch our work in D.C.!

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## News Notes

AFTER an inspiring workers' meeting the ministers and officers of the Central States Mission busied themselves in preparing their church members for the "Operation Doorbell" campaign recently. The enthusiasm was high as the Central States members rang doorbells all around the field on that Sabbath afternoon. As a result, hundreds of enrollment cards for the 20th Century Bible Course are pouring into the office. Approximately 800 new persons have enrolled, and the cards are still coming in. Bible classes have been organized as a result of the interest that has been aroused among our neighbors and friends in the various communities.

THE office staff of the Central States Mission, along with other young people, recently attended a Central Union youth's rally in Denver, Colorado. One of the high lights of the rally was the witnessing of an actual Voice of Prophecy broadcast in the Civic Auditorium

of the city. Elder L. A. Skinner, Associate Missionary Volunteer leader of the General Conference gave the opening address of the rally on Friday night. Another interesting feature of the rally was the missions exercise by Elder D. E. Reiner, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Central Union Conference. During this exercise representatives from nine foreign countries gave personal thank you's to those of us in America who have been sending our means across the sea to help spread the light of the gospel message. On Sabbath the eleven o'clock sermon, entitled "The Challenge of This Mighty Hour," was given by Elder H. M. S. Richards and was most inspiring to the young people. We all returned home feeling spiritually benefited by this wonderful youth's rally.

ELDER G. E. PETERS, departmental secretary of the General Conference, recently spent five profitable days in the territory of the Central States. He filled appointments in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, and Topeka, Kansas. At our conference headquarters he attended committee meetings and gave a timely talk to the office staff and near-by workers who were called in for the occasion by President F. L. Bland. Elder Peters expressed great satisfaction over the growth in membership and the financial development of the mission.

## Little Roger

IN a special recitation entitled "Temptation," Little Roger, five-year-old prodigy of Mr. and Mrs. H. DePrad, of Denver, Colorado, was the bright star of a program held at the Beth Haven Seventh-day Adventist church. The entire congregation retained a perpetual smile as Little Roger related with gestures Christ's experience with Satan. He speaks fluently and distinctly and is not affected by the many eyes fixed upon him or the smiles of his admirers.

Little Roger has another recitation entitled "Creation," which will arrest any audience's attention with

his solemnity of speech. He sings "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Holy City," and gives the benediction at the close of the Sabbath school hour in the primary department.

Much credit is due his godly relatives, who are training him in Christian pathways.

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## LAKE REGION

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THE work in the Lake Region Conference is making good progress along many lines. We are not satisfied with past accomplishments but are happy to say that the Ingathering is going over in a big way. Our churches are engaged in an intensive Ingathering campaign. Our record on May 6, 1950, was \$10,000 more than the record for 1949. The tithe for the first quarter of the year showed a slight decrease compared with last year, but recent reports reveal that most of the churches are now showing a good increase. Tithe for the first quarter of 1950 amounted to \$39,584.45 and mission offerings for the same period amounted to \$20,054.04.

## News Notes

MRS. ALYNE DUMAS LEE, outstanding dramatic soprano, gave a recital for the benefit of the Educational Fund in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois, on June 4, at 3 P.M. All the churches in the area united in this endeavor, which proved to be very successful financially.

ELDER T. M. ROWE, the new pastor of the Shiloh church, has taken over in a strong way. The work is onward in Shiloh. Sister D. Smith, Bible instructor, is doing a fine job in bringing souls to the truth.

ELDER E. S. DILLETT, who served as temporary pastor of the Shiloh church during the first quarter of this year, baptized 18 new believers.

SABBATH, May 6, a very inspirational baptismal service was held in Shiloh, when the conference

president buried about 20 precious souls in baptism from the West Side church of Chicago. Among this number was an evangelist (white) from another denomination. She seems to be well informed and is enjoying her new-found faith.

WE must not forget to mention Sister B. Bailey and Sister S. Kelly and the good work they are doing in their respective fields. We believe that the Lake Region has the finest group of Bible instructors that can be found.

THE Hartford Avenue church of Detroit, previously destroyed by fire, is now undergoing repairs, and the believers will soon be worshipping again in their building with the hope that in the near future they will be able to find new quarters. We are expecting a large number of souls as a result of Elder Allison's evangelistic effort, which was conducted in a hall. We are hoping to baptize 500 before the year closes, for every tent will be placed in the field this summer. We are looking forward to a great wave of evangelism. The Battle Creek church is working on their new building. They plan to dedicate it sometime during the month of June. Pastor R. C. Smith is in charge of this church.

T. M. FOUNTAIN, *President.*

I AM happy to report that the publishing department is moving along nicely. It is our prayer that the books distributed by our colporteurs will be the cause of many souls' rejoicing in the heavenly mansions that Jesus Christ has gone to prepare. The sales for the first quarter of 1950 in the Book and Bible House totaled \$11,742.80.

J. F. LEE,  
*Secretary, Publishing Department.*

THE Junior camp planned for this year will be located in Lemont, Illinois, for both boys and girls, ages nine to sixteen. This is a regular Y.W.C.A. camp with all the equipment necessary to have an outstanding program. A detailed report will be given later.

## Greater Chicago M.V. Federation

THE 400 persons who attended the Greater Chicago M.V. Federation meeting, which was held at the West Side church, will long remember what their eyes beheld and their ears heard. This was the most outstanding program ever given in this area by our youth.

The theme for the day was "Youth in Action," and each society in the area participated. The "Operation Doorbell" was demonstrated by the Morgan Park Society. "Operation Telephone" was presented by the Evanston Society.

"Operation Hospital" was exhibited by the Shiloh Society and "Operation Junior Camp" was displayed by the West Side church.

The reason why these skits were so efficiently rendered was that the societies had actually done the missionary work in their churches. As "living witnesses" they were able to demonstrate effectively.

Thirty persons were invested, including Sunbeams, Busy Bees, and Friends. Every church in the Chicago area was represented. The next federation meeting will be held in Gary, Indiana.

L. H. DAVIS, *Educational Superintendent.*

## Pine Forge Academy



North Hall, Girls' Dormitory



Manor House, Girls' Dormitory



Students Discussing Classwork in Front of Boys' Dormitory

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### Springfield Church Dedicated

SABBATH, April 8, was a high day in the lives of the believers of the Bay Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Springfield, Massachusetts. On that day they saw their wishes fulfilled—the dedication of their church to God free of debt. A little over two years ago negotiations were started for the Springfield church under the leadership of Elder Norman S. McLeod, when the initial steps for the purchase of the building were consummated. Elder McLeod was succeeded by Pastor J. S. Greene, Jr., who has done a magnificent job of finishing the payments on the building, renovating it, and has erected a five-foot wire fence around the confines of the church property. Pastor Greene plans for a church school this fall. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by the union conference president, Elder M. L. Rice, with the local conference president, Elder L. H. Bland, offering the dedicatory prayer. It was a solemn yet joyous occasion for the visitors and members of the Bay Street church.

### Farewell, Elder Webb— Welcome, Elder Lee

We reluctantly said good-by to Elder and Mrs. Webb, who had labored energetically and faithfully at the largest colored Seventh-day Adventist church in North America. Elder and Mrs. Webb have done an excellent job in the promotion of God's work in New York City. They accepted the call to labor in Los Angeles, California, in the Wadsworth church. Although we hated to see them leave we recognize God's guidance, and we wish for them God's continued blessing in their new field of labor.

We feel ourselves fortunate, after losing a great soldier in the cause of God, to have secured the services of another warrior for God in the person of Elder W. S. Lee, former pastor of the New Orleans church in Louisiana. We extend a cordial welcome to Elder and Mrs. Lee and the family to this field and wish them God's richest blessings as they take up their work in the Northeastern Conference.

L. H. BLAND, *President.*

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“A GOOD speech has a good beginning and a good ending, both of which are kept very close together.”

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### Oakwood College

F. L. Peterson, Pres.  
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### Oakwood College

PERHAPS you have read about the victory for Christian education which was won in the State of Illinois. The parents had refused to send their seven-year-old daughter to the public school. In the original case and the appeal the defendants argued that the law requiring children to attend public or private school was unconstitutional. The State Supreme Court decision was that parents were guaranteed liberty in educating their children in the manner they believed proper for their development. The Court simply stated what thousands of Adventist parents believe, and evidence of that belief is seen in hundreds of sons and daughters who have spent the last nine months on the Oakwood campus.

College Day was observed here April 21-23, 1950. Our young guests, numbering approximately 75, came from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, and Illinois.

Elder E. T. Mimms, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Louisville, gave the Sabbath morning message, and our visiting young people inspired the Oakwood fam-

ily with their talents at the Y.P. M.V. hour. After the Sabbath had passed, the male chorus, under the direction of Elder C. E. Moseley, head of the department of religion, presented a recital which was enthusiastically received.

All these prospective students were invited to return as college students to learn more about leading the ideal life, which, according to Lillian Whiting, is “to do always and everywhere the best we know at the moment.”

The closing exercises were held May 19-21 with 89 graduates from academy, professional, and college courses. Of this number 57 received B.A. degrees.

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### PACIFIC UNION

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### The Troys Visit Haiti and Jamaica

ELDER AND MRS. OWEN A. TROY evidently had a “postman's vacation,” for on their twelve days spent in the Caribbean they met with fourteen congregations and spoke to more than four thousand people. In a report to the editor of the INFORMANT, Elder Troy stated that “everywhere we went we were royally received. Hospitality seems to be everyone's middle name in those islands. From the time we boarded the Pan American Clipper in Miami and flew to Camaguey, Cuba, our first stop, until we left Kingston, Jamaica, returning to Miami, everything was done to make our visit an occasion of joy never to be forgotten.

“At the airport in Cuba we were met by Elder Miguel Vasquez, the president of the East Cuban Conference and Pastor David Miller. After locating our hotel we visited

denominational points of interest. We also visited the parents of a student at Oakwood. After conversation and prayer with them, the mother told me that I was the first colored American missionary that she had ever seen. The folk seemed so happy to see us. They had never seen or heard of the *Message Magazine* or the *INFORMANT*, so I left copies of both with them.

"We took a bus out to the Antillian College in Santa Clara, Cuba, where we arrived unannounced, and certainly unplanned on my part, at chapel time. My Spanish is just poor enough to be confusing to me while speaking through an interpreter, but we enjoyed our visit with the teachers and students of this excellent college. As is true throughout Cuba, the student body is quite cosmopolitan in appearance and a very fine-looking group. President Drackenberger and his corps of teachers are conducting a strong work at this institution, whose buildings are a credit to our denomination.

When we landed at Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, the immigration officer, Oge Casgar, on learning that we were Adventists immediately took us in charge. As a result we got through the customs quickly. He contacted several of the conference and college officials at our conference headquarters. Later they visited us at our hotel. We were invited to come out to the seminary, five miles out of the city, to spend the rest of the time. The following day we kept an appointment with the undersecretary of state, the Honorable Jean F. Briere, to whom we presented letters of introduction; he gave us the 'key to the city' as a memento of our visit to the Haitian Exposition.

"President and Mrs. A. L. Christensen, of the *Seminaire Adventiste*, and their teaching staff are conducting the strongest work Protestants have in Haiti, so a Baptist missionary told us. The students at the seminary were much interested in us because we were the first colored American conference officials they had ever had visit them. We spoke three times to the student body as

well as to four hundred members of the Adventist Temple in the city.

"When we arrived at the airport in Kingston, Jamaica, we were met by quite a group of friends and denominational workers. Dr. and Mrs. L. Richards claimed us as their official guests. Pastors H. S. Walters and H. Nembhard and their wives and several of the conference and institutional workers, as well as a photographer of the *Kingston Daily Gleaner* were there to welcome us. After photographs, an interview at the newspaper office, and lunch at the Myrtle Bank Hotel, we took in some of the interesting sights in the city of Kingston.

#### Visit Every Parish Except Two

"It was not until Elder H. S. Walters, the dynamic and efficient educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the union, took us in hand that we actually began to 'do Jamaica.' We visited churches and observed our expanding work in the island. At the end of our brief stay we had been in every parish (county) except two.

"Vesper service at the West Indian Training College in Mandeville was a thrilling occasion when we met with some three hundred students and teachers at that institution where Elder B. G. Butherus is president. In this area we also visited the union conference office and the West Jamaican Conference office, where Elder W. S. Nation is the president. Then on Sabbath we visited seven churches between Mandeville and Kingston. The eleven o'clock sermon was at the Rollington Town church and a joint service was held in the North Street church, which has a membership of over 1300. We had the pleasure of meeting Elder Crofoot, the president of the East Jamaica conference at this meeting. Sunday morning we met with the Andrews Memorial Hospital family at morning devotions. There Dr. A. W. N. Druitt is the superintendent and Elder B. R. Hamilton is the business manager of this modern institution.

#### Sacrificial Missionaries

"There is evidence throughout these fields that we have a consecrated and sacrificial corps of missionaries. Nothing gives confidence in the certainty of the triumph of this message as does a visit to these great fields and to see our workers giving their all to advance the everlasting gospel in their part of the world. It has been a real joy to be able to tell our people in the homeland about the phenomenal progress of the work abroad. In our churches the folks say, 'Well, it means so much to us to have you tell us.' One local elder in one of our larger churches said, 'This is the day I have longed for—when one of our colored ministers would visit our mission fields and bring back a report of the work.' He really was happy about it.

#### Observations and Conclusions

"1. Our missionaries in the Caribbean field are giving productive leadership to our work. They are untiring and personally sacrificial in their endeavors. Elder Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division, and Elder Bohner, secretary-treasurer, are giving strong leadership and doing all they can to promote the work of God throughout this division.

"2. The West Indian Training College is preparing our young people very well as workers for the English-speaking areas of the West Indies. But they are in desperate need of several new buildings to house the students and to provide necessary classrooms.

"3. Color or racial background is no handicap in the Caribbean area. In fact, the colored American has certain definite advantages over other Americans. One of my interpreters in Haiti wrote this to me the other day, 'It was with joy that I conveyed the precious message that you brought to my people. I was particularly glad for the fact that it came from one of ours.'

"4. As in many of the world fields, the indigenous people of these islands are being placed in leadership capacities. They hold various

responsible positions in our conferences.

"5. In our colleges in America, colored American young people belong to mission bands and are otherwise interested in foreign service. Each year many graduates make application to go to foreign fields as missionaries.

"6. In all the above-mentioned fields, from personal experience and contact, I am certain that colored Americans would be highly acceptable as missionaries. As openings occur, qualified and experienced young people should be sent to these countries.

"Conclusion: Possibly in no other part of our world field can our mission dollar produce greater results than in the Inter-American Division. Let us pray for the work and workers over there."

OWEN A. TROY,  
*Departmental Secretary.*

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### South Atlantic Moves Forward

ALL our believers will be glad to learn of the wonderful way in which God blessed in the soul-winning endeavors of the South Atlantic Conference. The records show that 723 persons were added by baptism and profession of faith. The membership at the close of 1949 was 5,132.

Outstanding among the evangelistic campaigns held during 1949 were those by Evangelist E. E. Cleveland in St. Petersburg, Florida, where 81 were baptized, and in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where 119 were added; also by E. C. Ford in Charlotte, North Carolina, where 121 were added. A large number of other efforts were conducted—all of which proved successful. The results of all these efforts, combined with the fine work of the laymen, has made this soul-winning record possible.

We thank our heavenly Father



Pastor and Mrs. Vertis Barnes

and the faithful ones of the believers in the conference for the tithes of \$167,139.00 and mission offerings of \$91,140.51. We will not enlarge upon the extensive building program carried on in the field during 1949, but we do ask for the sincere prayers of every believer as we go forth in this mid-century year to do greater exploits for the Master.

### Spring Evangelism

THE first phase of the evangelistic program for 1950 in this conference has been launched. E. E. Cleveland began his effort in a tabernacle in the city of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with 700 present. F. S. Keitts and E. C. Ward launched evangelistic efforts under tents in Tampa and Lakeland, Florida, respectively. J. B. E. Williams and M. T. Battle are conducting efforts in New Smyrna Beach and Palatka, Florida. D. E. Davis is conducting a hall meeting in the city of Ridgeland, South Carolina, where an interest has developed through the Bible correspondence school. Developments shall be reported later.

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### Wedding Bells

ON Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1950, at Ethnan Temple in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in a very beautiful ceremony, Florine A. Langford of Pittsburgh, became the bride of Milton J. Myers, of Toronto, Canada. The ceremony was performed by Elder J. H. Wagner, president of the Allegheny Conference. The newlyweds are now residing in Toronto, Canada. As this happy couple share their lives together their many friends wish for them an abundance of God's richest blessings.

EASTER Sunday, April 9, Frances D. Holmes, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Pastor Vertis M. Barnes, of Sedalia, Missouri, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Beacon Light church—Elder F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Mission, officiating. Pastor and Mrs. Barnes will make their home in Missouri for the present, for he has charge of one of our churches there. We wish for them a life of continued happiness as they labor together in the cause of God.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

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### Federations and Associations

THREE well-attended church officers' conventions have been held recently in the South Atlantic Conference. The meetings were marked by an unusual zeal for the finishing of the work. We were thrilled by the reports of a number of our laymen. Brother Richard Henderson reported 25 souls won, and D. A. Hammond reported 10 souls won as a result of these meetings.

Two new Dorcas federations were organized: the Florida East Coast Dorcas Federation, headed by Mrs. J. Perkins, of Miami, and the Florida West Coast Federation, headed by Mrs. F. H. Stevens, of Winter Park, Florida. The South Florida Sabbath School Association has been organized, with P. J. Farrington as president. These federations and associations have already proved their worth in the blessings of fellowship, inspiration, and increased efficiency. Others are to be extended to other areas of the conference.

### New School Building in Savannah, Georgia

THE picture below shows the new school building erected in recent months by the colored believers in Savannah, Georgia. This project had its beginning about three years ago when the congregation purchased an entire city block for

the purpose of building their church school there. Located on this property is the parsonage, a two-story house in which apartments are rented to tenants. On one end of the property is a very large piece of vacant land facing the principal thoroughfare in the neighborhood. Eventually a beautiful new church will be erected on this site.

This new school building has very adequate classrooms, sewing and lunch rooms, and a sizable auditorium, which is at present being used as the church auditorium. This project was begun under the leadership of J. W. Jones. He was followed in a strong way by D. E. Davis, the present pastor. Under Elder Davis' leadership the school was planned and erected. Many of the citizens of Savannah contributed liberally to the school project. We rejoice with the Savannah group in their fine accomplishment.

### News Notes

To date more than 5,000 applications for the 20th Century Bible Course have come in as the result of the house-to-house program engaged in by our churches a few months ago. Each day hundreds of additional applications are received.

A LOVELY little girl, Beverly La Verne, weighing 8 pounds and 11½ ounces was born to Elder and Mrs. F. H. Jenkins on March 7 at the Riverside Sanitarium.

### Riverside Sanitarium & Hospita

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### Important Changes

DR. J. MARK COX, former medical director of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, left the institution on leave of absence to complete requirements for certification in the specialty of general surgery, which takes five years' training in an approved surgical training program under certified specialists. Because of his work in surgical training under the late Dr. Charles R. Drew at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., and of his association for the past six years with the surgeons of Nashville, he is granted three years' credit toward this specialty certificate and will complete his requirements within the next two years.

Dr. Cox will be in the surgical training program at the Provident Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, under the supervision of the Johns Hopkins Medical School and the University of Maryland Medical School. He holds an A.B. degree from Pacific Union College of Angwin, California, an M.D. degree from the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, and is a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He has been a clinical assis-



New School Building in Savannah, Georgia



tant in surgery at the Meharry Medical College since 1945. He is also a member of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and has supervised the physical medicine department at Meharry for past five years.

Since 1944 Dr. Cox has been medical director of Riverside Sanitarium, and during that time the new building was erected. New homes were built and other quarters remodeled. At present a laundry and boiler house is being completed. The program at Riverside is well organized, and the Lord is blessing the work.

DR. CARL A. DENT, M.D., the new medical director of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, has taken up his responsibility. He was formerly the medical director from 1940 to 1944. He began a fine medical program at Riverside and established the clinic. Dr. Dent made friends for the institution as well as excellent contacts in Nashville. He is a graduate of Pacific Union College of Angwin, California, and received his M.D. degree from the College of Medical Evangelists. He was one of the first colored physicians to intern at the Los Angeles County Hospital. He began the section on physical medicine at Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Dent has attended the Cook County Hospital School of Postgraduate Medicine for one month each year for the past several years. He brings with him a wealth of experience. Besides being an enthusiastic medical director, he is a wonderful spiritual leader.

### The Happiest Heart

Who drives the horses of the sun  
Shall lord it but a day;  
Better the lowly deed were done,  
And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame,  
The dust will find the crown;  
Ay, none shall hang so high his name;  
Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat  
Was in some quiet breast  
That found the common daylight  
sweet,  
And left to Heaven the rest.

—JOHN V. CHENEY.

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### New Tabernacle in Dallas Opens

A REVIVING wave of evangelism, under the guidance of Elder W. W. Fordham, found its way into the hearts of about 80 souls, and they were added to the faithful few having the blessed hope of a soon-coming Saviour. Not only did this increased membership call for a new building, but the new building called for a new name. So, the former Beulah Seventh-day Adventist church became the Oakland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church. The grand opening of the building attracted wide attention, for a seemingly miraculous feat had been performed in the construction of the \$50,000 edifice, which began with practically an empty treasury in September. Elder Fordham says the credit is due to the enthusiasm and loyalty exhibited by his members and also to Mr. E. A. Lewis, contractor, who contributed over \$8,000 in free services. Although Mr. Lewis is not a member of the church, he was impressed that this was something that the Lord wanted him to do.

The opening ceremonies of the tabernacle were uniquely carried out as those attending assembled at the Southwest Region Conference office on Oakland Avenue and marched to the new building. Sister N. H. Turner, oldest charter member; Sister L. Franklin, oldest member before the evangelistic series last summer; and Sister C. R. Pugh, oldest member at present, had the distinct honor of assisting with the breaking of the ribbons which secured the doors, and, along with Elder Fordham and his associates, were the first to enter. Elder W. S. Lee, pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City, delivered the opening sermon. The choir, under the direction of Elder V. L. Roberts,

could hardly be surpassed; Mrs. W. W. Fordham presided at the piano and organ.

The new church, built on tabernacle style, will serve as a permanent structure. In the future it will be faced with brick. At present, in addition to the main auditorium, which comfortably seats 500, the building also includes a basement, pastor's study, choir rooms, a dining room and kitchen, a Dorcas room, committee rooms, a modern type baptistry, and schoolrooms with rest rooms for both boys and girls.

Formal dedication will be held later when new pews and runners are installed. A spring series of meetings is now being conducted in the auditorium by Elder Fordham and Pastor Fred Parker.

The grand opening of the \$80,000 Ephesus church in New Orleans took place May 20. Elder W. S. Lee led out in this project. Immediately after the opening he assumed responsibilities of the Ephesus church in New York City.

CORA E. ISABEL, Reporter.

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### Lay Evangelism in Inter-America

BY T. L. OSWALD, Secretary,  
Home Missionary Department,  
General Conference.

I HAVE just returned from a trip in the Inter-American Division. I had the privilege of visiting sections of four unions in that division. I was greatly impressed with the work that our laity are doing in that field. We are so dependent upon them.

The island of Jamaica is a beehive of activity, but it is more than that. Our people on the island of Jamaica are great soul winners. Last year there were more than 1,500 baptized on that small island. While attending the meeting I met a Brother Morgan, a humble lay member who had come down from the mountains. He told us in the meeting that last year he brought in 37 souls and that he is returning to his home, setting his goal for 50

souls this year. We have only a few workers on the island, but in spite of this fact there are a large number of souls won to the message each year, due, to a large extent, to the faithful efforts of our people working for their neighbors and friends.

While in Venezuela one Sabbath we had a field adventure in which 34 people took part. They came back after their visits, like the seventy in the days of Christ, telling of their experience and of what they had found. They had prayer in almost every home and invited the people out to the meeting the following Sabbath. To our great surprise, 34 adults came out to the morning service, with 22 boys and girls. What we found in Venezuela was repeated in Guatemala and Mexico. Yes, in all these countries the people are searching for truth, and our laymen are out working for the salvation of souls. We are confident that this will be an outstanding year in soul winning in the Inter-American Division. Whole churches have been raised up through the efforts of our laity. May God continue to bless them.

### "Share Your Faith"

MR. KOTSASARIDES, a Seventh-day Adventist young man, was called into the army. Because of his conscientious convictions regarding combat service and the Sabbath, he was brought to trial and condemned to death. While he awaited execution the warden forbade any other prisoners to speak with this young Adventist. One night while sleeping under a blanket on the floor our brother was awakened by another prisoner, who moved up close and whispered, "Why are they going to shoot you?" This prisoner was a communist. The Adventist soldier explained his faith briefly under the blanket in the darkness. Other occasions permitted further opportunity to discuss the Bible with this new friend. Execution of the faithful Adventist was postponed,

and through the intervention of God and our leaders, the death sentence was laid aside. The Adventist young man, now free, is our youth leader in Greece. The other young man is still in prison, but he is a very enthusiastic follower of Christ and the third angel's message. (Reprinted from "The Secretaries' Exchange.")

### The Message Magazine Moves Forward

NUMEROUS churches are wide awake to the missionary advantages of the *Message*. During the recent subscription campaign many took advantage of the opportunity of having the *Message Magazine* make contacts for them through the mail. Subscriptions are still coming in. The special rate of one dollar a year for church members and persons to whom church members wish to send subscriptions continues throughout the year.

Perhaps beginning with the June or July issue, the *Message* will have more pages—for the same 15 cents and the same yearly subscription price to the public of \$1.75. Limited advertising will make this possible.

Some of the comments that have been made with respect to the *Message* and its singular influence might be appropriate here:

"I appreciate the effort of the *Message Magazine* to give the readers a real message. I have been reading the paper and have noted with interest the vitality in the presentation of various articles. . . . This will bear fruit in the final windup of the work of God."—*A Prominent Dentist*.

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cle reflects the keen discrimination, diligent industry, unerring judgment, and sober discretion of its staff in compiling a short, rapid-reading magazine that anyone would enjoy. Its intrinsic value lies in the spirit of counseling for its readers. In these uneasy days when moral stamina and religious fervor are at a low ebb, the *Message* has a message for every family enjoying the American way of life."—*A Leading Attorney*.

### Colporteurs Win Souls

FIFTY-ONE precious souls were baptized during 1949 as a result of the colporteur work in the Northeastern Conference. The Lord also blessed these grenadiers with deliveries of over \$106,000 worth of our literature.

The messenger of the Lord has said, "The canvassing work is to go forward with increasing success." Realizing that this statement is true, with the continued blessings of the Lord, we hope to make this our greatest year in soul winning.

C. M. WILLIS, *Secretary,*  
*Publishing Department.*

### News Notes

THE American Medical Association announces that its new directory will list 201,278 doctors in the continental United States—one for every 750 people in an estimated population of 151,000,000.

ACCORDING to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the American people are spending over a million dollars an hour—\$1,004,566—for alcoholic drinks of one kind or another.

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#### NOTICE

The Educational Day Program Has Been Changed From July 22 to July 8.

## Public Evangelism in Liberia, 1950

By G. N. BANKS, *President, Liberian Mission Field*

SOON after my arrival in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, West Africa, one important and pressing need was recognized. There never had been a real evangelistic soul-saving effort in this African city. One of the main reasons was the lack of any kind of building in which such meetings could be held. As the possibility of some type of open-air meeting was being contemplated, the government began a ground breaking for its new centennial buildings in which the country would celebrate its 100th birthday as a republic. The centennial came, and one of these buildings completed in the government square in the heart of town was a spacious open-air building called the Centennial Pavilion. Here all the diplomatic and formal programs of the country calling for large audiences were held. I said to the brethren associated in the work here at that time, that the Lord also must have presented that building for the holding of our first evangelistic series of meetings. We could gain no other impression as we saw this building completed.

After my return from furlough in 1949 I felt the hour had come for this undertaking. Would the government permit this important building to be used for the purpose in mind? Would the other religious leaders object on the basis of favoritism to the Seventh-day Adventists? Elder C. D. Henri and his wife took a few months leave from their Bassa station to join in this all-out undertaking in Monrovia. When the president of the republic arrived we decided the best approach was to take the matter directly to him. We were given an appointment. The president is a most gracious person, and even the most nervous soon relaxes in his presence. We learned that the government square, where the Centennial Pavilion was located, was a kind of sacred spot in the eyes of the Liberian people; that it represented,

in a special way, the sacrifice of the efforts and lives of the pioneer Liberian fathers, who gave their all to establish this promising and growing Negro republic. His Excellency, the President, gave us permission to use this building for our meetings. But the question of equipment was the next on the list. We needed a piano, loud-speaker, chairs, et cetera. The president was kind enough and interested enough to place at our disposal equipment needed for the meetings, along with the building, all free of charge.

We were eager to get started, in order to use as much of the few months of the dry season as possible. January 22 was our opening Sunday night. Circulars had been posted throughout the city and handbills passed out. The first night's crowd was overwhelming. By seven o'clock more than one thousand people had tried to crowd into the pavilion seats and aisles. Reserved seats in front were placed for the dignitaries of the government and guests. A special invitation had been sent to the president, but a previous engagement kept him from attending. His aid-de-camp was, however, seated in the front section of the building, along with the secretary of public instruction and others. We were more than grateful for this fine attendance and response. Each evening recorded sacred music was played over the loud-speaker system, beginning at six-thirty. Many seats were usually already occupied by this time.

Pastor Henri and the writer shared in the responsibility of the preaching of the sermons. Sister Henri assisted in the directing of many of the song services and the recorded music programs. Sister Banks played the piano throughout the services, and our own local women church members made one of the finest corps of ushers I have ever seen in this type of service. Two of our male teachers, Brethren Harding and Turay, gave wonderful help. The ushers were Sisters Messenger, Bishop, McGill, Crowe, Lewis, and Harris—all recently baptized into our faith.

The meetings were well attended throughout the series, hundreds coming night after night. The testimony generally was that it was the finest thing religiously Liberia had seen. Night after night scores stayed for special victories in the aftermeetings. More than seventy-five of these seekers after truth finally took their stand for the Sabbath, and these have been placed in special Bible-training and baptismal classes. Among these converts was an inspector of police and his wife, a minister of another faith and his wife, the wife of a member of the legislature, and other leading citizens. We had to finally close the meetings in March in the Centennial Pavilion, but we are continuing them in the mission chapel. Pastor and Mrs. Henri returned to their Bassa station. Many of their Bassa folk had come to Monrovia and visited the meetings, so they have opened up a new series on the Bassa side in our large school auditorium there.

One of the high lights of the meetings came when Elder J. I. Robison, of the General Conference in North America, came to Liberia for a visit. We were on this occasion able to introduce to our local audience one of our world leaders, who took the opportunity to tell of the worldwide scope of the gospel we were preaching, and how thousands were being saved in accepting the truths they were hearing. Elder Robison's words brought a wonderful inspiration to the audience, and they were glad to hear him.

We can praise God for answering our prayer for public evangelism in this capital city of Liberia. We feel that the gospel has been sown abroad as never before, and many have taken their stand for the truth and will finally be baptized. People all over the republic heard the message. More than \$250 in offerings was collected in the pavilion to help meet the nightly expenses. But Liberia's nicest meeting pavilion and its top equipment were loaned to God's work free of charge. We give God all the praise for His goodness in blessing this work.

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