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Responsibility and Opportunity

By F. L. PETERSON, *President of Oakwood College*

THOSE of us who are occupying positions of trust in the various phases of the work of the church not only have resting upon us grave responsibilities but also have a wonderful opportunity to develop and expand the work of the church by encouraging, supporting, and directing the youth of the church into our elementary schools, secondary schools, and colleges.

We have often heard it said that there is no more fruitful field of evangelism than that which our youth present to the church. Their very presence in our congregations is a challenge to the church leadership. They are worthy of our best endeavor, and to save them is an important responsibility of the church.

In a very recent speech General Douglas MacArthur said, "By far our nation's greatest resource is our youth," and we of the Seventh-day Adventist Church may advantageously recognize that the greatest resource of the church is its youth.

Mrs. E. G. White, in giving counsel with regard to our youth, said: "Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, 56.

The leadership of the church must recognize this salient fact that

only the power of God can save our youth from the insidious efforts of Satan to lead them away from the church and eventually to destroy them.

As I visit our churches and camp meetings and see the hundreds of boys and girls in the cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, and youth divisions of the Sabbath school, I am made to realize anew the great responsibility that rests upon me as a leader in the cause of God in behalf of the young people of the church.

The leaders of the world, having left God out of their plans, approach their task with fear because of the things that are coming upon the world. God forbid that the leaders of the church should approach the task of training the children of the church with fear because of the financial obligations involved. The most costly thing any church can do is not to provide for the education of its youth. The children in our midst are God's heritage, and it is our responsibility to lead them to Him.

What a wonderful thing God did for this people when He led them out of the confused religious organizations of the world into the church that keeps the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus. How distinctive is His church, and how superior in character are His people. This separateness has been ordained of God, and we are told that "in no case are we to link ourselves with them [infidels and un-

believers] in their plans or work."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 482.

Again we are told: "The great Head of the church, who has chosen His people out of the world, requires them to be separate from the world. He designs that the spirit of His commandments, by drawing His followers to Himself, shall separate them from worldly elements. To love God and keep His commandments is far away from loving the world's pleasures and its friendship."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, pp. 329, 330.

We must recognize that this is a call to the youth of the church as well as to the aged, and we are to maintain this separateness both in our church life and in our school life. "Any connection with infidels and unbelievers which would identify us with them is forbidden by the word."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 482.

Our schools have been established not only for the purpose of educating our youth but as a means of saving them. We know that "in the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one."—*Education*, p. 30. "To have higher education is to have a living connection with Christ."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 174.

Let us as leaders rally to the educational support of the youth of the church. Open up church schools where there are none, strengthen and properly equip those that we

have, and maintain the best teaching personnel that we can secure.

It is also our responsibility to encourage and direct all our young people of secondary and college grade into our own academies and colleges. No young person of promise should be denied the privilege of attending our Christian schools.

From the pen of inspiration I quote the following: "The churches in different localities should feel that a solemn responsibility rests upon them to train youth and educate talent to engage in missionary work."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 69. "All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 197.

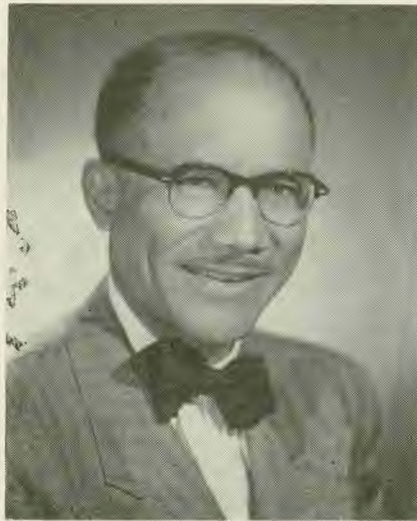
In writing of the financial responsibility of the church in the Christian educational patterns, Mrs. White says: "When they see those in the church who give promise of making useful workers, but who are not able to support themselves in the school, they should assume the responsibility of sending them to one of our training schools. . . . There are persons who would do good service in the Lord's vineyard, but many are too poor to obtain without assistance the education that they require. The churches should feel it a privilege to take a part in defraying the expenses of such."—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 69.

The work of saving souls, shepherding the flock, and training and directing the lives of the youth of the church is no small task. In fact, the commission to the Seventh-day Adventist Church calls for men of courage, devotion, virtue, and zeal.

May the Lord help us to be faithful to the task that is peculiarly and perennially ours—the task of saving and directing the youth of the church into our Christian schools and colleges.

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REST. If God wants you He will send for you.—MCCHEYNE.



Dr. Owen A. Troy

Church Leader Receives Doctor of Theology Degree

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Owen Austin Troy of Pasadena, western official of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, received the degree of Doctor of Theology at the Sixty-Ninth Annual Commencement of the University of Southern California.

"He did his concentration in the field of church administration, preaching and pastoral counselling under the faculty of the School of Religion of U.S.C. The chairman of his Committee on Studies, Dr. Floyd H. Ross, Professor of Church History and World Religions, and Dean Earl Cranston, directed Mr. Troy in the preparation of his doctoral dissertation on: 'The Financial System of the Seventh-day Adventist Church: An Evaluation of the Factors Entering into the Adoption and Practice of Tithing.'

"A member of the Pi Epsilon Theta graduate scholastic fraternity, Dr. Troy obtained his Master's degree from the University of Chicago, and did his undergraduate work at Pacific Union College.

First of His Race

"Dr. Troy is the sixth candidate and the first of his race to receive the Th.D. degree from the University of Southern California.

"As Departmental Secretary of the Pacific Union Conference with

offices in Glendale, Dr. Troy's field of responsibility includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, and the Oakwood College in Alabama."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The degree of Doctor of Theology is a professional degree intended to prepare the candidate for superior leadership and expert service in the religious field. Requirements for the degree include five years of graduate study above the Bachelor of Arts degree and the presentation of an acceptable dissertation on an original investigation to demonstrate the candidate's ability to do effective and scholarly research in the field of his specialty. Congratulations, Dr. Troy.

G. E. P.

Adventist Holds High Rank in District of Columbia School

MRS. WILLIE ANNA CARSON DODSON, former assistant principal of Garnet-Patterson Junior High School, was appointed principal of the largest and most progressive public junior high school, Washington, D.C., November 7, 1951. After one year she was transferred to the Eliot Junior High School because of her ability to establish good rapport in trying situations.

As far as we know this establishes a precedent in the placement of a Seventh-day Adventist in a position of the local schools of Washington. Her placement is especially phenomenal when we realize that the principalships, which are highly competitive, are eagerly sought by a large number of candidates. Mrs. Dodson is quite well prepared for

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this position. A graduate of Minor Teachers College, she received her B.S. in psychology and her M.S. in the same subject from Howard University. She is a member of Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology, and Beta Kappa Chi, an honorary scientific society. She has done postgraduate work at the Catholic University of America, American University, New York University, and the Washington School of Psychiatry. Doctoral work in the field of psychology has been done at the University of Pennsylvania.

Besides her work in the public schools, she has served as clinical psychologist for the Mental Hygiene section of the District of Columbia Health Department; and as clinical psychologist for the Mental Hygiene Clinic of the public schools. She has had experience on all levels of the school system: demonstration teacher grade three for a decade or more, research assistant and counselor in the Congressional experiment in character education, and guidance counselor in the vocational high school.

Notwithstanding her manifold duties in the field of education through the years, Mrs. Dodson has found time to do considerable church work.

She is the wife of Joseph T. Dodson, a former local church elder of the Ephesus church of Washington

for more than two decades. Brother Dodson has served as a member of the Allegheny Conference committee since its organization in the year 1945.

The Dodsons reside at 1262 Columbia Road NW., Washington, D.C.

We extend our felicitations to Mrs. Dodson.—EDITOR.

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Camp Meeting Brings Spiritual Blessing

THE 1952 Lake Region Conference camp meeting is now history. It can truly be said that our good people received a real spiritual blessing as the result of attendance at this great convocation. The messages brought to us by our General, union, and local conference workers were all especially prepared for this time and pointed to the nearness of the coming of Jesus.

We appreciated especially the splendid help on the part of the General Conference in providing our conference with such able men during the meetings. On the first Sabbath Elder C. E. Moseley, the associate secretary of the Colored Department of the General Conference, spoke at the eleven o'clock hour in the large pavilion. He also spoke on several other occasions. His illustrated lecture on his recent trip to West Africa will long be remembered. Elder W. H. Bergherm, of the General Conference War Service Commission, brought several inspiring messages that dealt with the power of God and how it is being manifested in our armed forces in Korea and in other foreign countries.

Elder J. A. Buckwalter, editor of the *Listen* magazine, gave a stirring temperance lecture on Sunday evening, and spoke to the assembly again on Tuesday morning.

Elder C. D. Henri, formerly of the Lake Region Conference and

now missionary to Liberia, West Africa, was a welcome guest. His presence proved a real blessing since he is so well known in the Lake Region Conference. "The work in Liberia is on the onward march, and many are being won to Christ," he said. Certainly our hearts thrilled within us as he showed pictures of natives of Liberia in their heathen stage and how they were changed within and without when they accepted Jesus. It causes one to be thankful for the privilege of supporting our great mission program with gifts.

On the closing Sabbath, Elder F. L. Peterson, president of the Oakwood College, spoke in the main pavilion to an overflowing crowd. His messages are always deeply spiritual and helpful.

Our union representatives and speakers consisted of Elder M. L. Rice, who brought very practical and inspirational messages; Elder J. Hancock, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the union, who delivered several messages on the importance of proper training of youth in the home, and on juvenile delinquency and on the dope question; Elder W. A. Nelson, educational secretary of the union, who emphasized the necessity of Christian education among our youth if we expect to save them; Elder R. G. Campbell, who emphasized the importance of the literature ministry in the finishing of the work of God on the earth. Elder Campbell also addressed the workers in the regular workers' morning meeting.

The mission offerings for two Sabbaths amounted to sixteen hundred dollars.

We trust that those who were in attendance at the camp meeting carried the inspiration back to their various churches and to those who could not attend.

F. N. CROWE in
Lake Union Herald.

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IN this time of unusual peril, we must learn to stand alone, our faith fixed, not on the word of man, but on the sure promises of God.—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 490.



Mrs. Willie Anna Carson Dodson

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News Notes

THE report of the departmental churches at the end of the first quarter of 1952 indicated a membership of 3,413. Tithes and mission offerings totaled \$81,982.80, showing a gain of \$14,109.23 over the same period in 1951.

On July 6 Elder Byron R. Spears, assisted by Owen A. Troy, Jr., and Brother and Sister W. J. Gully, began tent meetings in North Sacramento. On the same date Pastor Bernard Cayton, assisted by Brother and Sister J. W. Burnett, started meetings in North Fontana; and Harvey W. Kibble, Jr., began a church effort in Salt Lake City.

In connection with his Bible Auditorium evangelistic series in San Diego, Elder D. T. Black conducted a cooking school under the tutelage of Mrs. Howard C. Smith. The average attendance was sixty-five. He also conducted a class in home nursing; seventeen received certificates on completing the course.

Elder Major C. White, pastor of the Richmond church, was ordained at the Lodi camp meeting; and Elder Earl Canson, pastor of the Perris church, was ordained at the camp meeting held at La Sierra College.

The new ministerial interns Harvey W. Kibble, Jr., stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Herman L. Kibble, working in the Los Angeles' area, are graduates of Emmanuel Missionary College.

At last the Pathfinder program is making progress among the churches in this field. Aggressive leadership is producing results in the Market Street church in Oakland, the Berean church in Los Angeles, and the Fresno church. These churches are conducting classes during the week for this age group. The Market Street church had a very good display in the

MV tent at the Lodi camp meeting.

Elder W. G. Mills has been conducting a unique meeting in Phoenix—the Drive-in Stardome. The speaker's platform and the large picture screen are arranged so that those driving to the meetings may enjoy the services while seated in their cars. He is assisted by James Middleton, teacher-preacher. The public has shown a good interest.

At the present time Elders A. E. Webb, R. H. Robertson, and W. C. Webb are continuing their church efforts after the close of the Lynwood camp meeting.

The official opening of San Bernardino K Street church was scheduled by Elder W. E. Galbreth, the pastor, for Sabbath, July 26. The church was recently remodeled and enlarged.

A remodeling and enlarging program is being conducted for the churches in Bakersfield and Allentown by Elder William Penick. The Bakersfield church has doubled its membership during the past year and a half.

On May 10 the Long Beach Philadelphian church was dedicated. The building, a former Lutheran church, was purchased for forty thousand dollars, the Southern California Conference giving twenty-seven thousand dollars of the purchase price. The church was redecorated, and a new organ installed under the direction of the pastor, Elder R. H. Robertson.

Elder R. E. Berry, of Fresno, has taken disheartened members and led them forth to build a new church upon the ashes of their nearly completed edifice, which was completely destroyed by the hands of an arsonist. The new building when completed will represent an investment of seventy thousand dollars. With the exception of twenty-two thousand dollars given by the Central California Conference, the building has been brought to its present stage of completion through the donated labor and funds of the faithful members and friends. The plastering and cement work has been donated by non-Adventist friends of the church. The church

members and friends work on Sunday all day and weekday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M.; on several occasions they continued on until early the following morning. Only a foreman and an assistant are employed regularly.

The Wadsworth church members of Los Angeles, under the leadership of Elder A. E. Webb, have finally begun their expansion program. They have purchased a lot adjacent to their parking lot. The two houses on the property are being used temporarily by the Sabbath school and welfare departments until their new annex is built upon their present parking lot.

Elders R. W. Nelson, Oakland; H. A. Lindsey, of Pasadena; and W. E. Galbreth, of San Bernardino, joined together to arrange for a nature camp for the youth of their churches. The Yosemite Nature camp was slated for August 1-3 for Adventist youth between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five.

The Honorable Carl Sims, member of the Arizona State Legislature and our departmental representative on the Arizona Conference committee, lost his daughter, Dorothy Lee, by drowning in April. At the memorial services, in Phoenix, May 18, Elder Troy spoke words of comfort.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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 A. R. Carethers, Secretary-Treasurer
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Camp Meeting and Biennial Session

THE officers and constituency of the Southwest Region Conference were privileged to hold their camp meeting and first conference session on the beautiful campus of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas. The campus family and residents of the town were especially hospitable, and their kindnesses were greatly appreciated. The school made available every possible space for lodging, including the camp rooms in the administration building and the dining-room facilities.

Thirty family tents, three main pavilions, and a book tent were pitched this year. Previously there has only been room for one main pavilion on the campground. The pleasant rural surroundings added much to the enjoyment of those in attendance.

Camp meeting was held from June 5 through 14. The first Thursday night and Friday were given over to conference session. The president, secretary-treasurer, and departmental secretaries gave good accounts of the work under their administration during the past two years. It was easy to see that the hand of the Lord has been leading in the affairs of the conference during the biennial period. The president's report stated that 509 members had been added to the conference during the biennial period, 480 of these by baptism. The tithe amounted to \$200,903.40; gifts to foreign missions, \$103,250.86. We have had an unusual church improvement program during this period. Twenty of our forty-three churches have either built or bought new buildings, or made major improvements on their present structure. The conference has gone all out in giving assistance on these projects.

We must give much credit to Elder L. C. Evans, our newly elected union president, for the speed and efficiency with which the conference business was dispatched. The following leaders from the union: H. C. Kephart, treasurer; H. M. Burwell, home missionary secretary; and J. J. Strahle, publishing department secretary, gave valuable help at the session.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously adopted. It was as follows: W. W. Fordham, president; A. R. Carethers, secretary-treasurer; F. L. Jones, publishing secretary; L. R. Proctor, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary; L. Williams, Book and Bible House manager; C. C. Cunningham, Missionary Volunteer, temperance, and educational secretary.

Camp meeting proved a real benefit both spiritual and physical. Besides the leadership and counsel of

our local conference working force, we had the help and counsel of the following workers: Elder C. E. Moseley, associate secretary of the North American Colored Department of the General Conference; Elder Dunbar Henri, returned missionary from Liberia; Dr. Carl Dent, Riverside Sanitarium; Elder J. G. Dasent, pastor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, church; President F. L. Peterson, Dr. Eva B. Dykes, and Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, of Oakwood College. These visiting workers made real contributions to our camp meeting. Others who gave helpful assistance to the success of the meeting were Mr. Roy Johnson, Oklahoma Conference; Mr. Badger, Dallas businessman; and representatives of Southern Publishing Association and Loma Linda Foods.

As the Southwest Region Conference moves onward, we solicit your prayers for the continued guidance of God in all things.

C. C. CUNNINGHAM,
Educational and MV Secretary.

Reflections From the Field

● ELDER W. J. CLEVELAND has been located in Shreveport, Louisiana. Elder O. Dunn is now pastor of the Fort Worth, Texas, district. Pastor H. Pettway is pastoring the Muskogee, Oklahoma, district. Elder A. B. Humphrey is in charge of the Monroe, Louisiana, church and is also an assistant publishing secretary. Pastor J. C. Smith has taken the district 2 of the publishing department formerly manned by Pastor F. Jones. Pastor Smith and his family now reside in New Orleans. Pastor Van Runnels is pastor of the Marianna, Arkansas, district; but this summer he is leading out in an evangelistic effort in West Helena.

● A STRONG campaign is going forward in the Southwest Region Conference for an increase in souls during the summer months. Bible studies, hall and church meetings, and other means are being used to win souls. In addition to this several tent efforts are being held around the field. In Arkansas, Pastor Van

Runnels is working in West Helena. Pastor F. W. Parker is associate evangelist. In Louisiana, Elder J. E. Cox is holding an effort in New Orleans. Pastor Jesse Wagner is associate evangelist; Brother Milton Young, of Oakwood College, is singing evangelist. In Texas there are three efforts in progress. Elder T. M. Fountain is holding an effort in Tyler. Pastor C. R. Pritchett is associate evangelist. In Houston, Elder D. C. Batson is evangelist for the effort in progress there. Brethren Samuel Rollins, Gene Smith, and James Melancon are assisting him. In Austin, Elder J. H. Williams is holding an effort. Brother N. Evans is assisting him.

Each of these efforts is blessed with one or more Bible instructors. West Helena: Mrs. Runnels, Mrs. Parker, Miss Runnels; New Orleans: Mrs. McCluster, Miss Davis; Tyler: Mrs. Fountain, Mrs. Harden; Houston: Mrs. Batson, Mrs. Walker; Austin: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Eggleston.

We trust that God will bless each of these meetings with much fruit.

● AT the time of the South Atlantic camp meeting two of the successful young men were set apart to the work of the gospel ministry. They were Brethren L. E. Daniels, who has done successful evangelistic work in Anderson and Greenwood, South Carolina, and M. T. Battle, who was called to the home missionary and Sabbath school departments at the time of the conference session.

● RECENT changes made in the South Atlantic field placed W. S. Banfield in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; D. L. Crowder in Miami, Florida; M. Green in West Palm Beach, Florida; J. P. Winston in Savannah, Georgia; O. S. White in Columbus, Georgia; H. L. Cleveland in Valdosta, Georgia; and C. B. Rock in Augusta, Georgia.

● ON May 28 a daughter, Elaine Marvene, was added to the W. M. Starks family. Elder Starks is the pastor of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations, Elder and Mrs. Starks!

● MISS LAURA FLOYD SAVAGE and Sgt. George Thomas Merideth were united in holy matrimony on May 17, 1952, at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist church, Atlanta, Georgia. Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., officiated.

Evangelism in the Lake Charles, Louisiana, District

ON April 28, 1952, Sunday evening, the first meeting of a two-week hall effort was opened in Jennings, Louisiana, by Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Baker and a group of lay workers from the Lake Charles district. Elder W. W. Fordham, president of the Southwest Region Conference, presented the opening message. The Odd Fellow's Hall was packed to capacity, and it is believed that 150 or more were unable to enter the hall because of the large crowd. Elder Fordham's message met with a warm response, and was one long to be kept in memory.

It should be remembered that the meetings were to be continued each evening for two weeks; however, we discovered during the first week that the interest was of such that it would be impossible to close the meetings according to our schedule.

The Lord has promised to bring consecrated laymen into the battle of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. "In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will be educated in connection with men of experience. . . . Onward and still onward the work will advance until the whole earth shall have been warned, and then shall the end come."—*Testimonies* vol. 9, p. 96.

Those appointed to keep order outside of the building and the ushering staff were laymen from Jennings, Louisiana. The music was under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Baker. The pianist and other musical talent were supplied by laymen of Lake Charles. The Bible instructor was a lay sister from the Alexandria, Louisiana, church. Thus the evangelistic team were laymen of the district.

From the opening service until the close of the effort the attendance was very good. A prayer band was organized to pray for the success of the meetings. Nightly this group of faithful sisters continued in prayer throughout the services. They were richly rewarded for their effort.

To date, we are happy to report that we have baptized thirty-six souls, of which twenty-five were candidates from the Jennings effort. In the baptismal class there are six others from the effort that will soon go forward in baptism. Four additions have been made to the church by profession of faith, making a total of forty persons added to the church in the district since April, 1952. To God be the glory. Again the Lord has kept His promise to use consecrated laymen in the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

In Lake Charles a lovely church site was purchased July 1, 1952, and we are in process of purchasing a very desirable church home for our believers in Jennings.

L. B. BAKER,
District Pastor.

Providences in the Tyler, Texas, District

"BUT I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel." Phil. 1:12.

We may not always be able to justify methods consciously, but we can glorify the results of being of service to the Lord in any field. It is true, as God's messenger has said, "If we surrender ourselves to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 173.

The Southwest Region Conference camp meeting was held in our district. While in attendance at camp meeting, we met a young white man who was touring on the highway near our camp. This young man was from the State of Washington. He stopped to inquire what was going on; however, being somewhat disappointed because no one

noticed him, he was going to his car to leave the grounds when I saw him. I immediately approached him, and soon discovered that he was really seeking for God and pardoning grace. We invited him to stay for the evening service, which he consented to do. In the meantime we spent several hours with him answering questions regarding the belief and practice of Seventh-day Adventists and principles of Christian living. Elder C. E. Moseley spoke at the evening service at which time this young man surrendered his heart to God. The following is a portion of a letter received from him recently. We quote:

"DEAR CHRISTIAN,

"The pleasure of meeting you was truly a miraculous happening. However, the Lord always provides encouragement and comfort when it is needed. You were His instrument; and I thank you for being ready. . . .

"Thank you for your blessing, and may the Lord be with you in Texas and let you have the joy of bringing many to the truth."

Our work here in Tyler is onward. Appreciative crowds are attending our meetings. Tuesday night, July 15, more than four hundred were present. Special invitations were sent to schoolteachers, ministers, and other professional citizens. As results more than thirty-five of these were present. Five of the leading ministers of the city have attended the effort. I have been asked to be guest speaker at the Men's Day program at a Sunday eleven o'clock service.

Substantial Ingathering donations have been given by outstanding white citizens who heretofore have scarcely known anything about our work and who never before made a contribution.

There is an increasing interest in our tent effort. The enemy is not asleep, but with confidence in God we will succeed.

Please join us in praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a harvest of souls.

T. M. FOUNTAIN,
District Leader.

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Glenville Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

OUR former pastor, Elder J. H. Laurence, has recently left Cleveland to accept a call to the Washington Conference for pastoral work in Seattle. During his pastorate here our church has been greatly blessed of God. When Elder Laurence first came to Cleveland we were worshipping at the Cedar Avenue church. The congregation was small, and there was a large debt on the building. His first sermon was on the importance of tithe paying. He admonished, "Be faithful in tithe paying, and the Lord will pour out a blessing." This has been realized, for during his leadership, which began in 1942, he has baptized nearly 500 believers. He found a membership of 189 in 1942, and left a membership of 571.

With the increase of membership a larger building was needed. The



Glenville Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

church rallied, and under Elder Laurence's leadership the present beautiful edifice, known as the Glenville Seventh-day Adventist church, was purchased. This church is at 737 East 105th Street in one of the most popular districts of Cleveland. The purchase price was sixty-nine thousand dollars, which includes the parsonage and adjoining lot used for a playground for the church school.

Miss Mae Laurence is principal of the school, which has an enrollment of eighty-four pupils. Associated with her are three other teachers.

During Elder Laurence's years of service in Cleveland every organization of the church has made progress. He was always ready and willing to give spiritual counsel to those in need. He has made many friends, not only in the membership, but among those not of our faith. His weekly radio broadcast, augmented by a choir of forty voices, has created quite an interest and has accomplished much good. His tenth anniversary as pastor of our church was celebrated in Fellowship Hall of the Glenville church at which time the church gave a farewell party in his honor and presented serviceable gifts.

It is our prayer that God's choicest blessing may follow Elder

Laurence and his family, and that the same degree of success may follow him in his new field of labor in Seattle, Washington.

EVA F. GARLAND,
Church Reporter.

Allegheny Closes Camp

HUSHED are the singing, prayers, and special messages that have been heard for ten days at the Allegheny camp meeting.

The crowds, which reached a peak of four thousand, have returned to their homes. Many came from Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Special guests were present from the South Atlantic, Southwestern, South Central, Northeastern, Lake Region, Quebec, and Ontario conferences. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myers, from Toronto, Canada, were very expressive concerning the improvements that had been made since their last visit to Pine Forge. Mrs. Myers is the former Florine Langford who was secretary to the treasurer.

President Wagner and his entire staff of officers were returned to office for the next two years.

A. V. PINKNEY in
Columbia Union Visitor.



Elder J. H. Laurence

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Newspaper Editorial Lauds Seventh-day Adventists

THIS editorial by a non-Adventist newspaperman appeared in the June 28 edition of the *Florida Sentinel*:

"WHAT we consider one of the best camps we have ever seen is owned and operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Located on the regular highway between Hawthorne and Palatka it contains forty acres overlooking a large lake.

"Last week and for some days before, the Adventist church held its annual encampment. Thousands were housed in tents in typical military style with military efficiency.

"Members of the church, belonging to the South Atlantic Conference, came from Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. There were children as well as adults, and all of them seemed well mannered and bent on the purpose for which they gathered.

"Combining recreation with religious training, the thousands, using modern eating and sanitary facilities, gave a demonstration of what an organized body can do when it is well directed by competent leadership and devoted followership.

"We were told that most of the work of setting up the camp and of providing the many facilities was done by the elders of the church. We met several of them and nowhere have we talked with men more devoted to their work and desirous of an opportunity to serve.

"We were impressed with the precision with which the camp was operated, the methodical way hundreds of cars were moved without traffic jams. We were told that this great multitude was fed with the same precision.

"The *Sentinel* favors no special denomination or sect. We think all religious groups serve a useful purpose. We knock none; instead, we praise any group which renders fine

service. In this spirit we pay tribute to the Seventh Day Adventist Church and congratulate them for the splendid camp which offers many opportunities for excellent development.

"We think the leaders of this church fully comprehend the opportunities which this outstanding site offers, and plan to take full advantage of them.

"Congratulations, Seventh Day Adventists. May the example you have set be followed by others who wish to offer spiritual training combined with supervised recreation."

—Submitted by

N. G. Simons.

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Jottings From the South Central Conference

IN the Southern Union there is a layman by the name of Robert Seard, Sr., who is a house mover and filling station operator by vocation but soul winner by avocation. B. H. Ewing, home missionary secretary of the South Central Conference, writes: "His main project is radio work. Every Sunday morning he broadcasts some phase of the message for thirty minutes over the local radio station. He has been doing this for about two years. He has no radio band to work with him. He conducts the services alone. He uses beautifully transcribed music. By the skillful way he combines this with his sermons he commands the interest of thousands. One is impressed with his delivery, the accuracy of his presentation, and the earnestness of the speaker. The results speak for themselves. A church of twenty-three has been raised up in Mississippi largely through the influence of Brother Seard's radio lectures."

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HELPING someone else is the secret to happiness.—BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Holy Spirit Upon All Flesh

MORE than ever before our people are seeking for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many times we read Acts 2:17: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." But how often in our thinking we unwittingly insert a word that limits the Lord's promise! How easy it is to make it read, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all Adventist flesh."

In recent weeks responses to the Faith for Today telecast indicate that the promised outpouring is becoming a reality. A man writes: "Now I have found God and Christ and know them from the bottom of my heart. I would like to be baptized into the church. How could I go about this?"

Another viewer reports: "I kept putting off giving my life to Jesus, tobacco being the main problem. But, thank God, He has helped me to stop smoking, and I was baptized last Sabbath."

And a Baptist reveals his new conviction: "I have been observing your programs for some weeks now, and though I am a Baptist I am very strongly attracted to your faith."

The tithing film has been repeated for summer programs, and some remarkable letters are coming in again in response to this subject. Only the Spirit of God can press home doctrinal truths with such results: "Just saw one of your films, and although I am an Episcopalian, I believe in tithing as you suggested. However, my wife interprets things differently and questions what I give. But I will bide my time, and God will answer my prayers. I want to do so much. My business has prospered far beyond my expectations. I want to donate a year's income."

Surely the following letter is evidence beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Holy Spirit can and will use a Christ-centered presentation of doctrine to regenerate hearts: "Enclosed find money order \$150, which I have saved since se-

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The Advent Revival Was A Lay Preacher's Movement

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BY HENRY F. BROWN, Associate Secretary, Home Missionary Department, General Conference

"I arranged meetings with my young friends, some of whom were considerably older than myself, and a few were married persons. A number of them were vain and thoughtless; my experience sounded to them like an idle tale, and they did not heed my entreaties. But I determined that my efforts should never cease till these dear souls, for whom I had so great an interest, yielded to God. Several entire nights were spent by me in earnest prayer for those whom I had sought out and brought together for the purpose of laboring and praying with them. Some of these had met with us from curiosity to hear what I had to say; others thought me beside myself to be so persistent in my efforts, especially when they manifested no concern on their own part. But at every one of our little meetings I continued to exhort and pray for each one separately, until every one had yielded to Jesus, acknowledging the merits of His pardoning love. Every one was converted to God. Night after night in my dreams I seemed to be laboring for the salvation of souls. At such times special cases were presented to my mind; these I afterward sought out and prayed with. In every instance but one these persons yielded themselves to the Lord. Some of our more formal brethren feared that I was too zealous for the conversion of souls; but time seemed to me so short that it behooved all who had a hope of a blessed immortality and looked for the soon coming of Christ, to labor without ceasing for those who were still in their sins and standing on the awful brink of ruin."—*Christian Experience and Teachings*, pp. 33, 34.

The Advent revival was so largely lay preachers' movement that people were influenced to reject it for its lack of clerical leadership. "The

fact that the message was, to a great extent, preached by laymen, was urged as an argument against it."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 380. This was seen again in the experience known as the midnight cry when a renewal of lay preaching was seen. "It was not the most talented, but the most humble and devoted, who were the first to hear and obey the call. Farmers left their crops standing in the fields, mechanics laid down their tools, and with tears and rejoicing went out to give the warning."—*Ibid.*, p. 402.

In this first angel's message, then, we see a worldwide work accomplished without organization, with little trained assistance by clergymen, by an enthusiastic company of convinced, Spirit-filled laymen.

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Evangelistic News

ELDER F. L. BLAND, president of the Central States Conference, announces that the conference is now sponsoring two full-time evangelistic teams.

Elder John G. Thomas, formerly of the Southern Union Conference, is taking the lead with one of the evangelistic teams and is doing an aggressive work. Elder Thomas just recently closed an outstanding effort in Wichita, Kansas. Twenty-five souls have been baptized as a result of these meetings, and Pastor V. M. Barnes is continuing the work in Wichita, where we believe additional souls will be won. Mrs. J. J. Bentley, of Kentucky, was associated with Elder Thomas in this Wichita meeting. Since the close of this effort Elder Thomas has moved his company to Denver, Colorado, where he has pitched his tent and is now engaged in a large effort in the beautiful city of Denver. Elder Xavier Butler and Mrs. M. M. Fitch are associated with Elder Thomas in this meeting.

On June 22 Elder Charles E.

Bradford arrived in Kansas City from Dallas, Texas. Elder Bradford has recently accepted a call to serve the Central States as conference evangelist. At the present time his tent is pitched in Kansas City, Missouri. The meetings opened Sunday night, July 6. Elder D. B. Reid, pastor of the Kansas City, Missouri, church; Elder R. L. Woodfork, pastor of the Kansas City, Kansas, church; Mr. Leland Mitchell, Miss Ruth Williams, and Mrs. J. J. Bentley are associated with Evangelist Bradford in this all-out crusade for Christ.

Elder L. J. Pryor, pastor of the St. Louis, Missouri, church is sponsoring an evangelistic meeting in Kinlock, Missouri. Mr. Arthur Lee Knight and Mr. Robert E. White are associated with him in this crusade for God.

We are happy to welcome to our office force Mrs. Muriel R. Hutchins, formerly of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a recent graduate of Oakwood College. Mrs. Hutchins is serving as the president's secretary. Also we are pleased to have associated with us for the summer Mr. S. A. Hutchins, who is doing an aggressive work in placing the truth-filled literature in the homes of people in Kansas City, Missouri.

During the month of June we conducted baptismal services in nearly every church in the Central States territory.

The work is onward in the Central States. We are thankful to God for His blessings to us.

We Met With God

BY EDNA ATKIN PEPPER

We met with God in a holy place,
A chapel of scented pine;
We caught a glimpse of His veiled face,
His Spirit of love divine.

The air of heaven was brimmed with song;
Melodious choirs praised;
In a place apart from a world astray
Our reverent hymn we raised.

We met with God in a holy place
Of forest, river, and bloom.
Our prayers were heard with the song
of bird
In heaven's radiant room!

Experiences in the Haitian Mission

By J. ERNEST EDWARDS

Associate Secretary, Home Missionary Department

WHEN Pastor Matthieu Bermingham, the leader of thirteen churches and companies in Haiti, was asked concerning the membership of his district, he said, "I cannot tell you the membership now because since I have come to this meeting new companies have sprung up and new Sabbath schools have been organized. When I left last week we had twelve hundred members. Now there are doubtless one hundred new Sabbathkeepers, so I cannot tell you exactly how many Sabbathkeepers or Sabbath school members we have at the present."

The Violin Teacher's Influence

Madam Servilus Toussaints, wife of a Baptist lay preacher in Haiti, asked Brother Luis to give her violin lessons. Each time he instructed her he also gave her a Bible study. She was a very active church worker and served as the leader of the Baptist young people. When she learned the Sabbath truth, she was under such conviction that she talked to her husband and explained to him that the seventh day was the Sabbath. He was not able to answer her arguments, but he went to Brother Luis and told him to discontinue the Bible studies because they were hindering him in his business. He was a speculator in coffee and cotton, and his largest business came on Saturday. His wife was constantly talking to him about his transgression of God's law as he weighed coffee and cotton on Sabbath. The woman continued her violin lessons, and when Brother Luis refrained from giving her a Bible study, she demanded that he do so or she would not continue the violin lessons.

Then her angered husband persecuted her, knocking her down and beating her into unconsciousness. When there was no change in his wife he went to Brother Luis and threatened to kill him, and told him that if he ever found him out on the street at night his life would

be taken. In his mind he determined to murder Brother Luis on a certain day. On that very day he was stricken with paralysis and was compelled to stay in bed a whole month.

During his illness his wife wrote a letter to the Seventh-day Adventist church saying that she had finally decided that she desired baptism and wanted to be counted as one of their number. As soon as she had taken her stand and informed her husband of her decision, he began to recover.

When he gave up his Baptist affiliation he called Brother Luis and confessed his evil plan to murder him on a certain day. He earnestly sought his forgiveness and related a dream in which his wife was accompanied by a white man who baptized her. When asked in the dream who this man was, his wife answered, "God has sent an angel to protect me." When his wife was baptized the husband was startled to recognize that the visiting minister who was performing the rite was the white man, the very man, he had seen in his dream—Elder Julien Craan. He welcomed him to his home and has requested Bible studies and baptism.

Now this man consults Brother Luis concerning all his business dealings and will not make any decision until he has sought the counsel of this man of God.

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Nothing to Sell to God's Man

Tellus Metelus, from Gros-Morne (big mountain), Haiti, a commission coffee broker, received money from a merchant to buy coffee from the various plantations. Each week for four months our brother would buy coffee for the merchant, keeping account of the advances and expenditures for settlement at the end of the season. According to the merchant's instruction, the Adventist broker was buying a great deal of coffee. Knowing that he would have a large commission, the Seventh-day

Adventist lay worker was spending his coming commission in the purchase of land for a Seventh-day Adventist church and building supplies including stones and lumber. He had promised that he would consecrate all the benefits from his commission to the church. But at the end of the coffee season when he made out his account, he found that he had overspent his commission by three hundred dollars. He endeavored to buy more coffee to make up this three hundred dollar deficit, but the season was over and no coffee could be procured. He had already used his commission to purchase the church property and the material for building. He now was without funds to pay back the three hundred dollars he had overspent. Everyone in that town knew the Seventh-day Adventist leader. His influence was widespread. Thinking of this, he did not want to be haled in the court as a man who had misused a trust, so he decided that he would turn over his own home to the merchant to pay the three hundred dollar debt.

His entire family sadly piled up the furniture preparatory to moving on Monday morning. When the district leader visited him on Friday he noticed his evident discouragement. He inquired, "What is the trouble?"

Our self-sacrificing brother exclaimed, "We are losing our house." When the district leader learned the reason for this crisis, they prayed together seeking God's guidance. The Seventh-day Adventist layman was impressed that he should go to the merchant, assuring him that he would pay him back all the money during the next coffee season. However, the merchant was not willing to wait, and demanded his money immediately. In the partly built church that Sabbath all our members prayed that God, who owns all the gold and silver and the crown upon a thousand hills, might intervene for this faithful brother who

had only the interest of the work of God at heart. God, who knew the self-sacrificing spirit of this man, heard these petitions. When the Sabbath ended, the merchant came to our brother's house and told him that he could not accept his money "because," he said, "if you love God so much that you are willing to put all your profits into His church, I should love God more because I have gotten more from Him. So I am going to forgive you for the entire debt!"

When the Adventist temple was finished and presented to the mission, the committee sent our brother \$150 as a token of appreciation and to help him in his missionary work. That season our brother had a good harvest of sugar cane and cotton. He used the money given him by the mission to pay for the harvesting and transporting of it to the mill, but he had no money left to pay the processing of the sugar cane.

The coffee merchant was also owner of the only mill that processed the sugar cane. When our brother explained that he needed two big boilers in order to boil down the sugar cane and asked whether he would accept one hundred dollars and allow him to work off the remaining two hundred dollars so that he could process the sugar, the man answered, "You are a man of God. I have nothing to sell to a man of God. I will give them to you free!"

The church elder said, "Think of it! God has given us a church, which is all paid for. The money that was given to us from the mission has now been multiplied many-fold, so we can have a church school. It hasn't cost us anything to have our sugar cane processed, and now we have money for an effort and missionary work!"

How assuring to know that as we trust in God and go forward in doing His will that God will reward our faith.

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LET every dawn of morning be to us as the beginning of life.—JOHN RUSKIN.

Visiting Our Work in Haiti and Jamaica

BY NORMAN G. SIMONS

It was our privilege recently to spend two inspiring weeks in Haiti and Jamaica, and to note with astonishment and pride the remarkable gains being made for the cross of Christ. My wife and I boarded a Pan American Airways plane at Miami, Florida, about seven o'clock Monday morning, February 11. Approximately three and a half hours later our plane settled comfortably in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, the Black Republic. We had spent but a few moments in beginning the work of clearing our baggage at customs and checking with immigration officials, all of whom were extremely courteous, when Elder Andre G. Roth, director of the Adventist seminary, came for us.

During our short stay of five days we lived at the Excelsior Hotel. One of our concerns before going there was the matter of our meals, and consequently we approached our first meal with trepidation. Our fears were unfounded, however. Meals were served in French style, and in Haiti you will find the French influence everywhere you turn. This is a sample of a day's meals at the Excelsior Hotel:

Breakfast

2 eggs (your style) cheese
hot chocolate
beautiful golden-brown bread in little
baskets covered with spotless napkins
bananas

Dinner

baked beans in tomato sauce
vegetable dish of cabbage, carrots,
and potatoes
tossed salad of lettuce and tomatoes
rice and gravy
tarts
milk

Supper

vegetable soup
egg soufflé shredded green beans
steak lettuce and tomato salad
chilled chocolate pudding

In our few days there we fell in love with the cuisine and friendliness of the people of Haiti. Three meals a day and a lovely upstairs

room with a little balcony and huge French doors that reached from the floor to the ceiling cost the two of us six dollars a day. The winter temperature is well-nigh a perfect one, averaging 78° F. in the day and night.

As you approach the islands of the Caribbean from the air, each one gives the appearance of an exquisite tropical jewel of verdure bordered by gleaming white sands and set in the deep clear-blue water of the Caribbean.

Port-au-Prince is an odd city that combines the twentieth-century world and the past of Haiti. It is a rare blending of poverty and affluence. Port-au-Prince sits in a U-shaped harbor, backed by towering mountain ranges. Many of its wealthy inhabitants have built their homes high on the sides of the mountains where even in the extreme heat of the summer they keep comfortably cool from the trade winds.

We have in Haiti nearly nine thousand loyal Seventh-day Adventist members. That they are taking advantage of their opportunity for evangelism and growth is evidenced in the fact that they have more than thirteen thousand Sabbath school members. The morning after we arrived in Haiti, Elder Ernest Veuthey, president of the Haitian Mission, came by our little flower-covered hotel and took us through the winding, picturesque streets of Port-au-Prince, out through the broad avenues of the exposition grounds, and up the mountainside to our Adventist Seminary of Haiti, where we found fifty fine, eager students who are receiving training to fit them for places of service in the future of Haiti. They told me that it costs the average student from twenty-two to twenty-seven dollars a month to attend the seminary. At present a boys' dormitory is in the process of construction. President Roth told us that approxi-

mately four thousand dollars of the Ingathering money from the churches in North America had gone into the construction of this building.

The Haitian Mission has 120 churches, 37 conference workers, 27 church schools, and 40 teachers. Church school teachers are paid on the average of thirty dollars a month. At the woodshop of the seminary we found the talented young men turning out beautiful pieces of furniture from the native woods, especially mahogany, and out in the yard already packaged for boat shipment were enormous crates of furniture bearing an address in Atlanta, Georgia.

On Thursday evening we gathered with some four hundred laymen and church officials for a laymen's rally conducted by Elder J. E. Edwards, Elder W. A. Wild, and Elder Veuthey. Adventists are firmly established in the island, and their crying need is for funds with which to employ men—trained native workers to carry the gospel to their own people.

We spent as much time as possible visiting the quaint native shops where all types of handicraft are turned out before your eyes. It was amazing to watch the natives take a crude block of mahogany, and with the most rudimentary tools gradually shape exquisitely carved statuettes, bowls, trays, and ornaments for sale to the tourist. The Haitian seems to have a well-developed art instinct, for we found that these little shops virtually littered the city. For the first day I carried three cameras through the crowded streets, but somewhere that first day I learned that the minimum wage in Haiti is seventy cents a day, and the next day I had additional help.

We found especially interesting a visit to Le Centre D'Art. There, under the encouragement of its founder, DeWitt Peters, an American art connoisseur, the young Haitian painters are given an outlet for their talent. Haitian primitive paintings are in great demand there; and while in Haiti we met several American artists on extended visits,

A Special Offering for Riverside Sanitarium

This year the Riverside Day offering will be taken, Sabbath, August 30. The cooperation of each member is earnestly solicited. Let us not fail in strengthening the medical work for our own people, which God has placed in our hands at this time. Remember, as our work expands there will be calls for means.

Brethren and sisters, let us not forget our own medical institution.

GEORGE E. PETERS.

giving special study to the Haitian art renaissance and art forms.

Early in the morning we witnessed an event that characterizes the average Haitian's love for his country. About seven o'clock several battalions of soldiers began drilling on the giant parade ground that is bordered by government buildings, the president's home, and several of the embassies. About five minutes of eight the soldiers fall into rank; and in the distance there come the strains of the Haitian national anthem, and slowly the flags of the republic are raised on the principal buildings of the city. It is an electrifying moment; all traffic comes to a standstill; men pile out of taxis; women bearing the heavy baskets on their heads stop; everyone comes to a respectful salute—the whole concourse of humanity is still for a moment—then it is over and once again the flow of human traffic resumes.

It was with distinct reluctance that we boarded the plane on Friday for the shorter hour-and-a-half flight to Jamaica. For a while we skirted Haiti, and directly beneath us were the giant sisal plantations, and because of the limited tillable areas the plantations clothe the mountains themselves. In a few moments the captain passed back a note stating that our twin-motored Pan American plane was doing 280 miles per hour, and was flying at

ten thousand-foot altitude. Directly in front of us was a little pocket to hold magazines on the back of the seat, and inside the pocket was a little compartment labeled "life vest." I took mine out and read the instructions for inflating, and the passing thought came to me that if our plane should fall from its present altitude, we would not be able to use a life vest.

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ing your program in February, pertaining to the tithe. My wife and I enjoy your program, with the singing and the music very much." Then this hither-to worldly man explains how he accumulated his offering: "After seeing your tithing program I got a cigar box and started putting aside money for your program, and that is how the money accumulated. I intend to continue this plan, because I have just as much as I would have had, plus the satisfaction of doing right. The things I have been doing all my life I am losing interest in: smoking, drinking, horse racing, and so forth. I am in earnest, and I want to forget the life I have lived and want to become a good man who will be acceptable to God. I beg of you your prayers."

Fellow believers, is it asking too much of you to join in a fervent prayer for this man? Your offerings have made the television work possible. The Faith for Today staff are doing their utmost to present the truth in the most appealing way possible. The Spirit of God is using this new medium to impress even the most irreligious hearts. Shall we not press forward united in a tremendous surge of effort to bring the message over the airwaves to every possible viewer? Then as we prepare our hearts for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we can realize that we are having a part in preparing the way for God's Spirit to be poured out upon all flesh.

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