



1950 ANNUAL REPORT

Bassa District, West Africa

By PASTOR C. D. HENRI, District Leader

WORLD events declare to all students of Bible prophecy that the destruction of civilization, as we know it, is imminent. With this certainty comes also the knowledge that probation is rapidly closing, and our task of carrying the gospel is far from completion. Events move on to their final climax with atomic speed, and yet in our section of the world field it seems as though God's work moves only at a snail's pace. However, we do praise God that it is moving, and in the right direction.

Last year provided the sequel to a thrilling story of conversion through the influence of God-inspired books. On November 25, 1950, fifty-seven were baptized and organized into a new church at Swarwin. The leader and soul winner for this group is a former Methodist minister who, some years ago, was given a few of our books, *The Great Controversy*, *The Sanctuary Question*, and *The Hope of the Race*. His reading led to an intense interest, which was deepened into conviction as our evangelists helped him to understand the new truth that he had found. Thoroughly convinced and converted, he began immediately to teach his followers. As a result, the entire group was baptized. There were also twenty-nine baptized in Lower Buchanan and

ten baptized at Seahn, making a total of ninety-six baptisms in the Bassa District for 1950. To God be the glory!

Sabbath school attendance and offerings more than doubled those of the preceding year. In 1950 our total Sabbath offerings in the Sabbath school amounted to \$361.85. This offering was the result of real sacrificial giving on the part of the members. Tithe also showed an 80 per cent gain over 1949. The tithe for 1950 amounted to \$243.74. We thank God that our African brethren are sensing the importance of sharing the responsibility of sending the gospel to those who are still ignorant of its blessings for this life and the life to come. By dint of hard work and perseverance, our Ingathering goal set by the conference was reached and surpassed. We received more than \$325.

At no expense to the conference or the union a tripurpose kerosene burning projector and a set of Shuler's films have been secured. This equipment is in the hands of our English-speaking evangelists and workers, for village evangelism. Already this projector has been used at Swarwin and Seahn with remarkable results. Evangelism in Lower Buchanan, where we are stationed, is paying off. Among the prominent Americo-Liberians who are mem-

bers of the Sabbath school is the wife of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Liberia, the principal of the government elementary morning school, and an American-trained kindergarten specialist. What the future holds for our work in Bassa is in God's hands, but we praise Him for the blessings of the past years, and we earnestly request His presence in the future.

Our evangelists and workers are to be commended for their cooperation and faithfulness. Pastor Helbig, our newly ordained native minister, is a vital power among the people of the interior of Bassa. As the pastor of the Palmberg church, he is doing good work. The elementary school in Lower Buchanan is progressing under very effective leadership.

Yes, we thank God for progress made, but in this critical hour we ask ourselves, "Have we done our best; could we have done more to hasten the work by a more wholehearted consecration?" So, with renewed dedication, we address ourselves to the tasks of a new year wherever and whenever God sends us.

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PRESENCE of mind and courage in
distress
Are more than armies to procure
success.—DRYDEN.

The Work in Jamaica, B.W.I.

In response to an invitation from the Inter-American Division, the British West Indies Union, and the East and West Jamaica conferences, which was authorized by the General Conference, I arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, via the Pan American air line, December 11, at 10:10 A.M., E.S.T.

Mrs. Peters and I were met at the airport by Pastor K. S. Crofoot, president of the East Jamaica Conference, and Pastor W. S. Nation, president of the West Jamaica Conference. Shortly after my arrival I was scheduled to give the opening sermon at the colporteurs' institute which opened that evening at 7:30. I also gave the message at the consecration service the following morning at six. It was inspiring to meet with some two hundred full-time and part-time ministers of the printed page. It was quite evident that the faithful leaders, A. R. Haig, union publishing department secretary, and W. U. Campbell, publishing department secretary of the East Jamaica Conference, had accomplished much for God through the publishing department work in that conference. Following the colporteurs' institute the East Jamaica Conference held its biennial session. The following high lights, gleaned from President Crofoot's report, will be of interest to the readers of the INFORMANT.

January 7, 1949, the East Jamaica Conference began its existence. At the time of the session there were 83 churches, with a membership of 6,774. Several churches were added at that time, and the work has continued to grow and prosper in a way that is marvelous to behold. The present membership of the East Jamaica Conference is 9,000. God has truly blessed the labors of the faithful pastors and district leaders. There have been quite a number of very successful evangelistic campaigns during the past two years. As the result of the tent effort held by the Nembhard brothers at Green-

wich Town, history was made on the morning of February 5, 1950, when one hundred were buried with their Lord in baptism in the sea at Greenwich Town, Kingston, Jamaica.

West Jamaica

The lay workers' institute opened with about one hundred present. The report of souls won by these lay evangelists and their burning zeal for God left an indelible impression on my soul. I was requested to deliver the message the opening night of the institute. God wonderfully blessed. We all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as I spoke on "Greater Power for Soul Winning." The lay workers' movement in Jamaica is unique. It is marvelous to listen to the testimonies of those self-supporting workers. During the last two-year period they have brought into the truth more than two hundred souls.

Conference Session

The West Jamaica Conference, with Pastor W. S. Nation president, opened its session Wednesday night, December 20, at 7:30, with 120 churches represented. In his report the president stated that there were 814 baptisms in 1949 and that 1950 bids fair to equal that number. Six churches were added during the biennial period. The membership at the close of the third quarter of 1950 was 7,051. Five church buildings were completed and dedicated in 1949, and eight have been completed in 1950 and have either been dedicated or still await that ceremony. There were 140 Sabbath schools, with an enrollment of 8,550 at the end of the third quarter of 1950. West Jamaica is a growing conference. Pastor Nation, who has served as president faithfully and untiringly for five years, was succeeded by H. S. Walters, former Missionary Volunteer and Educational secretary of the British West

Indies Union. Pastor Nation leaves the responsibility as president with the confidence of the union and local leaders and also the churches. He will be appointed to other responsibilities either in the Union or the local conference. I was profoundly impressed with the spirit of harmony between the outgoing and incoming presidents. President Nation expressed that his heart's desire was to see Pastor Walters, whom he considers his "son in the gospel," succeed him in responsibility whenever his time as president expired.

The greatest meeting ever held for the young people of Jamaica was the 1950 youth's congress. A great climax of this congress came at the mass meeting held at the racecourse Sunday night, September 17. The attendance was estimated at 20,000. Thousands of these were not Seventh-day Adventists, but they had come to join with our people in their work. Because of this congress our young people are now recognized throughout the island as a wide-awake group, doing their best to prepare a lost world for the coming of their Redeemer. At that time Pastor H. S. Walters was the union Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary.

The educational work in the East Jamaica Conference has been strengthened by the addition of a departmental secretary. This responsibility is carried by Hilbert Nemb-

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Some of the Workers of the British West Indies Union and East and West Jamaica Conferences at Joint Youth's Congress Held at North Street S.D.A. Temple

hard. Plans are now under way that will result in a number of new schools being opened shortly.

In reference to the Sabbath school department of the East Jamaica Conference, there are 107 Sabbath schools, with 104 reporting regularly each quarter. The home missionary department usually has 95 per cent reporting regularly. During the session Pastor H. D. Colburn, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the British West Indies Union, was elected president, succeeding K. S. Crofoot, who will fill other responsibilities in the union or division. Pastor Crofoot has a warm heart and has made many friends both among our membership and on the outside.

Mandeville, West Jamaica

Sabbath, December 16, in compliance with an invitation from the Class of 1950, and the college president, B. G. Butherus, I gave the baccalaureate sermon at the eleven-o'clock hour. Sunday evening at 7:30 Pastor Stanley Bull, head of the department of religion, delivered the graduation address. There was an overflow attendance on both occasions. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the seniors rendered their class program, which was effective and highly cultural. It was gratifying to see the

large attendance. Members and strangers from nearby towns and villages came by the hundreds. Besides packing the auditorium to capacity, fully two hundred were unable to secure seats. They remained standing, some in the aisles and others in the halls and on the outside. President Butherus and his capable faculty are nobly doing their part in the training of our young people of Jamaica. We were happy to note that those trained at the college are now carrying responsible positions in our work as evangelists, departmental workers, teachers, and office workers.

Funds have been provided, mainly through appropriations from the General Conference, which will erect a new administration building with a commodious auditorium. This will fill a long-felt need.

I must not forget to mention the great inspiration that came to me, Sabbath, December 23, when I spoke at the North Street church of Kingston, at the close of the conference session. The membership is 1,350, but the attendance that day greatly exceeded the membership. The many hearty "Amens" during the sermon made me feel very much at home and reminded me of our churches in the States. The congregational singing and the large choir, with their appropriate an-

thems and other musical numbers, thrilled our souls. M. G. Nembhard, pastor of this church, is doing commendable work.

Pastor Walters, who was loath to vacate his responsibility with the union and his leadership for the youth, is a strong and enthusiastic leader and has the full support of the churches. Elder Numbers, president of the British West Indies Union, enjoys the confidence and high esteem of both conferences. The brethren feel that he is "the right man in the right place."

It was good to meet the representatives from the General Conference, who carried major responsibilities on the program, in the persons of Elder W. E. Read, general field secretary, and Elder B. E. Wagner, of the publishing department; and from the division in the person of Elder J. C. Culpepper, publishing department secretary.

We shall long remember our visit to Jamaica. It was filled with variety—a night ride by auto to speak at the Kencott church of some four hundred members, where a very fine building is nearing completion, under the labors of Pastor Stockhausen, who also carries the responsibility of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments of the East Jamaica Conference; a Sunday morning drive sixty miles from Mandeville to speak at a baptismal service at seven in the morning; then another 60-mile drive to speak in the afternoon at a church dedication at "Lapland," Jamaica.

From our various experiences on the island we cannot but say, "Surely the Lord is in this place."

G. E. P.

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THE more closely you connect yourself with the source of light and power, the greater light will be shed upon you, and the greater power will be yours to work for God. Rejoice that you are one with God, one with Christ, and with the whole family of heaven.—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 493, 494.

LAKE REGION

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Fifth Annual Lake Region Teachers' Institute Held in Chicago

Seventeen teachers of the Lake Region Conference closed their daily registers, dismissed their students, and locked their school doors for a few days to attend the meeting that they had been looking forward to since the beginning of the school year. Each teacher was present and on time for the calling of the roll by Elder L. H. Davis, educational superintendent of the conference.

The teachers present represented eight church schools and academies spread over three of the States in the conference. Elder T. M. Rowe, pastor of the Chicago S.D.A. Shiloh church, was on hand to welcome the teachers to the institute, and Elder T. M. Fountain, president of the conference, delivered the keynote address, in which he stated some of the musts in the character of the Christian teacher. He stressed the need of the Holy Spirit in the life of each teacher who would train youth for God's service.

The devotional message on the first morning of the institute was presented by Elder Rowe. In his talk he said, "Just as Jesus told His disciples to wait in the upper room, the Lake Region teachers are admonished to go to the 'upper room' and plead for the Holy Spirit and power. If this is done, the teachers will be better teachers as a result of the institute. Just as the Wise Men, who saw Jesus, went back another way, so the teacher must travel in the light shed from the Babe of Bethlehem, and must go back to the classroom another way—the new way that always follows the outpouring of Pentecostal power." A season of earnest prayer followed this session.

Elder W. A. Nelson, educational secretary of the Lake Union Con-

ference, told the group assembled the reasons why Adventists operate their own schools. The constitution provides for the separation of church and state. But our aim is: "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation." To fulfill this aim, we must establish church schools in which to train the youth. In subsequent topics he discussed the teacher and her work and her duty to the various organizations in the church. He climaxed his lectures with the Friday evening vesper talk. He exclaimed, "God's people must be alert and discern the signs of the time." To be prepared for the soon return of the Master, teachers must possess great faith, great courage, and great dependability.

The next speaker, Dr. P. W. Christian, president of Emmanuel Missionary College, began his message to those assembled by asserting that he did not believe that any present would say that they had "arrived" or that any could afford to rest on past levels. This being true, it is incumbent that each teacher improve constantly. Having established this fact, Dr. Christian chose as his topic for discussion "An Advancing Experience." Those who accept the responsibility of teaching should advance step by step in efficiency. Dr. Christian paraphrased a portion of the text found in Judges 8:21, "As the man is, so is his strength." As the teacher's aim is, so is her strength; as the teacher's vision is, so is her strength; as the teacher's thoroughness of preparation is, so is her strength; as the teacher's connection with God is, so is her strength; as the teacher's courage is, so is her strength. First, last, and always the teacher's aim should be the salvation of every boy and girl in the church school.

Elder O. B. Edwards, dean of Oakwood College, left his pressing duties at the college to instruct the teachers of Lake Region Conference. Into his speeches on the Christian teacher he wove two quotations. "The teacher should be what he wishes his pupils to become." "The teacher should strive to be what he wishes his pupils to become." A

third quotation from John Ruskin reads thus, "Education is not teaching what the child does not know, but it is teaching him to behave as he does not behave." Having these things in mind, the teacher must always be on the alert for improvement. When we see men firm in principle, fearless in duty, zealous in the cause of God, yet humble and lowly, gentle and tender, patient toward all, ready to forgive, they give the unmistakable evidence that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him.

Miss Louise Ambs rendered very valuable service to the teachers at the institute. Her background as teacher and normal director at Emmanuel Missionary College qualified her for the task. She distributed pages to the teachers, pages of useful material that she had compiled. She also presented lectures on improvement in teaching methods in reading, arithmetic, and spelling.

Panel discussions were planned to include an oral experience from each teacher. A question and answer period followed each panel discussion. Proper procedure in ordering books was discussed by Mr. Carty Laurence, Book and Bible House manager of the Lake Region Conference.

Elder G. M. Mathews, educational secretary of the General Conference, presented a series of three lectures. In the first two lectures Elder Mathews spoke of the importance of teaching and looking for spiritual values and opportunities in the daily program. Authoritative statistics were reviewed which proved positively that of the children who receive all their education in church school through the academy grades, 72 per cent remain faithful as compared to the 35 per cent who remain faithful when trained wholly in the public schools. Elder Mathews climaxed his spiritual offerings with the Sabbath morning worship hour at the Shiloh church. In his message he made lucid the fact that as the greatest tragedy of the first century was that the folk of that era did not know Jesus when he was here on earth, so

the greatest tragedy of the twentieth century is for Seventh-day Adventists not to know when the Holy Spirit comes and goes. He reiterated the idea that many of today's best writers and thinkers have propounded that one day is enough to live at a time. Many books, some best sellers, have been written with this idea as the theme; but actually the idea is not new, for it dates back to Jesus, the Master Teacher who said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt. 6:34.

"Only one day need concern us," said Elder Mathews, "and that day is today." The Christian life is sensible, beautiful, and lovely. No matter how full of happiness or unhappiness, yesterday is gone, forever hidden behind an iron curtain called eternity. It belongs to God. Today is all that any of us have. Tomorrow belongs to God also. Today is all anyone can manage. If our today is to be counted, we must do something for God or fully gain some victory in our life. Blank indeed is the day when neither of these things is done. With God's help we can live one day. We can have God in our lives today. The quality of life is what counts, not the quantity. Today is all we need, because if we live in accordance with God's plan for us today, we take care of our yesterdays. If we squander our todays, we will lose tomorrow. Our daily prayer should be, "Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray; keep me from every stain of sin, just for today." We ought to say with the sweet singer of Israel, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24.

The institute officially came to an end Sabbath afternoon with the sermon presented by Elder D. W. Hunter, Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary. It is our prayer that the lessons learned will be put into practice in the different schools and continue to flow from the heart of each teacher to each student. It is also our hope that many children will be turned to the Lord, so that the promise will be fulfilled in them, "They that turn many to the Lord,

bright as the stars shall shine."

Special thanks are due Mrs. L. Longware and Mrs. M. Paris, who prepared the delicious meals served at the institute and at the Saturday night social in honor of the teachers. The teachers wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to all members of the Shiloh church and to Elder L. H. Davis, whose responsibility it was to plan and direct the entire program.

HENRIETTA GRANDERSON, *Principal,*
Capitol Avenue Church School,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Adventist Elected as Member of State Legislature

MR. CARL SIMMS, superintendent of the Phoenix, Arizona, Sabbath school, was elected a member of the State legislature at the November



Mr. Carl Simms
Member, Arizona State Legislature

general elections. His election, along with that of another Negro, marks the first time that a Negro has been elected to the Arizona State legislature. This is an important victory for Negroes in this State, which a recent White House conference survey committee called "Southern in Outlook." Arizona, with more than 60,000 Negroes, draws much of its

population from bordering States.

Mr. Simms was born in the small town of Bremond, Texas. He was forced to leave school at an early age in order to work on the farm. In 1927 he migrated to Arizona, and two years later he married. He is the father of seven children, all of whom have attended church school. Brother Simms was baptized into the church in 1936 and has been very active, holding the highest posts of responsibility. For four years he preached every Sunday at the local jail. For six years he was local elder of the church. On many occasions he has been the acting pastor, and under his leadership the Sabbath school has raised more money this year than at any other time.

For the past seven and a half years Brother Simms has been an employee of the State Highway Department; however, his vocation is that of landscape gardener. The Arizona State legislature is in session only sixty days a year, for which the lawmakers are paid \$20 for each day. For special sessions which last twenty days the pay is the same.

The election of Brother Simms is a testimony, not only to the esteem in which he is held by the people of his State, but also to his willingness to give a glass of water in His name.

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MISS ELOISE KING, member of Ephesus S.D.A. church, Washington, D.C., received her Masters degree from New York University last June. She has done additional graduate work at Howard University and is a graduate of Miner Teachers College, class of '33. She entered the local public school system that same year. Since the positions in the school system are much sought after, the fact that Miss King stood high enough on the competitive examination to be placed that same year, attests to her scholarship.

Miss King became a member of the Adventist Church in 1946. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis King, 524 Columbia Road, N.W., and is now teaching at the Neval Thomas Elementary School.

Virgin Islands Student Visits Washington, D.C.

Miss Genevieve Hodge, 17, ranking student in the Charlotte Amalie High school, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, attended the recent Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was selected by President Truman on the recommendation of Governor Morris Castrow. Although there is much to see in the capital of the nation, Genevieve waxed most enthusiastic when she was shown the General Conference offices, met Elder G. E. Peters, and was presented with an autographed copy of of "I Love Books" by J. D. Snider. The gifts that she bought were another index of the girl's character. They consisted of small denominational books and puzzles of Ellen and James White looking over the first copy of the Review and Herald. Miss Hodge plays an active part in the local church at St. Thomas and is the daughter of the local church elder.

VALERIE O. JUSTISS, *Chairman, Publicity and Public Relations, Ephesus S.D.A. Church, Washington, D.C.*

New Southern Union Evangelist

ELDER E. E. CLEVELAND, for many years the evangelist for the South Atlantic Conference, recently accepted an invitation extended by the Southern Union to become the Southern Union evangelist. We are happy to announce that Elder Cleveland is entering into this new field of activity. For the next few months he will continue his evangelistic program in the South Atlantic Conference.

H. D. SINGLETON, *President, South Atlantic Conference.*

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ALL who name the name of Christ should work for Him with heart and mind and soul and strength; and *they will work* if they believe the great gospel of truth.—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 400.



Recent Investiture at the New Newport News Church During Virginia State Federation Meeting. Group Represented Is From Petersburg, Virginia. Mrs. Rebecca Powell, Instructor, Stands at Left

ALLEGHENY

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Virginia Federation Societies Meet

THE Virginia Federation held its recent meeting in the beautiful Newport News edifice. The building is on the corner of Wickham and 23d Streets. Every society in the State of Virginia was represented. The Newport News society was our genial host. Miss Verla McDuffe, English teacher at Hampton Institute, was chairman of the committee on arrangements, and every detail had been planned adequately.

Highlighting the program were the musical numbers ably given by the Norfolk choir under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Frazier. The morning message, a spiritual appeal to larger endeavor on the part of our youth, was given by Elder John Farrow, pastor of the Newport News church. In the young people's meeting Operation Doorbell was conducted with enthusiasm, and the response was not only inspirational

but a challenge to every society represented to participate in this very worthy activity. A discussion on television provoked much serious thinking and was enjoyed by all.

A colorful investiture service climaxed the young people's program. There were Friends, Companions, and Guides, invested. The instructor, Mrs. Rebecca Powell, was pleased with those in her class. A large group of Progressive Volunteers are now busily engaged meeting the qualifications and looking forward to their investiture service.

A tasty lunch was provided by our genial hostess, and the games and a picture finished the day's program with excellence. The picture was a challenge to "Share Your Faith." The conference young people's secretary was present and conducted the investiture.

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"If you build castles in the air," said Henry Thoreau, "your work need not be lost. There is where your castles should be. Then all you need to do is to put a foundation under them."

If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

It Can Be Done

THERE are no difficulties too hard or too intricate for the Lord to handle if we will only remove self and allow Him to work.

Lay evangelism is definitely taking on large proportions among our people, and great blessings are being meted out to those who are interestedly doing this work.

Robert Baynard, one-time trainer, business agent, and coach in big-time baseball, was converted to this truth. He left baseball and took a job with the Baldwin Locomotive Company. In the twenty-five years he has been at Baldwin he has developed into a top-rank molder. Not satisfied with molding iron, Mr. Baynard has set his heart to molding and remolding the hearts of men.

A Bible study class has been organized in the foundry at Baldwin's which meets daily during the noon hour. Interest is being shown, and with the aid of Mr. Jacob Wright, who was instrumental in bringing the truth to Mr. Baynard, the class has already won two precious souls to this cause.

Brethren Baynard and Wright are

local elders at the Elmwood church, and they are engaged in sharing their faith not only on their job but in the community and neighborhood. Growth at Elmwood has necessitated a drive for a new building to house the congregation. A. V. Pinkney is pastor of the church.

A. V. PINKNEY, *Reporter,*
Allegheny Conference.

The Minneapolis Canvas Cathedral

THE erection of our tent, which we have named the Canvas Cathedral, was entirely an adventure in faith. This is true of all evangelistic campaigns, and when you shall have read the account of the Canvas Cathedral you will see that it took a great deal of faith to start this effort.

To pitch a tent in Minneapolis, one must procure a lot of a specific size. One by one our choice lots cancelled out, so we laid our problem before the Lord. We wondered whether we should give up holding an effort or hold it on the lot beside the church. To this end we sought the Lord for guidance. He directed us to use the church lot.

This proved to be a real blessing, for our finances were limited, and there was the expense of getting the tent started, to say nothing of the cost of newspaper advertising in a city like Minneapolis.

Our faith suffered a setback when the fire department restrictions made it very difficult for us to pitch the tent. When the chief learned that it was a new tent he let us put it up with the understanding that it must first pass a fire test. The day came when the fire department made the final inspection. God stood by us, for we did not have funds in the budget to spray the tent with a flame-resistant liquid; but when the flame was applied to the canvas it seemed to turn away, and the canvas came through unscathed.

The opening night was nothing spectacular. The attendance was a little more than one hundred. Only about eight of this number were Adventists. Several of our members were in the choir, others were ushering, and a few were on the platform with me. On the whole, the attendance the first week was discouraging. It seemed as though the tent was on the wrong lot. But one of the young men in the church, Floyd Patterson, who served as tent master, song leader, and Bible instructor, began making visits to the homes of the people, inviting them to come to the meetings. The other church members soon caught the spirit, and each group became responsible for a district. They went back week after week, delivering handbills and inviting the people to the meetings. Our attendance began to grow, and the average for seven weeks was encouraging.

Eight beautiful "Good Shepherd lamps" were given away as prizes for the promotion of attendance on Sunday nights. Meetings were held every night except Saturday night, and the entire church membership, with the exception of a few, cancelled all vacations and pleasure trips until the effort was over. This self-sacrificing spirit showed up in the success of the meetings. The power of God was in the Canvas Cathedral.



Group in Bible Study Lunch Hour at Baldwin Locomotive Works. Brother Robert Baynard Holds Bible Study on Daniel. Brother Jacob Wright Stands by Lending Assistance

On the fifth Sunday night the Sabbath was presented. The call was made, and fifty stood to acknowledge the truth. Forty-one took a definite stand, and to date twenty-four of these have been baptized.

The call of God came to people from all walks of life. There were postal clerks, stenographers, nurses, transport drivers, and so forth. One convert held off the date of her wedding until the young man to whom she was engaged came completely on the Lord's side. It was truly a happy privilege to baptize them and then to unite them in holy matrimony. One individual who had planned to attend the services was completely confined to her bed after having three major operations. A wire recorder was obtained, and sermons were recorded and played at her bedside. She accepted the truth and was baptized. Before her baptism she wrote a check for \$125 to put a window in the church, and another check for \$750 tithe.

Many have come out of great oppositions, fightings within and without. Some have taken their stand in the face of great financial loss.

Tithe for the months of September and October was almost \$1,500, tripling what the conference had invested in the effort.

We are grateful for the efficient advertising of the Richfield Press, and for the work done by Mr. L. Thayer and his staff to promote our program. We are also grateful for the self-sacrificing and diligent working on the part of each of our members.

The Canvas Cathedral is stored for another year, but the work must continue, as there are many more in the baptismal class being prepared to join those who have found new life in Jesus. Pray for the work in Minneapolis.

LLOYD KIRK, *Pastor.*

Home-coming Day in Little Rock

SABBATH, November 4, members of the Pine Bluff, Hot Springs, and Little Rock, Arkansas, churches enjoyed a sweet fellowship together

at the Shiloh church in Little Rock. Pastor F. W. Parker buried seven converts in the watery grave after the eleven o'clock message, "True Baptism."

After the baptismal service the candidates were given baptismal certificates and the right hand of fellowship.

F. W. PARKER, *Pastor.*

Riverside Sanitarium & Hospital

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RECENT action of the Fall Council held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, appropriated \$20,000 toward the building of a much-needed chapel. This new addition to our grounds will be placed opposite the east wing of the sanitarium and will be connected to the present patients' parlor by a covered runway. Ground will be broken around the first of the year. We are very grateful to the General Conference for its assistance, to Elder Glenn Calkins, our new board chairman, and to Elder W. H. Williams, retiring board chairman, who both loyally supported our request for aid in this need.

ALSO coming from the Fall Council is a recommendation that we start a school for practical nurses. This school will give girls or women with high-school education a one-year course, qualifying them as registered practical nurses. This is not the professional school of nursing that we plan to start as soon as State requirements can be met, but it is a training that will enable many of our girls who are unable to spend the required time or money taking the long course, to learn a skill that is in great demand in all hospitals over the country at present. Official notice of the opening will be made at a later date.

NEWS comes to us that Dr. J. Mark Cox has just been awarded his diploma as an Associate of the International College of Surgeons at a recent meeting held in Cleveland,

Ohio. Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Cox!

DR. JOHN RICHARD FORD and his family were recent visitors at Riverside Sanitarium. Dr. Ford is completing a five-year residency in general surgery at the Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama. When his residency is completed in May, 1951, he will be qualified to take the examination for the American Board of Surgery, the highest specialty licensing board in the United States. This represents a total of ten years of intensive training since beginning the medical course, and it produces the finest type of surgeon our country is capable of training.

We are truly proud of our young men who through sacrifice, privation and struggle reach the top.

CARL A. DENT, M.D., *Medical Director, Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital.*

Change of Workers in the Northeastern Conference

We are happy to welcome to the Northeastern Conference Elder P. W. McDaniels, and his family. Elder McDaniels has done creditable work in Portland, Oregon, and is now taking up residence in New Haven, Connecticut.

PASTOR R. T. WILSON, of New Haven, is taking over the pastorate of the White Plains and Mount Vernon churches, formerly supervised by Elder E. A. Lockett.

ELDER E. A. LOCKETT is to pastor the Boston, Massachusetts, church, where Elder T. L. Davis was formerly the pastor, and Elder Davis has taken over the pastorate of the Rochester and Syracuse churches.

WE trust that these workers will soon become adjusted to their new surroundings. We sincerely pray that the Lord will bless them in these responsibilities as they strive to proclaim the message to a dying world.

L. H. BLAND, *President, Northeastern Conference.*

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"Do your best today, and you will be more likely to do better tomorrow."