



OUR LARGEST BAPTISM

MY RECENT visit to Jamaica was made June 21. An unusually large baptism was scheduled to take place June 24, and the General Conference requested my going and bringing back firsthand information concerning the great event. I left Washington on the National Airlines, June 20, and took the Pan American Airways at Miami the following morning at seven o'clock. The plane landed in Kingston three hours and ten minutes later. I was greeted at the airport by several workers, including H. S. Walters, president of the West Jamaica Conference, and L. H. Bland, president of Northeastern Conference, New York.

Arrangements had been made for Elder Bland to speak the following day, Sabbath, at the eleven o'clock hour, at Montego Bay. I accepted appointments to speak at five churches that day. This necessitated our leaving Mandeville at 7 A.M. by car. After traveling sixty miles we reached Montego Bay, where we left Elder Bland, and I proceeded to my appointments. Sunday morning all the workers of the West Conference gathered in response to a call to meet with Elder Glenn Calkins, president of the Inter-American Division, and Elder R. W. Numbers, president of the British West Indies Union. These leaders gave valuable and timely instruction.

A great surprise came to all in attendance when the following persons appeared at the meeting: W. C. Webb, pastor of the Berean church,

By GEORGE E. PETERS

Los Angeles; H. A. Lindsey, pastor of the Sunset Avenue church, Pasadena, California, accompanied by Mrs. Lindsey; R. W. Nelson, pastor of Market Street church, Oakland, California, and Mrs. Nelson; and George R. Earle, pastor of the New Rochelle church, New York. These four ministers formed a quartet that had been invited by the West Jamaica Conference and through other regular channels, to tour the island for raising funds for the new administration building of the West Indian Training College.

These brethren, after their introduction, responded by rendering two spirituals, which met with voluminous response from a large audience of candidates and members that had gathered in the main auditorium.

A public meeting was planned for the eleven o'clock hour, when Elders Calkins and Numbers delivered very timely messages. By this time there was hardly standing room, either in the church auditorium or on the premises anywhere, as some two thousand and five hundred persons had gathered from everywhere. Another service was called for three o'clock, at which hour I was requested to direct the message to the candidates, who numbered six hundred. The crowd also had now grown to much greater proportions. It was exceedingly difficult for anyone to get by, and the

street represented a mass of human beings.

After the sermon H. W. Walters gave the candidates a most thorough examination on the doctrines of the church, which included the Spirit of prophecy. We then left for the beach, where the baptism was to take place. Adequate arrangements had been made for dressing rooms for the candidates. A speakers' platform had been constructed and loud-speakers installed. It was with great difficulty that Elder Calkins and I, who were to lead out in the baptismal address and prayer, found our way to the platform. Surrounding the shore of that most marvelous beach on the Caribbean, with its beautiful blue waters, stood a great multitude, which could not be numbered accurately. This was considered to be the largest baptismal scene ever to be conducted on the island, and one of the largest baptisms that had ever been conducted by the denomination in a single day.

The superintendent of police estimated the crowd at twenty thousand. More than six hundred candidates had passed the examination and had come prepared to be baptized, but some failed to get through the unusual crowd; others had misplaced the bundles with their baptismal belongings.

A red card bearing the name of the candidate was collected from each person entering the water to be baptized. The number of cards collected from the candidates was 540.

(Continued on page 9)

ALLEGHENY

J. H. Wagner, Pres. M. S. Banfield, Sec.-Treas.
P.O. Box 720, Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Pottstown 3844

Camp Meeting at Pine Forge

THE fourth annual camp meeting of the Allegheny Conference opened at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. The president, Elder J. H. Wagner, sounded the keynote—evangelism.

Officials and visitors from the General Conference, Pacific Union, Columbia Union, South Central, Northeastern, Lake Region, East Pennsylvania conferences and Bermuda were in attendance.

Arriving by car, bus, train, and plane, the people present the first week end surpassed four thousand, only to be eclipsed by the mammoth gathering of over five thousand, which challenged and tested our full facilities the last days of the encampment.

The General Conference president, Elder W. H. Branson, was present on the first week end. His visit gave evidence of his appreciation and interest in the over-all program carried by the Allegheny Conference.

The spiritual atmosphere during the entire series of meetings was indicative of the seriousness of the hour. Our people are everywhere seeking a deeper and fuller consecration.

The children and youth were drawn into a special activity program, which is believed to be just a touchstone for a more expanded schedule next year. Directing this program were Mrs. E. D. Brantley, Mrs. Helen Sugland, and Mrs. D. M. Custard, assisted by a number of trained teachers.

Elder L. H. Bland, president of the Northeastern Conference, and a number of his constituents again this year accepted our invitation and came to Pine Forge with us.

Responding to repeated requests from the membership, the conference committee now offers a special arrangement by which private parties may build their own permanent cabins here on the conference

grounds, and use them at camp meeting or for vacation purposes. The cabin may bear your personal door emblem; you carry the key with exclusive ownership for ten years, after which the cabin becomes the property of the conference. A uniform pattern is followed in the construction. Ten sample units erected by the conference were in use the last week. The approximate cost is four hundred dollars. These cabins will eventually replace the canvas family tents.

Speakers heard during the meetings were W. H. Branson, W. B. Ochs, G. E. Peters, I. W. Edwards, Owen A. Troy, Miss Anna Knight, and Miss Mary Walsh; Dr. C. A. Dent, Dr. Grace Kimbrough, Dr. L. C. Blake, Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, Dr. Eva Dykes, D. A. Ochs, R. R. Figuhr, E. T. Mimms, H. R. Murphy, P. E. Giddings, U. S. Willis, Sr. and Jr., L. H. Bland, Arthur Patzer, E. A. Robertson, O. S. Hershberger, K. H. Wood, M. A. Burgess, L. R. Preston, W. L. Cheatham, J. H. Lester, W. R. Robinson, W. A. Thompson, H. D. Warner, J. F. Kent, M. S. Banfield, F. D. Beatty, E. I. Watson, R. J. Christian, E. E. Rogers, L. E. Ford, and A. V. Pinkney.

Highlighting the services on Sabbath, July 14, was an impressive ordination ceremony, at which time E. I. Watson, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, now principal and manager of the Pine Forge Institute; Furman D. Beatty, recently transferred from Charleston, West Virginia, to the pastorate in Dayton, Ohio; and L. R. Preston of the Camden, New Jersey, district, which includes Jericho and Bridgeton, were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder G. E. Peters, field secretary of the General Conference, gave the ordination message. He was eloquent and spiritually persuasive as he presented the solemn responsibility and exacting requirements of those set apart to the ministry for life.

The camp superintendents were M. A. Burgess, of Philadelphia, and W. M. Fordham, of Newark, New Jersey; electricians, E. D. Brantley, of Akron, Ohio, and U. S. Willis, Jr., of Jersey City, New Jersey. Traf-

fic police were directed by Car Street and Leon Street, both — Millsboro, Delaware. The dining hall was operated by Mrs. A. Ballard, of Philadelphia, and a corps of fine assistants. Publicity was handled by A. V. Pinkney.

The Pottstown *Mercury* gave the meetings daily coverage and a special souvenir edition featuring the meetings with paid welcome ads from the merchants of Pottstown. The paper went on sale Thursday morning, and by Saturday night twenty-five hundred copies of this special edition had been sold.

Elder M. S. Banfield, secretary-treasurer, into whose hands most of the details fall, said: "A greater efficiency has been maintained this year. Funds for the most part have been checked and banked within twenty-four hours. We are moving forward, and a fine spirit of harmony and cooperation exists."

A new administration building project for the Pine Forge Institute was launched by Principal Watson. The building will be a two-story structure with twelve recitation rooms, three offices, and an assembly room convertible into a gymnasium, with hot water heat and oil burner. The cost will be approximately \$80,000. There was an immediate response of \$650 in cash and \$1,500 in pledges. The Pine Forge quartet will tour eleven States making concert engagements in the interest of this project. Mr. P. W. Ridgway, of Oakland, California, was so impressed with the school idea that he set up a \$500 scholarship for worthy students attending the Pine Forge Institute.

Elder Wagner said in the closing session Sunday morning: "This camp meeting has eclipsed our previous sessions, not only in attendance, but also in the spiritual tone, which has shown a return to our 'first love.' I wish to thank our secretary-treasurer and the entire staff, the pastors, workers, and the host of saints whose prayers are daily for the success of our work. Let us look forward to a more glorious meet in '52 if time shall last."

A. V. PINKNEY.

LAKE REGION

H. W. Kibble, Pres. F. N. Crowe, Sec-Treas.
619-621 Woodland Park, Chicago, Ill.
Boulevard 3331

New President for Lake Region

At a recent meeting of the Lake Region Conference Committee, H. W. Kibble was elected president of the Lake Region Conference, succeeding T. M. Fountain. He comes to the Lake Region Conference with a successful background, having served there as union departmental secretary, and also as a successful pastor of the Chicago Shiloh church for several years.

During the last three years he has had the pastorate of the Brooklyn, New York, church, where, through his tabernacle efforts, many souls have been won to the truth.

The North American Colored Department extends congratulations to Elder Kibble and his family, and pray God's blessing upon them as they take up new responsibilities in the Lake Region.

G. E. P.

Lake Region Camp Meeting

ON a bright, sunny day, deep tan tents against a blue sky on the Lake Region Academy grounds reminded us of ancient Israel assembled together. This was the site where the Lake Region Conference held its camp meeting from June 13-23, and the constituents say that this camp meeting was better than any of the other camp meetings held by our conference. The facilities had been improved considerably for the comfort of our campers. This was a big help toward their happiness. Lake Region prayed that God would visit the camp with His presence, and we were not disappointed.

We had excellent help from the General Conference as follows: B. Ochs, and G. E. Peters; J. D. der, D. A. Bailey, and J. M. Jackson, from the Review and Herald; W. A. Scharffenberg, of the Inter-



Elder H. W. Kibble

national Temperance Association; M. L. Rice, W. A. Nelson, H. K. Halladay, and John J. Hancock, from the Lake Union Conference; O. A. Troy and his family, from the Pacific Union; L. B. Reynolds, editor of *The Message Magazine*, and his family; F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; H. M. S. Richards and the King's Heralds, of the Voice of Prophecy; D. B. Simons and P. E. Giddings, missionaries from West Africa; and Miss Anna Knight, former departmental secretary of the Southern Union and returned missionary from India.

Elder G. E. Peters spoke on the first Sabbath of our camp meeting. The people were so deeply touched that there were tears and confessions. Elder F. L. Peterson preached the following Sabbath on heart preparation and the coming of the Lord.

On the first Sabbath in the youth tent Elder P. E. Giddings told us many of his experiences in Liberia. This same Sabbath the youth gave fifty-three dollars for missions, which was twice as much as was received at the last camp meeting. The second Sabbath, Elder John J. Hancock spoke and played for us on his accordian. The mission offering for that Sabbath amounted to seventy dollars.

Without a doubt good music lends inspiration to our religious services. The Chicago Shiloh senior and youth choirs and the Wright family from Dayton, Ohio, rendered music for the first Sabbath, and on the second Sabbath the Detroit Hartford choir was present. Alyne Dumas Lee, radio and concert artist, graciously and beautifully sang for both Sabbaths in the senior pavilion.

Our daily program began with worship at six o'clock in the morning. Then there were meetings in the senior and youth pavilions until lunch time. At one o'clock in the afternoon Miss Marvene Jones, a trained dietitian, conducted a cooking school. During the same hour our junior boys and girls were engaged in musical numbers under the direction of Elder L. H. Davis, assisted by Misses Ruth Daniels and Paralee Raymond.

The first part of the afternoon parent meetings were held in the senior tent, conducted by Elder Hancock, union MV secretary. The latter half, Elder T. M. Rowe brought the campers studies on the Holy Spirit, which were very impressive.

H. M. S. Richards and the King's Heralds of the Voice of Prophecy delighted us with their presence on the first Sunday night of camp meeting.

Delicious meals were served daily under the supervision of Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Smith.

Ordination

On the last Sabbath, J. E. Dykes was ordained. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder F. L. Peterson, of Oakwood; the prayer was offered by W. A. Nelson, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference; the charge was given by Elder W. D. Forde; and the welcome, by Elder F. N. Crowe.

Thus was brought to a close another camp meeting of the Lake Region Conference. We said our good-bys sincerely hoping to see our old and new friends at our next camp meeting.

F. N. CROWE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NORTHEASTERN

L. H. Bland, Pres. V. Roberts, Sec.-Treas.
560 W. 150th St., New York, N.Y.
MO. 2-9353

Northeastern Youth's Congress

THE Northeastern Conference Youth's Congress was held the week end of August 3-5, 1951, at the City Tabernacle church, New York City. Every effort was made to make this Youth's Congress a real Mid-Century "Share Your Faith" affair. Greetings were received from the Paris Youth's Congress, Jamaica, British West Indies, and from the General Conference through its field secretary G. E. Peters.

On Sunday, August 5, the home of the late President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, New York, was visited. In all its aspects this congress was quite educational and inspirational to the youth attending.

Graduates Acclaimed

SUNDAY evening, June 16, was a high point in the lives of eleven Northeastern Academy seniors and fifteen eighth-grade graduates as they received their diplomas, the symbol of the formal completion of their respective schoolwork.

The commencement address was delivered by Elder R. A. Nesmith, secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference educational department. He admonished the graduates to press on to the mark of the high calling until complete attainments are reached. He emphasized the difficulties that will arise, but as good soldiers the youth must press onward.

The valedictorian of the class was Miss Carol LaVern Jones. Miss Jones won the Northeastern scholarship award, and can be seen receiving it from the superintendent of schools, J. E. Roache, in the picture. The runner-up and salutatorian was Miss Juanita Darville. Miss Jones

plans to be a physician and has ready enrolled in the Pacific Union College in California. Miss Darville plans to continue her studies at the Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and eventually at Melrose Sanitarium and Hospital in Massachusetts.

Miss Jessie M. Godley was the sponsor of both the academy and the eighth-grade graduates. She is to be complimented for her good work with these classes. Elder James L. Moran is principal of the Northeastern Academy.

Schools Had Successful Year

ALL schools of the Northeastern Conference have had a successful year. The Academy graduated eleven seniors June 17 at the Ephesus church; also eighteen eighth graders have received their diplomas from the Manhattan Elementary School. Nearly every school has been fully staffed for the next school year. We are anticipating a banner school year for 1951-52.



Graduating Class of the Northeastern Academy, 1951

Temperance Oratorical Contest Successful!

THE third annual Temperance Oratorical Contest was held Sunday night, June 3, at the City Tabernacle church. The contestants participated from the junior and senior divisions. The junior division was represented as follows: Albert Gaskin, of Brooklyn, New York, winner of first place; Laureen Gunther, of the Northeastern Academy, second-place winner; Mae Geyer, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, third place; and Christian Mullins, representing the Manhattan Elementary School, fourth place. Miss Gloria Stephens, of Syracuse, New York, was presented with a Bible for her fine contribution.

The senior division participants were Herman Blake, of Mount Vernon, New York, first-place winner of \$40; Oida Gill, of the Ephesus church, second-place winner of \$30; Walton Whaley, of the Northeastern Academy, third-place winner of \$15; and Myrtle Caton, of the Bethel church, Brooklyn, fourth-place winner of \$10. Mrs. Ann Whaley, of Syracuse, New York, and Miss Ann Brown, of Boston, Massachusetts, each received a beautiful Bible for her contribution to the cause of temperance.

The judges were Elder W. A. Scharffenberg, of the General Conference; Mrs. Relyea, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Dr. E. E. Good, of New York City; Mrs. Wesley Curtwright, well-known journalist; and Prof. C. Pitter, former instructor at Oakwood College.

It was most gratifying to hear these youth indict the alcohol traffic of our nation. The evils occurring from drinking alcoholic beverages were vividly and convincingly portrayed. It is hoped that a wide interest will be developed for the cause of temperance as a result of this temperance venture.

Teacher Passes Away

THE students, faculty, and friends of the Northeastern Academy regret the loss of their devoted teacher,



Misses Jones and Darville Receiving Awards From Prof. J. E. Roache

Prof. N. O. Phipps. Brother Phipps was a true soldier. He became sick at his task February 13, and died three months later. The students, faculty, friends, and conference officers wish to express their sympathy to the bereaved family.

J. E. ROACHE, *Superintendent,
Educational Department,
Northeastern Conference.*

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

WE in the Bronx, New York, church saw the above prophecy of Isaiah literally come true in the 1951 Ingathering campaign.

We have a membership of a little over 60, including children and adults. Our church Ingathering goal was set at \$600. S. J. Hooper, our local elder, assigned \$200 of this amount to be raised by the men, who were organized into one band, \$275 to the women, and \$125 to our children.

The children, assigned the smallest quota, quickly outstripped us adults, raising their goal and over in two weeks. One little boy, Karl McCalla, twelve years of age, raised \$70, and wore out a pair of shoes in doing so. This \$70 is equivalent to

to seven junior Minute Man goals. A little girl, LaVerne Vandermere, ten, raised \$50, or five junior goals. Also deserving honorable mention is Elizabeth McCalla, ten, and June Vandermere, thirteen. These four children together raised far more than the total children's quota of \$125.

Inspired and ashamed, perhaps, by the superior diligence of our children, we adults pitched in and soon finished the Ingathering program.

Under the leadership of Brother S. J. Hooper, we are making a special effort in the Bronx church to interest and develop the children and young people. We have a junior church, which sits in its own aisle and has its own choir and usher board. The junior church takes over the eleven o'clock hour on the third Sabbath of each month. This junior church is growing, and if it keeps growing at its present rate, it will eventually outstrip the adults and occupy most of the church.

If, as a result of these efforts toward child evangelism, even one child or young person is led to give his heart to God, or is retained in the fold, we will feel that our efforts are more than justified.

WESLEY CURTWRIGHT.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

H. D. Singleton, Pres. L. S. Follette, Sec.-Treas.
Box 4027, Atlanta, Ga.

South Atlantic Camp Meeting

FOR the benefit of the readers of the INFORMANT I should like to make a brief report of the South Atlantic camp meeting for 1951. Our meeting was held at Moncrief Springs, Jacksonville, Florida.

It was agreed by all that it was by far the best as well as the largest camp meeting we have ever had. A very impressive feature of the meeting was the interest shown by those present at all services conducted. All meetings were on a very spiritual plane, and we believe that victories were gained in the lives of those who attended. An excellent spirit was manifested, and everyone seemed happy to be serving the Master.

Among those who assisted in making the camp meeting a success were G. E. Peters, secretary of the Colored Department and field secretary of the General Conference; L. K. Dickson, vice-president of the General Conference; officers of the Southern Union Conference; F. L. Bland, president of the Central States Mission; L. B. Reynolds, editor of *The Message Magazine*; Dr. C. A. Dent, medical director of the Riverside Sanitarium; and P. E. Giddings, our own missionary to Liberia.

A very impressive ordination service was conducted on the last Sabbath of camp meeting, at which time F. S. Hill, W. S. Banfield, and E. C. Ward were set apart to the gospel ministry.

Certainly God blessed us in a special way at this our fifth camp meeting. H. D. SINGLETON, *President*.

Evangelism in South Atlantic

THE South Atlantic Conference is now in the midst of one of its most successful years in evangelism. Already several tent efforts have been concluded, and more than

three hundred persons have been baptized for the year.

Elder E. E. Cleveland, Southern Union Conference evangelist, was blessed of God with 108 souls in Orlando. Elder W. M. Starks conducted his last meeting in the city of Miami, Florida, before moving to Atlanta, and 48 believers were baptized. Elder E. C. Ward, the South Atlantic Conference evangelist, reported 45 persons as a result of the effort in Sanford, Florida. Pastor M. T. Battle was blessed with 35 persons in Clearwater, Florida. Pastor D. L. Crowder has reported 18 thus far in his effort at Fort Pierce, Florida. Elder F. S. Keitts has not held his baptism yet in Tampa, Florida, but he expects 30 persons to be baptized there.

As a result of meetings held in the local churches and general follow-up work, Elder F. S. Hill baptized 19 in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Elder P. H. Morgan baptized 12 at Sumter. Brother I. J. Johnson baptized 23 in the Kinston, North Carolina, district; and H. M. Barker's work resulted in 25 being baptized in the Raleigh, North Carolina, district.

In all these efforts the laymen had a very special part, and God has richly blessed us.

South Atlantic District Changes

A NUMBER will be interested to know about certain district changes that have been recently made in the South Atlantic Conference.

These changes have placed Elder W. M. Starks in Atlanta, Georgia; Elder W. S. Banfield in the Miami, Florida, district; Elder F. S. Hill in charge of the Raleigh, Wilson, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount district; Pastor I. J. Johnson in the Greensboro, Durham, Burlington district; and Pastor D. J. Williams in the New Bern, Wilmington, Goldsboro, La Grange, Kinston district. Pastor H. M. Barker is now in the Orlando, Florida, district; Elder F. H. Stevens, who was previously in charge of that church, is now retiring.

Successful Effort in Orlando

OUR meetings in Orlando came to a close with 108 persons baptized into the faith. Of this number four were ministers; also there are four others who plan to attend Oakwood College to prepare for the ministry.

During this effort we have seen the hand of the Lord working for us in a very marked manner. Our meetings opened with about one hundred present and continued for two weeks with an average nightly attendance of forty. However, with much fasting, prayer, and hard work, we saw the picture change, which convinced us that the Lord is truly pouring out His Spirit in a marked manner in these last days.

The evangelistic staff included D. J. Williams, associate evangelist; Bible instructors were L. P. Todd, Alice Bowden, and O. M. Harris. Mrs. E. E. Cleveland also served as Bible instructor and pianist.

After a brief rest we will open an effort in Mobile, Alabama. We urgently request your prayers that this will be another Pentecost.

E. E. CLEVELAND.

1951 Conference Temperance Oratorical Contest

MISS ELLA WILEY, of Greensboro, North Carolina, won the first-prize \$100 Dr. E. S. Portis Oakwood scholarship award at the annual conference-wide temperance oratorical contest.

Other winners were: second prize, \$50, Clarence Hope, of Savannah, Georgia; third prize, \$25, Miss Kathryn Hill from High Point, North Carolina; and fourth prize, \$5, Miss Janie Ellis, Jacksonville, Florida.

Elder L. M. Nelson, temperance secretary of the Southern Union, delivered the main address, and Elder H. D. Singleton awarded the scholarship prizes.

For the third consecutive year Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Portis, of Albany, Georgia, have made a splendid contribution, making possible the generous scholarship awards.

After the contest a temperar



Elder H. D. Singleton Presents the First Prize, the \$100 Dr. E. S. Portis Oakwood Scholarship Award to Ella Wiley, of Greensboro, North Carolina

film, *It's the Brain That Counts*, was shown, and eighty-three became members of the American Temperance Society.

Competition was declared open for similar awards set up for the 1952 contest.

You can join fellow believers and divine agencies in the battle against liquor and give worthy youth an educational boost by enlisting as a member of the American Temperance Society.

N. G. SIMONS,
Temperance Secretary,
South Atlantic Conference.

SOUTH CENTRAL

H. R. Murphy, Pres. V. Lindsay, Sec.-Treas.
Box 936, Nashville, Tenn.

Camp Meeting in South Central

AGAIN we enjoyed a spiritual feast on the beautiful campus of the Oakwood College, May 31 through June 9. From the very outset the meeting was dynamically spiritual, beginning with a message from the president on the life of Jesus. The attendance was good.

We were blessed to have such

interesting speakers. Straight from the mission field, Elder and Mrs. P. E. Giddings brought us many interesting mission experiences, making vivid the need of more mission funds and telling of the wonderful accomplishments that had been wrought by Sabbath school offerings. All were thrilled by their films.

From the Philippine Islands came Elder Eric Ristau, now associated with the Review and Herald Publishing Association, who contributed greatly to the inspiration of our meeting. Other speakers included L. K. Dickson and G. E. Peters, both of the General Conference; V. G. Anderson, R. H. Wentland, H. S. Hanson, L. M. Nelson, C. L. Cardey, and W. A. Higgins, of the Southern Union; J. H. Wagner, of the Allegheny Conference; C. E. Moseley, C. T. Richards, and E. E. Rogers, of Oakwood College; and I. H. Ihrig and L. B. Reynolds, of the Southern Publishing Association.

A very interesting feature was the afternoon meeting wherein two ministers from South Central gave short sermonettes broken with music, which the people all sincerely appreciated.

It was heartening to note how well the early morning meetings were consistently attended, and each speaker sought to bring a special message. Quite gripping was the series of studies on the latter rain and the Holy Spirit, conducted by L. K. Dickson, vice-president of the General Conference.

The Missionary Volunteer meetings, conducted each afternoon under the main pavilion, were helpful to both the young people and the parents. Some of the topics discussed were movies, television, socials, Christian and secular education, and choosing one's lifework. One of the very interesting features for the young people was the evening hike in the mountains surrounding Oakwood College. Approximately seventy-five young people joined in this hike. L. A. Paschal, MV leader of the conference, through the medium of these meetings, held the interest of the youth throughout the encampment.

It was encouraging to note the consistency in attendance at the various meetings for both youth and adults. All were well attended. On both week ends several busloads came to enjoy the feast, swelling the attendance to some seven hundred.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting five persons were baptized who took their final stand during camp meeting; however, in most cases the district pastor had been working with the individuals.

An ordination service was conducted during camp meeting, at which time C. R. Graham, of Nashville, Tennessee; C. E. Dudley, of Memphis, Tennessee; and H. L. Jones, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were ordained to the ministry. These three preachers are all graduates of Oakwood College.

At the conclusion of the meeting many expressed themselves as having gained much spiritual strength, and said that they were looking forward to another year.

o o

WISDOM is knowing what to do; skill is knowing how to do it; and virtue is in doing it.—DAVID JORDAN.

Young People Challenge for Christ

God is using the young people to help finish the work with *The Message Magazine*. Mary Alice McMikens and Willie Washington, both members of the Mississippi Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist church, in Memphis, Tennessee, and students of the church school, are faithfully warning hundreds of people every month through the medium of our truth-filled magazine, the *Message*. During the school year these young people sell from 150 to 200 magazines a month. Their tuition is paid up on time every month without ever having to ask their parents for any such funds. Not only do they keep their tuition paid, but they also buy their school books and take care of a few other expenses which come about at school.

One of the girls, Mary Alice, has already saved \$57.29 on her expense for Oakwood College, where she plans to attend in a few years; at present she is twelve years of age and Willie is eleven.

Here are two young girls who have caught the vision of not only helping themselves and their parents by caring for their school expense but of also helping to warn souls of the soon-coming Saviour. Mary Alice has one soul to her credit as far as she knows. She met a man who was on his way to buy a package of cigarettes and a cup of coffee. She told him that these were not good for his body and that his body should be kept clean for God. He asked her what church she attended, and on seeing that he was interested, she told him the Seventh-day Adventist church. Today he is a baptized member of the Memphis church.

May God move upon the hearts of both parents and children, and cause them to go forth with the message printed in our books and periodicals, accomplishing the task He has given to mankind.

M. G. CATO, *Secretary,*
Publishing Department.



Youthful Soul Winners

SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

W. W. Fordham, Pres. V. Roberts, Sec.-Treas.
P. O. Box 6289, Dallas, Texas

Camp Meeting for South-west Region

THE camp meeting of the South-west Region Conference convened on the campus of the Lincoln High School in Dallas, Texas. The school management cooperated graciously with our camp meeting needs, making the spacious auditorium, the gymnasium, the music room, the cafeteria and kitchen, and several classrooms available to us.

The meetings began Thursday, June 7, in the auditorium. It was highly gratifying as well as fortunate to have our camp meeting open with a personal appearance of the Voice of Prophecy radio group. Elder H. M. S. Richards and the quartet were received by the many members of our conference, our believers, friends from the city, and several visitors from the Texas Conference. The sermon by Elder Richards, the soul-stirring melodies of the quartet, and the fitting remarks by Elder A. V. Olson, vice-president of the General Conference, made a

permanent impression upon minds of all who were present. The meeting ended with a motion picture of the Voice of Prophecy television program, Faith for Today.

Camp meeting began with early morning devotions at 6 A.M., then workers' meeting and private devotions. The 9:30 hour was devoted to the following departmental meetings: temperance, home missionary, Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer, educational, and publishing departments. Many helpful suggestions as to improving the local work in these departments were gained. We were happy to have Elder J. A. Buckwalter, of the General Conference International Temperance Society, and Elder T. L. Oswald, of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, spend some time with us during our camp meeting.

The 11:30 hour featured preaching services, and in the afternoon there was a period of personal counseling, a departmental hour, soul-winning hour, and Missionary Volunteer hour. Each evening meeting was well attended and was filled with spiritual help. Special meetings for the juniors and young people were held, and arrangements were made for recreational periods for them. A committee of ministers' wives did an excellent job of taking care of the kindergarten and primary children at appropriate hours during the day.

Sabbath services were very inspirational. Approximately nine hundred persons were in attendance over the week ends. The messages at the eleven o'clock hours, brought by Elders W. W. Fordham and F. L. Peterson, were deeply spiritual and caused much heart searching.

Among our visiting speakers were F. L. Peterson, president of Oakwood College; L. B. Reynolds, editor, *The Message Magazine*; Dr. Carl Dent, medical director of Riverside Sanitarium; H. D. Singleton, president of South Atlantic Conference; Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, of C wood College; R. T. Hudson, pastor of First church, Washington, D.C.; and several from our union conf

Each person rendered valuable help.

Ordination

In the afternoon of the last Sabbath a very solemn ordination service was held. The sermon was preached by Elder A. V. Olson, who also gave the charge. President Peterson gave the prayer, and Elder Fordham extended the welcome to the ministry. The men set apart to the gospel ministry were Brethren Oscar Dunn, Richard Tottress, Lafayette Williams, and Charles C. Cunningham.

Church Dedication

At 4:30 Sabbath afternoon the Oakland Avenue church was dedicated. The new building valued at \$50,000 was erected and completed in less than two years under the able leadership of Elder W. W. Fordham. To God be the glory.

Oakwood Rally

The final service of the camp meeting was an Oakwood rally led by President Peterson. The response to the call of Christian education at our college was very gratifying.

After appropriate remarks by Elder Fordham and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," another camp meeting passed into history.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of Sister Josie Adams, of Corsicana, Texas. Services were conducted by Elder R. T. Hudson, of Washington, D.C. Sister Adams has been a faithful Adventist for over forty years and has proved a real friend to ministers and the work of God. She has been closely associated with the building up of the work in the Southwest in several cities, for her daughter, Dr. Sarah E. Nunez, and her son-in-law, Elder Nunez, labored faithfully in the Southwest before moving to Chicago, Illinois. We extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM,
Departmental Secretary.

Wedding

OWEN TROY, Jr., son of Elder O. A. Troy, secretary of the Colored Department of the Pacific Union Conference, was married to Anita Butler in Washington, D.C. A beautiful candlelight ceremony was conducted by the father of the groom. He was assisted by Elder W. A. Thompson, pastor of the Ephesus church in Washington, who offered the prayer.

Mrs. Mark A. Cox served as the matron of honor, and the six bridesmaids wore dresses of a beautiful pastel shade of green. Miss Sylvia Deal and Hugh Crarey were the soloists.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arna Bontemps, of Fisk University, also associated workers from the Pacific Union Conference.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Xavia Butler, Sr. The newlyweds will return to the groom's field of labor in Sacramento, California.

The Layman

LEAVE it to the ministers, and soon the church will die;
Leave it to the women folk; the young will pass it by;
For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now, a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys;
But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;
And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here
And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,
To teach that way of living from which all that's noble springs;
But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the church's corner-stone.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are open wide,
It is not the church that's dying; it's the laymen who have died;
For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done;
It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

Our Largest Baptism

(Continued from page 1)

There were twenty ministers who administered the baptismal rite, including the following persons: The union president; the acting president of the West Indies Training College; president of the Northeastern Conference, United States; pastor of the City Tabernacle church, New York; and three members of the quartet from the United States. Truly this was an occasion never to be forgotten.

At the eight o'clock hour a large crowd assembled in the public square, where Elder Walters had made arrangements for Elder Bland to deliver a sermon. At this service the quartet rendered several numbers, and Brother W. C. Webb led the congregational singing. This attendance was estimated to be ten thousand.

We must not forget to mention that 410 baptisms were also held in the various churches of the East Conference on that same day. This brought the total number of souls baptized in both conferences, Sunday, June 24, to 950. It was stated that a large share of the work of winning these souls was done by the consecrated laymen in our churches. Of course, the work of our lay preachers was strengthened by the follow-up instructions of our pastors.

Elder Walters said that after the laymen's institute, which was held in December, 1950, the lay preachers of the various churches of his conference resolved to hold a special prayer meeting on a Friday evening after sunset, which continued until 2 A.M. The following day they mingled prayer with fasting; and on Sunday each one went out in his district to hold meetings, either in cottages, in the open air, or in available churches of other denominations.

It is quite evident that we are entering the time of the "loud cry," and that God has stretched out His hand to finish the work and cut it short. Truly the "isles shall wait for his law."

Visit to Missions in Europe and West Africa

(Continued from last issue)

Elder S. Agnello, who pastors several churches in the Rome area, was present at the Rome church while we were visiting. We talked with Brother Pipping, a German who has lived in Rome for many years and who speaks fluent English, which made us feel at home. We met a young American girl by the name of Lois Anne Lee, who was baptized at Broadview Academy two years ago. She and her parents are in Italy now while they are studying under a Fullbright Scholarship. Lois is the only Adventist in her family, and says that she gets little encouragement from her parents. She has learned to speak Italian fluently.

On this same Sabbath day we saw three young men ordained as local elders; one, a young man hardly in his twenties, gave a most impressive speech of what his experiences have been in northern Italy. He stated that it is very difficult to carry on God's work, but that he is not discouraged and will continue to seek to win souls. One of the main questions asked by the people whom he has approached is, "How can we know Christ?" Our believers in Rome asked especially to be remembered to the believers in the United States.

Rome was the end of our journey over land, and we boarded a Trans-World Airline plane for Madrid, Spain, which was about three and one-half hours away by air.

Madrid is a beautiful city situated at an altitude of about seven thousand feet. When we had arrived there the Spanish Mission was our first interest, and we visited with the secretary-treasurer, Elder Abenia, and his daughter and another office worker by the name of Carmen Seco. We were told how difficult it is to win souls for the kingdom, because there can be no open public meetings, and all contacts must be made person to person. We were then escorted by a young man of the conference office to the

church in Madrid, which, from all outward appearances, seemed like any other building. There is no sign outside stating that it is a church. This is prohibited by law in Spain. We also learned that it is quite difficult to go about doing our work in this country. Publication of our papers is prohibited, and that which is printed must be under the name of an individual and is usually published as a health magazine.

In Madrid we also visited the Royal Palace, which is all white and is most attractive against the blue sky. We visited many of the ornate rooms and saw the exquisite furnishings. One tapestry on the wall was most impressive and depicted the wisdom of Solomon in making the decision concerning the baby that had been claimed by two women.

After one day and a half in Madrid we left by plane for Lisbon, Portugal. We saw the beautiful St. Jerome's church, built by Manuel I to commemorate the discovery of the way to India by Vasco da Gama. The church was built in the years 1503-70. Inside the church was the tomb of this great explorer. We visited the union office in Portugal, and there we met the president and the secretary-treasurer. The church and conference offices are in a very beautiful section of the city. We understand that there is a congregation of more than three hundred in Lisbon, and the work is progressing.

On the morning of November 7, 1950, after five glorious weeks in Europe, we boarded a Pan-American plane bound for Africa, to visit our missionaries there.

We arrived in Monrovia, Liberia, about 12:15 A.M., and our hearts were glad to see that, although our plane was nearly four hours late, Elder P. E. Giddings was on hand to meet us with three of his school boys. As we approached the mission at night, Elder Giddings honked his horn as a signal to Sister Giddings, and then on a hillside, about three quarters of a mile from the road, the lights went on, which was a real thrill to see in the midst

of the jungle. Elder Giddings had personally brought an electric generator back from the States and had wired the mission station for electric lights. We rose bright and early the next morning, and after breakfast and going around the mission grounds, we had another surprise.

Elder Banks drove to the mission station after having been to the airport to pick up Elder D. V. Cowin, the young people's secretary of the West African Union, located at Accra, Gold Coast, and Dr. K. J. Reynolds, of the General Conference Department of Education.

Picture with me a jungle growth of eighty-five acres, which have been cleared in an area comparable to a space a mile long and a half mile wide, and in the midst an attractive white, painted mission house.

Among the numerous interesting sights and things to see, is Jocko, the monkey. Jocko not only is there as a companion to Cynthia, Elder and Mrs. Giddings' daughter, but he also serves as one of the best alarm systems that one can have in the hinterland. When danger approaches, one is warned by the sounds that the monkey makes. The mission grounds are surrounded with many fruit-bearing trees, such as orange, banana, grapefruit, plantain, and coconut. All paths are kept cleared, so that one will be able to detect snakes easily. As we walked to the back of the house we noticed two large fifty-five gallon drums, which had originally held kerosene. Elder Giddings had placed them there to hold water, and then through ingenious plumbing had put inside the house a flush toilet and modern washbowl. These were real luxuries sixty miles out in the bush.

Farther back on the mission grounds stands a large concrete building, which is the boys' dormitory and can house seventy young men. It was built from plans drawn by Elder Giddings and was made by native carpenters with the help of the boys in the dormitory. We saw sturdy-looking beds, which Elder Giddings had taught the mission boys to make, each board hav-

had to be cut from the trees and down by hand. A young man on the campus who sews very well made the mattress covers. Cut brush from the grounds is used to fill the mattresses. We were amazed at one clearing on the grounds where five thousand tree stumps had been removed. Tuition rates are twenty-five dollars a year including room and board. This may seem to be a very small amount, but when one realizes that the native earns barely more than 25 cents a day, one can readily see how long it takes for these young students to save that amount of money to attend the mission school.

School desks are needed, for as it is, the boys must sit on benches and do their writing on books in their laps. There is no girls' dormitory, but Elder Giddings showed us the spot where he hopes to erect one.

We met the young dean of boys, who is the son of an African witch doctor. He has been on the mission grounds for several years and is a very stanch Christian. He leads the boys in their mission work on Sabbath afternoons, visiting the natives and teaching them the third angel's message. We were amazed at the large attendance of natives at the mission station on Sabbath who could not speak English and were the direct results of the mission boys' labors.

It was quite an experience to witness the graduation exercises at the mission and to note what had been done with these heathen children. Two plays had been written by the missionaries themselves for the occasion, and the acting by the children was superb. The graduates from the eighth grade, we were told, could compete with any of our eighth-grade graduates in this country. All seemed eager to further their education, and Elder Giddings is attempting to add a grade each year in order to give these boys the benefit of a high school education. One wonders how such a terrific program of teacher, builder, and

teacher is carried on by one person. In order that the boys might have a variety in their diet, Elder

Giddings has introduced green vegetables and also has included powdered milk for at least once a day. We were tremendously impressed to learn that the man serving as cook in the boys' dormitory had heard of the mission station although he lived many miles in the hinterland, and had come on his own to ask for a job. We observed the efficiency with which he went about his work.

While in Liberia we had the good fortune of visiting the school exercises at our mission in Monrovia and saw that which has been done by Elder Banks and his workers. Our mission headquarters there are inadequate for our work, and thus the closing exercises had to be held at the A.M.E. Zion church. Many people came, and the overflow crowd had to stand outside and look in the windows.

We met many of the officials of the country, who spoke very highly of our work. Especially uppermost in their minds was the great evangelistic meeting held by Elders Banks and Henri at the government pavilion. People clamored so to hear the truth presented that the only theater in town had to close until after the hours of our meeting. The capital was still talking about these meetings when we arrived, and as soon as the people learned that we were from America, they approached us in regard to when other missionaries were coming and when we were going to build a church. We sincerely feel that in order for our work to make the strides that it ought in the capital, a church edifice is a real necessity. We believe that our missionaries certainly give evidences of having labored hard in the field, and are deserving of the tools with which to carry forth their work.

We went from Monrovia by plane on the Liberian Airways to Grand Bassa, where Elder Henri and his wife are. It is a three-day journey by foot from our Konola Mission or a day and a half's dangerous ride by surfboat down the treacherous coast; but it is only ten minutes by plane, costing a dollar a minute.

There in the Grand Bassa we saw the most attractive mission building, which was erected under Elder Henri's supervision. He and his wife have labored diligently, and while visiting there we met a half dozen leading women in the community who were attending church regularly and were deeply interested in the message. One was the wife of the chief justice of Liberia. Our hearts have been made glad since returning home to learn that these women have since joined the church in spite of much opposition from their friends. There is a definite need for another missionary family to help the Henris in this area.

It was a high day when we visited Grand Bassa, for there was to be a baptism. As the candidates walked down the dusty road they sang hymns which were familiar to us by virtue of their tunes. Some of the Africans, we were told, had walked as far as 125 miles for this occasion. We arrived at a little creek about a quarter mile from the mission station. Here twenty persons were baptized into the third angel's message. Bidding the Henris good-by, we returned to the native airport for our flight back to Roberts field. While waiting for the plane we had an opportunity to meet senators and judges of the little republic, who had nothing but high praise for the work being done by our missionaries in their country.

Before leaving Liberia, Elder Banks arranged to drive us 180 miles to one of our farthest mission stations in the hinterland. On reaching Gbarnga we rode another nine miles over a very rough road to a

The North American Informant

*Representing the colored work of the
Seventh-day Adventist Denomination*

Editor George E. Peters
Associate Editor W. B. Ochs
Editorial Secretary Daphne Nebblett
Editorial Committee: J. H. Wagner, L. H. Bland, H. D. Singleton, H. W. Kibble, H. R. Murphy, Louis B. Reynolds.

Printed bimonthly for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D.C., U.S.A. Fifty cents a year; 5 cents a copy; add 20 cents for yearly subscriptions to countries requiring extra postage.

place called Wensu, and from there we walked four and a half miles through the jungle to Liiwa, our destination. While en route through the leopard-infested country we were privileged to meet headman Flaumo, one of our native Adventist missionaries who has been doing evangelistic work in that area. At Liiwa we met a native missionary couple who are carrying on our work there, and also saw one of our strongest laymen, an African brother who had been nearly scalped by a leopard. He was nursed back to life by the wife of one of our missionaries. This native then gave his heart to the Lord, and has since been a stanch Christian and a strong supporter of God's cause. Though deep in the hinterland, our native missionaries are attempting to carry on the work here in a mud-and-thatch schoolhouse and chapel. They were very happy over our visit. It was with sadness of heart that we took the plane to wing our way back to Accra.

We spent a week in the little country known as Britain's richest colony, which is vastly different in all aspects from the black republic we had just left. By way of contrast I should like to say that the Gold Coast has a central water supply and an electric system in the city. Thus the missionaries do not have to work under the handicaps of physical inconveniences as in many other sections of Africa. In Liberia water taken from springs or wells must be boiled and filtered.

In Accra, Gold Coast, we stayed at the mission in the home of Elder and Sister D. V. Cowin, who previously labored in the Lake Union Conference. The mission grounds there are beautifully landscaped. Our hearts were made glad as we viewed the sign which indicated that this property belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission. We met Brother and Sister D. L. Chappell, a young missionary couple who originally came from Mississippi. Brother Chappell is in charge of the literature work of the West African Union.

We visited the mission church,

which had been recently erected. Here, as in Liberia, we found a rare treat in store for us. We had arrived at the time of an African camp meeting, and on our first and only Sabbath in the Gold Coast we drove forty miles into the country to the campsite. There we saw more than a thousand believers gathered under a palm-covered pavilion, which shaded them from the hot sun. It was a beautiful sight to see them in their attractive and colorful garments. We learned that the materials they wore had African patterns but had been printed and woven in England, and brought back to the Gold Coast and sold in the stores.

At the camp meeting we met Elder and Mrs. J. O. Gibson, missionaries who were also from the United States. Elder Gibson is president of the West African Union Mission. We also met J. C. Vetter, who asked that we attempt to get as much literature as we could from our church and send it to the Gold Coast Mission, since no literature is too old to be used, and there is such a lack of reading material to give to our believers. There at the camp meeting we met a young African carrying a spear that had been thrust through his foot by an African witch doctor because he dared to come into his compound to preach the message. We learned from our conference officials that the brethren in the Gold Coast are strong in the faith and are continuing to ask for more workers to come and teach their people.

From our varied experiences in Africa and the mission field generally, we were impressed to bring back to our believers in America the message that we must give more generously in order to further God's cause. We have seen so vividly multitudes in darkness, as it were, clamoring to come into the light.

Truly it was a bountiful blessing conferred by God on Mr. Mackey and me to impress us where He wanted us to make this trip. I count it a privilege to share with others this rich experience.

MRS. H. A. MACKEY.

Death of Our First Colored Minister

CHARLES M. KINNEY was born in Richmond, Virginia, in the year 1855, and died August 2, 1951.

After the Emancipation he worked his way to Reno, Nevada, where attendance at a series of evangelistic services conducted in a tent by J. N. Loughborough and Mrs. E. G. White brought him in touch with Adventist beliefs. He was the only Negro member of the Reno Seventh-day Adventist church. The church welcomed him warmly. He became active in their tract society, and was later appointed secretary.

Because of a great conviction that he was called to preach, the church and a number of friends financed two years of schooling for him at the Healdsburg College in California. In 1889 he was assigned by the General Conference to work in Louisville, Kentucky; the same year he was ordained to the gospel ministry in Nashville, Tennessee.

Because his wife's health failed and she became an invalid, Elder Kinney found it impossible to continue his full ministerial duties, and retired from the work in 1911. Sister Kinney passed away twenty-six years later. Soon afterward Elder Kinney moved to a private room at the Riverside Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Although he had reached the age of ninety-six, his hope in the triumph of this movement and the glorious appearing of Jesus never wavered.

Our brother had witnessed the organization of the first church of colored believers, numbering fifty. A few months before his death we had the pleasure of telling him that there are now some 26,500 colored Seventh-day Adventists in the United States, which brought him great joy.

Faithful to the end, our brother rests in the blessed hope of a glad reunion with loved ones and with the souls he has won for Christ. As far as is known there are no living relatives. Words of comfort spoken by G. E. Peters, F. L. Peterson, and H. R. Murphy.