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## Oakwood College Fund

By E. E. CLEVELAND

OAKWOOD COLLEGE, five miles out of peaceful Huntsville, Alabama, has been a Mecca for Adventist youth seeking preparation for Christian service. Through its hallowed doors has passed the present leadership of our Regional work in North America, as have many who are manning mission posts on foreign soil. Doctors, teachers, nurses, ministers, mechanics, businessmen, and farmers have walked its campus and graduated from its courses. Hundreds have been baptized into the faith, influenced in the main by the religious atmosphere that pervades the classroom and chapel service. Regulated recreational programs, supervised social contact, flesh-free diet, and required attendance at devotional services have no negative effect on the lively campus atmosphere.

The entire campus has undergone a face lifting that makes the place barely recognizable to the old-timers. Faculty efficiency is at its highest plateau since the founding of the school. Students are provided with work as a means of partial defrayment of expenses. This is but a capsule view of what Oakwood College is doing. Greater still is the challenge of expansion.

The school needs us now more than ever. It is on the threshold of accreditation. There are higher academic standards to be reached, new buildings to be erected, and more modern equipment to be purchased. Regular tuition, appropriations, and

foundational grants cannot meet this need. The only hope for survival lies in liberal donations from interested individuals.

It will be our privilege on August 31 to express our appreciation for Oakwood in a tangible way.

Many people of means, who do not have children of their own at the school, contribute because of their belief in Christian education. They believe that training youth in Christian schools is the only hope for bettering our world. They properly regard the youth of the church as their own responsibility. Corporate giving in the Oakwood offering will make possible the education of the young and guarantee the survival of the institution.

## Camp Meetings

By C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

FOUR great Regional camp meetings are history now! These camps are: *Southwest Region*, situated on a knoll overlooking the broad reaches about Winona and Hawkins in East Texas, which convened May 30-June 8; *South Atlantic*, nestling beneath great moss-draped oaks and between two cooling lakes in the sands of central Florida, June 7-15; *Allegheny*, upon and beneath the iron-mined hills of Pine Forge in East Pennsylvania; and *Northeastern*, at the Victory Lake grounds in the forests of near up-State New York. These latter camps ran concurrently June 27-July 7.

Each of these camps attracted rec-

ord audiences on weekends, but what was more encouraging, each enjoyed the largest assembly of campers to tax the facilities during the weekdays.

The camps were operated with superb care and facility and evidenced remarkable organizational skill in every detail, thanks to the presidents and their planners.

Campers and supervisors beamed with cheer and good will, and attendance at the closely convening services was the best ever. It was to be expected that with a cheerful and eager audience responding, and sometimes with verbal animation, coupled with spirited and spirit-filled preaching, the tone of the camps was warm and ardent. Expressions like "The best camp ever," "The best preaching I've ever heard since coming to camp meeting," "The Lord surely visited us today," and "If I could only keep this spirit until the Lord comes," tell eloquently what good these meetings have done for those in attendance.

Evangelistic and Sabbath school workshops; laymen, youth, and colporteur rallies; Dorcas-welfare and junior craft displays; Book and Bible house bargains; baptisms; ordinations; and soul-saving evangelistic preaching were in evidence at each camp.

The General and union conference guests at these camps provided excellent counsel and instruction in numerous of the daily meetings, and their messages contributed richly to the spiritual tone of the believers encamped. Among the guests were Elders F. L. Peterson, E. E. Cleve-

land and the writer, who both shared and enjoyed the wonderful blessings and fellowship of those camps.

1957 will be remembered as one of the very best camp meeting years of them all!



Elder and Mrs. Lucius E. Daniels and their sons.

### Another Missionary Family Sails

ON July 24 Elder and Mrs. Lucius Daniels and their two boys, Lucius, Jr., and Arthur, left New York on the S.S. *Waterman* for Liberia, West Africa. Brother Daniels has been called to fill the position of treasurer of the Liberian Mission, made vacant when Brother Richard Simons was called to the secretary-treasurership of the East Nigerian Mission.

Elder Daniels is a graduate from Oakwood College and has been doing an aggressive work as an evangelist and pastor in the South Atlantic Conference.

As we give to missions, let us pray for the missionaries, that their lives and health may be precious in God's sight and that their labor of love might be abundantly fruitful.

### Spot News

★ AMONG those graduating from Howard University on June 7 were four Seventh-day Adventist young men. Leroy Bookhart, Calvin Graham, and Neville Ottley received degrees from the School of Medicine, while Theodore Fortier received a degree from the School of Dentistry.

Mrs. Mae Justiss, wife of the pastor of Ephesus church, has com-

pleted the requirements for a Master of Arts degree. She was the recipient of a fellowship.

★ GEORGIA LASTER, Seventh-day Adventist vocalist who has appeared with Portland's Little Chamber Orchestra during its recent European tour, also appeared at the Portland Civic Auditorium Monday night, July 22.

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### ALLEGHENY

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### Testimonial for Pittsburgh Doctor

A VERY impressive testimonial and farewell reception was held Saturday evening, April 27, at the Centre Avenue YMCA in honor of Dr. Lottie Blake, who moved to Columbus, Ohio, after having practiced for twenty-two years in Pittsburgh as a successful physician.

Among the many guests present to testify of Dr. Blake's loyal and devoted service as a mother, church member, doctor, and friend were Dr. Katherine Blake, her daughter, from New York; Tommy Blake, her son, of Philadelphia; Mr. Abel, a North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company representative; Attorney Coleman Harrison and his wife; Dr. Samuel Johnson, a dentist; Mr. and Mrs. Cooley of the Pittsburgh church; and Dennis Mosby, Sr., of Karns City, Pennsylvania.

The program, conducted in a This-Is-Your-Life manner, revealed many interesting and thrilling facts about Dr. Blake's experiences through the years. Telegrams from Elder George E. Peters and the Brantley family of Oakwood College were read.

The Ethan Temple church is very grateful for Dr. Blake's years of service to the church. We wish her God's richest blessing.

LOUISE E. DAVIS  
Press Secretary

### Youth Federation Meeting in Cincinnati

FROM eighteen churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia came young people and adults to attend the Western States Federation meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Shiloh church, on April 6.

Before an overflowing audience of seven hundred, Thomas M. Kelly, singing evangelist of Fort Wayne, Indiana, challenged in his sermon, "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?" This thought-provoking question formed the theme of the Federation meeting. The youth choir of Cleveland, under the direction of Charles Terrell, provided the music for the morning services. Elder A. V. Pinkney, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Allegheny Conference, gave a response to the challenging sermon.

After the inspirational services the young people formed MV bands and visited rest homes and hospitals, bringing hope, courage, and cheer in sermon and song to shut-ins.

Hosts for the April 6 meeting were St. Clair Phipps, youth leader; Elder R. W. Newman of the Cincinnati church; Burrell Scott, Federation president, of Oberlin, Ohio; and Elder A. V. Pinkney, conference MV secretary.

Extensive plans are being made by Federation officers and MV leaders for the next Federation meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

F. H. VALENTINE  
Press Secretary

### News Notes

★ ELER CHARLES D. BROOKS, Camden, New Jersey, baptized 26 persons and ordained deacons and a local elder before taking up his new duties at Columbus, Ohio. Among those baptized was the pastor's brother, Elliott Brooks. The pastor was assisted in the ordination by Elder G. E. Peters of Philadelphia.

★ ELDER MILTON THOMAS, formerly of Columbus, is now in Camden, New Jersey.

★ THE beautiful new swimming pool at Pine Forge Institute is com-

pleted and will be ready for use during the summer camp period.

★ PASTOR J. A. WASHINGTON, while engaged in Ingathering solicitation, approached a very wealthy businessman. In the conversation which followed, this gentleman said that his interest was in camps, and he paid the full fee of four campers for the summer camp. The wise pastor, with counsel, selected three young people from the church and one from the community.

★ PINE FORGE INSTITUTE has attained its first Minute Man goal, with Elder Edward Dorsey as pastor and Elder D. B. Simons as home missionary secretary. The Pine Forge church school has also gone over the top. Mrs. Lillian Pinkney is the principal and Mrs. Glennie Ford, assistant.

★ ELDER L. R. PRESTON reports that his young people have distributed 1,000 Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence lessons in the Jersey City area in preparation for his tent effort this summer. Four persons have been baptized as a result of the evangelistic effort held in Englewood by three young men of his church there.

★ ELDER W. A. THOMPSON of Baltimore has a strong interest in Annapolis, Maryland. The young people are working very ably with him in this outpost. Two persons already have taken their stand.

★ PRESIDENT W. L. CHEATHAM said there will be 12 evangelistic efforts held in the Allegheny Conference this summer. Allegheny prays and works for 1,000 souls this year.

★ ON Sunday afternoon, June 2, Marian Elizabeth Stafford was married to James Edwards in a solemn and beautiful ceremony performed in the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stafford, 1514 Varnum Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Edwards has taught church school in New York, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at Union Academy in Washington, D.C. Mr. Edwards is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Her many former pupils and all who know them wish this couple a long and happy life together.



Ministers ordained at the Allegheny camp meeting. Seated is Alonzo S. Wagner. Standing, left to right: J. E. Farrow, James Thomas, and J. J. Johnson.

### Alyne Dumas Lee Guest Soloist at Sligo Church

MRS. ALYNE DUMAS LEE was guest soloist when the Theological Seminary Oratorio Society presented *The Elijah* in the Sligo church in Washington, D.C., on Sabbath afternoon, May 18. The 150-voice chorus was accompanied by a full orchestra.

The auditorium of the church was filled to capacity with those who were deeply moved by the magnificent performance of this accomplished artist.

A reception was given in her honor on Saturday evening.

month of March that goal was reached. The conference committee met in St. Joseph and decided to go forward with the building program. We are truly grateful to Elders Bland and Sautler and to the conference committee for the wonderful part they have played in helping to make our dream a reality.

Unlike the children of Israel, we march around the building day after day, not to see the walls fall, but to give praise and gratitude as we watch the walls tower heavenward.

The building is beautiful. It has far surpassed our fondest dream. To God we give glory and adoration for what He has made possible. We are appreciative of the very fine work that Elder Jones is doing for us. Elder Craig and Brother Bell seem happy to have a part in making the work go forward.

We have another milestone to reach, but realizing how God has led us in the past, we are looking forward with faith. It is our prayer that we will not just have a beautiful building, but that it will be a soul-saving station, where many who are now groping in darkness may find the glorious light of truth. Again we say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

ALICE LEONARD, *Press Secretary*

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### New Church Building in St. Joseph

DURING the months that have just passed the members of the Emmanuel church of St. Joseph, Missouri, have been busy working toward a financial goal to make our dream of a new church come true. In the

## News Notes

★ ON a recent Sabbath three persons were baptized at Wichita, Kansas, where L. B. Mitchell is pastor.

★ IN the latter part of June Elders F. L. Bland and H. T. Saulter made an inspection tour through the new church building in St. Joseph, Missouri. The building is about 90 per cent complete. The new church furniture is scheduled to be installed sometime during August.

★ SABBATH, May 25, was a high day in Beth Haven church, Denver, Colorado, when 11 persons were baptized. Five more souls joined the baptismal class.

Among those baptized is a very fine gentleman whose mother has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for over 50 years. She is now sleeping in Jesus, but the life she lived before her son left such an impression on him that he decided to follow in his mother's footsteps, and so gave his heart to God.

### LAKE REGION

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### Changes in Teaching Personnel

MRS. IDA JOHNSON, principal of the Shiloh school, and her husband, science teacher, have accepted a call to Konola, Liberia, West Africa. The new principal of the Shiloh school is Mr. Charles Gray, of Indianapolis, Indiana, a man of more than nineteen years' experience. We wish God's blessings on Brother and Sister Johnson as they prepare to leave for the mission field to do their part in finishing God's work in the world.

Carlyle Miller, principal of the Sharon school in Inkster, Michigan, has taken a year's leave from his responsibilities to do advance work at the University of Michigan. Brother Miller will be replaced by Simon Johnson, a graduate of the Theological Seminary in Washington,

D.C., who had minored in education at Oakwood College.

J. E. ROACHE, *Superintendent  
Department of Education*

### Baptisms in the Conference

SABBATH, May 18, was a high day at our East St. Louis church. Pastor John Wright had arranged for a baptismal service to be conducted at the close of the morning preaching hour. The church was nearly filled with those who had come to worship and to witness the baptism. Several visitors were present. Eight persons were baptized. Two very fine musical selections were given by the Young People's Choral Group. The church leaders pledged In-gathering victory by the next Sabbath. Pastor Wright is giving good leadership to his district.

Elder F. N. Crowe baptized three persons for Pastor Wright at Peoria, Illinois, on March 16, and led out in organizing the new church at Peoria.

Elder T. M. Rowe baptized fourteen souls for Pastor Earl Moore of the Ecorse, Michigan, church on April 6. Pastor Moore is conducting evangelistic meetings in the Ecorse church each Sunday evening with a good attendance.

H. W. KIBBLE

### PACIFIC UNION

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### Tucson Sharon Church

WE WISH you could have seen the expressions of joy on the faces of the members of the Tucson Sharon church when on Sabbath, June 15, we had our first service in our church auditorium. This was the fruition of a dream to which the members had looked forward for more than twenty years.

The Pacific Union was represented by W. S. Lee, Regional department secretary. G. H. Rustad, president of the Arizona Conference, delivered the noon-hour message.

Each night during the week many of the Protestant pastors along with their congregations joined with us for the week's program.

We would like to thank our conference, along with everyone who has made this dream a reality. We personally would like to mention Brother Herman Dustman, one of our laymen who gave us such very fine help on our building.

Our aim now is to fill this house with precious souls for the Master. We have already begun Sunday night meetings, and so far the response is encouraging.

During the week a Training Light Bearers class is being conducted by Brother Almore Gordon. Plans are also being laid to start a branch Sunday school. Soon after camp meeting we anticipate going into an evangelistic effort.

God is very good to us, and we ask you to pray with us that we may show our gratefulness by letting Him use us to win souls for the kingdom.

J. P. MIDDLETON, *Pastor*

### Baptism at San Francisco Philadelphian

ON Sabbath, May 25, the San Francisco Philadelphian church had the pleasure of witnessing the baptism of twenty-five dear people. Elder W. S. Lee, secretary of the Pacific Union Regional department, was with the pastor for this memorable service.

The largest number of people ever to be in attendance for a Sabbath service witnessed this baptism, and for the first time the balcony had to be used for Sabbath services. We marvel at the blessings of the Lord upon us in the Philadelphian church. We crave the prayers of everyone as we strive to witness, win, and hold for God in San Francisco.

W. C. WEBB, *Pastor*

## News Notes

★ AMONG the 1957 graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists were Nord S. Nation and Irving L. Omphroy from the School of Medicine; Byron R. Spears, Jr., and Harold C. Washington, Jr., School of Dentistry;

Emma Y. Robins, School of Nursing; William A. Weeks, Jr., School of Medical Technology; and Frankie Mercer, School of X-ray Technology.

★ AMONG the five young workers ordained to the gospel ministry on June 8 in the Northern California Conference during the camp meeting at Lodi was Isadore Evans, pastor of the Vallejo Bible Auditorium.

### Riverside Emmanuel Evangelistic Meetings

MAY 12 was the last meeting of the series of evangelistic services conducted by Elder Warren Neal in the Riverside Emmanuel church. The Spirit of God was manifested throughout the meetings, resulting in several taking Bible studies and preparing for baptism.

A class in food and nutrition was also conducted, with an average attendance of about thirty. Certificates of Award for completing the lessons were issued to a large number. Best of all, many are putting into practice the better food and health education with gratifying results.

EMMA E. BURNETT  
*Bible Instructor*

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### NORTHEASTERN

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### Fort Devens News Notes

WE are organized as the SDA Servicemen's Association and meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. at Chapel No. 8 on the post. Here we discuss business, study our Sabbath school lessons, and have chorus rehearsal. Recently we decided to conduct evangelistic meetings on the post. Brother J. Young, of South Lancaster, is president; Charles Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Florida, is treasurer; and Vernon L. Taylor, of St. Louis, Missouri, is secretary.

Sgt. Ray Bolden, a member of the Ephesus church in New York City, is doing a very good work in the literature evangelism field. Many

times he has returned from his canvassing at 2:00 A.M., hitchhiking his way back to camp. As chaplain of our association, he is a real inspiration to all, as well as an active soul winner.

SFC Charles Hamilton, of the Ephesus church in Florida, has been recently appointed as Range Control NCO. He is at Fort Devens with his wife, Willie Meadows, a former Oakwoodite, and two children.

Vernon L. Taylor was recently promoted to Specialist Third Class and appointed military Personnel Administrative Specialist with the U.S. Army Hospital, Personnel Office, Fort Devens.

Pvt. James Morse, of White Plains, New York, recently left Fort Devens en route to Fort Dix, New Jersey, on a two-week summer training program. He is assigned to the 4th U.S.

Army Field Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Let us pray that these and all of the young men in our denomination will be faithful in their service to God as they serve their country.

### News Note

★ Helen Frances Martin has completed her work for the Master's degree in Guidance at the Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York. She is a teacher at P.S. 25 of Brooklyn, and is doing a commendable job.

Miss Martin is an ardent student of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy and is an active Missionary Volunteer in the Bethel church of Brooklyn, where she serves as church organist. She is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Bible instructor in the Northeastern Conference.

### Two Ordained at Camp Meeting

BY O. A. TROY, JR.

SABBATH afternoon, June 29, Robert H. Carter and Samuel W. Stovall were ordained to the gospel ministry in a solemn ceremony at Camp Victory Lake. Elder Carter is the pastor of the New Rochelle, New York,

church, and Elder Stovall is pastor of the White Plains, New York, church.

Elder Frank L. Peterson was the principal speaker for the service, and during his sermon he counseled



Elders Robert H. Carter and Samuel W. Stovall.

these ministers to "preach the Word without putting in the interpretation of man."

Directing the service was Elder Harold D. Singleton, president of the Northeastern Conference. The charge to these ministers was read by Dr. O. A. Troy, of the Pacific Union Conference Sabbath school department.

Elder Carter graduated from Oakwood College in 1950 and later received his Master's degree from the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Upon his entry into the ministry he was assistant pastor of the Ephesus church in New York City. While working in this capacity, he fully organized the Youth Church of Ephesus and directed a drive to renovate the basement of the church, providing a recreation hall for the young people of the church. Over three thousand dollars was raised to furnish the auditorium with knotty pine walls and tile floor.

Since taking over the New Rochelle church, Elder Carter has carried on an active program for church and community improvement. Every year the Ingathering goal of \$1,500 has been raised within two weeks. Within the past two years \$1,500 has been raised for the Home and School Association, a new roof has been put on the church, and \$1,000 was raised this year in a one-week drive for the building fund made necessary because of the crowded church building.

Elder Samuel Stovall graduated from Oakwood in 1951 as the valedictorian of his class. Like Elder Carter, he later received his Master's degree from the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Before attending Oakwood, Elder Stovall served in the U.S. Army, where he received five combat stars while in the European theater of operations.

He was first assigned to the New Rochelle church. During his pastorate at New Rochelle, there was a 10 per cent increase in the membership, and the church building was being constantly improved. In spite of a siege of illness, he conducted three series of meetings in that city.

Since taking over the White Plains church, Elder Stovall has been conducting a 20th Century Bible Correspondence School, in which over fifty persons are presently enrolled. As a result of this school alone five people have been baptized and about seven more are preparing for baptism.

Over \$3,000 has been raised for a building fund. Elder Stovall plans to begin another building-fund program, as the present building does not adequately house the membership.

According to Elder Singleton, these two ministers are fitting very nicely into the program of evangelism being conducted in the Northeastern Conference. Elder Carter will be associated with Elder Bradford in one of the four evangelistic meetings (the first in many years) to be held in the city of New York this summer.

### News Notes

★ ON May 18, Elder E. F. Carter baptized six persons, one of whom was 14 years of age. This baptism was the result of the Training Light Bearers Course conducted by the laymen of the Mount Zion church in New Haven, Connecticut. Another training course is to begin Sabbath, July 13. Pastor Everett Alexander is the shepherd of the Mount Zion flock.

★ SIXTY-ONE adults and 11 children of the New Rochelle church reached their Minute Man goal during the 1957 Ingathering campaign. Because of the faithfulness of all the members, the conference goal was reached in two weeks. Of the 61 adult Minute Men, a number raised two goals.

Sister Margie Stewart, last year's home missionary leader, raised more than eight Minute Man goals, and Sister Miriam Hunt raised more than five.

The children also played an important part in helping the church to reach its goal speedily. Kermit Carter, an eight-year-old, raised two primary Minute Man goals; and Ralph Parraway, ten years old, raised

his own junior Minute Man goal and then went on to raise a senior Minute Man goal for his mother, who was not well enough to canvass this year.

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### SOUTH CENTRAL

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### "This Is the Lord's Doing!"

WE are eyewitnesses of the manifestation of divine power and providence in the Lexington, Kentucky, district. The pastor, officers, and members are working unitedly in an organized program of every-member evangelism. The Training Light Bearers Course has been completed, with nearly twenty-five qualifying for certificates. The lay-preachers' class was also conducted by the pastor, with two men awaiting diplomas. At present we are conducting a Sabbath school teachers' class. Assisting with this course are three qualified Bible instructors—Mrs. E. D. Storey, Miss E. Bibbs, and Mrs. Jessie Bentley.

On April 14, 1957, the pastor began a three-week revival in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. The Lord blessed wonderfully with excellent attendance each night. A branch Sabbath school class of about twenty persons is a result of these meetings, and already we have a request for baptisms from among them.

Plans are materializing for an evangelistic meeting to be held in Covington, Kentucky, this summer. In the absence of the pastor the officers and members of the Lexington area are prepared to carry on the program.

This report is made possible by the untiring efforts and unselfish labors of church members, church officers, and the pastor.

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

R. P. PEAY, Pastor  
Lexington, Kentucky, District

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Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped.—CALVIN COOLIDGE.

## Summer Evangelistic Campaigns

SUNDAY night, June 9, was the opening night for practically all of our tent efforts, with the exception of Elder Lindsay's, which began Tuesday night, May 28. We are having ten efforts. This is the largest number we have had for quite some time, and we feel that this is as it should be. We ought to be reaching out more and more to grasp the unsaved.

The campaigns are as follows:

- E. J. Humphrey and J. S. Jackson in Selma, Alabama
- C. R. Graham in Memphis, Tennessee
- E. L. Howard in Columbus, Mississippi
- H. L. Jones in Pensacola, Florida
- R. P. Peay in Covington, Kentucky
- J. R. Wagner in Florence, Alabama
- E. C. Ward, D. L. Crowder, J. P. Willis, and B. W. Abney, Jr., in Birmingham, Alabama
- L. G. Newton and R. C. Brown in Knoxville, Tennessee
- J. A. James in Canton, Mississippi
- N. A. Lindsay in Springfield, Tennessee.

Won't you join us in a fellowship of prayer that God will bless and that His Holy Spirit will come in a mighty way to each evangelistic effort.

W. W. FORDHAM, *President*

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## Nigeria Hears the Eleventh-Hour Message

By DAVID H. HUGHES

NIGERIA, with its population of 31,500,000, of which 13,655,000 are Moslems and 6,371,000 Christians, has been invaded by the 20th Century Bible Lecture Crusade. Evangelist C. D. Henri and his evangelistic team have raised the standard high in Lagos. Multitudes have been attracted to God's message for these last days, and many have made and are making decisions for eternity.

It was on the night of January 13 that stirring tones began to fall from the lips of Evangelist Henri in Glover Memorial Hall. More than eight hundred persons sat and listened with keen interest, only to return night after night to satisfy the hunger and thirst of their souls. After eighty-five days and nights of preaching and teaching and reasoning from the Scriptures, and visiting and praying, there are over 150 interested souls and more than ninety attending the Sabbath services in Lagos.

The evangelistic team is a cosmopolitan one. The members of the team come from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and from all corners of Nigeria. These evangelists, ten in number, attended a Field School of Evangelism every morning from 9:30 to 11:30 four days a week. The following subjects were presented: Bible doctrines, practical evangelism, music and directing, homiletics, and denominational history.

Evangelist Henri realizes that this campaign is only the crossing of Jordan, for there now lies before him in area 373,250 square miles, containing more than 31,000,000 souls to whom to present the judgment-hour message during these last days. This is the great Nigerian challenge, but with it comes the words of promise, ". . . as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Joshua 1:5). Evangelist Henri will begin another series of 20th Century Bible Lectures early in May. Let the great challenge of Nigeria find a place in your daily prayers.

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## SOUTH ATLANTIC

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## District Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina

WHAT a privilege is given the sons of men to be able to meet together and worship God in the beauty of holiness. This privilege was afforded the Charleston, South Carolina, church on Sabbath, June 1, 1957.

A district meeting was held, and members from six churches in the district worshiped together. A capacity crowd filled the small auditorium.

Elder N. G. Simons, secretary-treasurer of the conference, was a mighty power for God as he delivered the sermon at the 11 o'clock hour. The text for his sermon was Romans 8:29. All felt the power of this stirring message from God's anointed.

Immediately after the sermon Pastor J. Malcolm Phipps led eight persons into the watery grave to be buried with their Lord in baptism. There was great rejoicing for these young people as they arose to walk in newness of life.

In the afternoon the congregation again assembled to listen to the young people's program. A very interesting panel discussion was conducted, with Brother James Hammond acting as moderator for the panel. All too soon the day ended and the Sabbath was closed with vesper services.

A social was held Saturday night at the Baptist Goodwill Center for the visiting churches, after which each family departed for its respective home with the thought that "it was good to have been here."

## News Note

★ A large number of the eighty students of Oakwood College who signed up at the time of the colporteur institute to work for scholarships are working in the South Atlantic Conference.

## NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT 1956 STATISTICAL REPORT

Union	Churches & Companies	Members	Baptisms	Tithe	Sabbath Schl. and Other Miss. Offerings	Ingathering	Total Mission Offerings	Weekly Per Capita	Total Local Ch. Expense
<b>ATLANTIC UNION</b>									
Northeastern .....	24	4,631	307	\$439,193.24	\$ 72,437.61	\$ 47,069.03	\$119,506.64	.5496	\$176,346.60
<b>CENTRAL UNION</b>									
Central States .....	18	1,771	104	119,780.07	20,638.08	14,615.50	35,253.58	.3162	37,759.33
<b>COLUMBIA UNION</b>									
Allegheny .....	60	6,585	647	544,751.29	95,346.65	77,629.81	172,976.26	.5446	156,546.00
<b>LAKE UNION</b>									
Lake Region .....	38	4,376	362	307,824.50	103,843.78	40,917.02	144,760.80	.7065	17,000.00
<b>NORTHERN UNION</b>									
Minnesota (Minneapolis) .....	1	69	5	6,890.31	1,534.33	1,008.57	2,542.90	.7087	.....
<b>NORTH PACIFIC UNION</b>									
Oregon (Portland) .....	1	151	20	5,456.01	1,014.65	622.98	1,637.63	.2088	2,782.77
Washington (Seattle) .....	1	160	46	12,056.42	1,852.07	1,081.50	2,933.57	.3523	4,464.30
Total .....	2	311	66	17,512.43	2,866.72	1,704.48	4,571.20	.2826	7,247.07
<b>PACIFIC UNION</b>									
Arizona .....	2	121	12	9,398.07	1,858.18	2,009.38	3,867.56	.6146	.....
Central California .....	5	592	43	31,675.54	10,992.43	4,935.33	15,927.76	.5172	3,628.62
Nevada-Utah .....	1	28	.....	2,477.72	810.66	931.94	1,742.60	1.1967	641.00
Northern California .....	6	1,074	97	80,041.67	14,020.45	6,498.97	20,519.42	.3674	55,968.58
Southeastern California .....	6	704	40	72,943.68	18,991.31	4,094.49	23,085.80	.6306	19,632.24
Southern California .....	8	1,965	97	185,012.98	28,167.49	15,700.08	43,867.57	.4293	56,640.90
Total .....	28	4,484	289	381,549.66	74,840.52	34,170.19	109,010.71	.4675	136,511.34
<b>SOUTHERN UNION</b>									
South Atlantic .....	86	6,512	696	329,959.97	69,387.91	79,359.29	148,747.20	.4671	.....
South Central .....	52	3,847	240	203,039.86	42,740.36	48,568.69	91,309.05	.4042	.....
Total .....	138	10,359	936	532,999.83	112,128.27	127,927.98	240,056.25	.4410	.....
<b>SOUTHWESTERN UNION</b>									
Southwest Region .....	48	2,395	227	132,780.35	37,014.22	44,279.83	81,294.05	.7264	34,159.11
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	357	34,927	2,943	\$2,483,281.68	\$520,649.93	\$389,322.41	\$909,972.39	.5233	\$465,569.45

Note: Membership reported to December 31, 1956

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

### NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL DEPARTMENT

	1953	1954	1955	1956	Increase of 1956 Over 1955
Tithe .....	\$2,027,592.49	\$2,050,485.19	\$2,259,229.59	\$2,483,281.68	\$224,052.09
Sabbath School & Other Mission Offerings .....	414,047.60	410,255.27	461,458.89	520,649.93	59,191.04
Ingathering .....	294,485.23	356,897.17	393,261.68	389,322.41	3,939.27**
Total Mission Offerings .....	709,397.91	759,661.57	855,920.64	909,972.39	54,051.75
Total Local Church Expense .....	427,104.73	300,560.46	389,091.96	465,569.45	76,477.49
Churches and Companies .....	358	358	359	357	2**
Membership .....	31,078	33,020	33,922	34,927	1,005
Baptisms .....	2,972	3,448	2,755	2,943	188
Ordained Ministers .....	124	124	125	148	23
Licensed Ministers .....	73	70	63	48	15**
Interns .....	18	14	13	14	1
Bible Instructors .....	26	21	22	27	5
Teachers: Church School .....	141	145	142	161	19
Colporteurs .....	212	211	189	177	12**
Approximate value church buildings and other Conference properties .....			\$6,511,686.39	\$7,311,700.00	

\*\* Decrease

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