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A Report From the General Conference Session

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Opening night at the General Conference session—more than 10,000 present.

The forty-eighth session of the General Conference is now history, but those in attendance who had been present at many other of these convocations of the world church could be heard saying, "This is the best; the spirit of unity is being marvelously exhibited, and I am happy in the Lord."

The large number present for the first time at a general session were enriched by the experience. As one expressed it, "This is really some-

thing, and I feel as if I am somebody."

More than ten thousand persons were present on the opening night, and more than fifteen thousand were present at the Sabbath meetings.

Over one thousand delegates were present representing approximately one hundred countries. One of the interesting features of the session was that the world church of mission-minded people was ex-

ceedingly happy in making possible an offering on the first Sabbath of \$1,260,630.02.

The colorful mission pageant on the first Sabbath afternoon, and the total activities of the whole church designed to "move the world Godward," as portrayed on the last Sabbath afternoon under the direction of Elder T. E. Lucas of the Missionary Volunteer Department, spoke eloquently and sublimely of the one task to which the world

church must address itself in preaching with power "thy kingdom come."

At this session Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., was elected to the position of field secretary of the General Conference. We were all made very happy by his election to this new responsibility that has been placed upon him.

Elder E. E. Cleveland was re-elected to the office of associate secretary of the Ministerial Association.

The leading officers of the General Conference who were elected or re-elected at this session are as follows:

R. R. Figuhr, president; vice-presidents: H. L. Rudy, general; V. G. Anderson, general; M. V. Campbell, general; W. E. Murray, general; and W. B. Ochs, North America.

W. R. Beach, secretary; associates: W. P. Bradley, E. W. Dunbar, N. W. Dunn, F. R. Millard, and F. L. Peterson, who also was re-elected to the position of secretary of the Regional Department, and E. E. Roenfelt.

C. L. Torrey, treasurer; O. A.

Blake, undertreasurer; assistants: R. H. Adair, C. W. Bozarth, F. B. Knight, and W. E. Phillips.

Words of Wisdom

Perseverance is often praised, but it is not so often realized that another quality must accompany it to make it of any value—and this is elasticity. Perseverance in only one direction very often fails: but if one is ready to take whatever road offers, and to change the chosen way if circumstances change, and yet to keep the end in view—then success is infinitely more probable.—FREYA STARK in *Beyond Euphrates*.

It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.—ST. BERNARD



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AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION. Parkin Christian of Pitcairn Island holds a model of the *Bounty* on which his ancestor sailed to the small island of Pitcairn in the South Seas. On the left is Mrs. C. E. Moseley, Jr., wife of the field secretary. Right is Mrs. Thelma K. Anderson, office secretary for the Regional Department.



The Regional Department exhibit booth, which was well attended during the session, was well attended during the session. Seated at the desk are Mrs. Anderson, the office secretary and Elder L. B. Reynolds, editor of *The Message Magazine*. Standing in the foreground are, left, Elder E. E. Rogers, of Oakwood College, at Joseph C. Flintall, of Roxbury, Massachusetts. In the background are other visitors to the booth. African curios displayed on the desk are from the collection of Elder and Mrs. C. D. Henri.



Left to right: Elders C. E. Moseley, Jr., elected field secretary of the General Conference; E. E. Cleveland, re-elected associate secretary of the Ministerial Association; and F. L. Peterson, re-elected associate secretary of the General Conference and secretary of the Regional Department.

ALLEGHENY

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D.C. Evangelistic Series Successfully Completed

An indoor series of meetings beginning the second of March, in Washington, D.C., was a new and untried experience for both the evangelist and the sponsoring conference. Winter was not over, and to prove it again this year we had the heaviest snowfall in March that this part of the country has experienced in more than forty years.

Washington, it was contended, was "burned off," an evangelistic

expression meant to convey that there is little that can be expected in soul winning.

Elder W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, was not to be discouraged. Year after year he had requested the services of Evangelist E. E. Cleveland, and this was the promised year.

Young, aggressive, and thorough, just 37 years old, Elder Cleveland is a man of God with world experience in evangelism. Fresh from a 27,000-mile trek to the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Viet Nam, Formosa, Pakistan, Burma, Egypt, the Holy Land, Portugal, Italy, and France, he arrived in the States just three weeks before the opening night at the Capitol Arena, 14th and W Streets NW.

The groundwork for the meetings had been laid well by fasting and prayer. A hand-picked corps of workers had been marshaled—the Cathedral Quartet, whose members are Benjamin Reaves, William Scales, Elbert Sheppherd, and James Edgecombe; Joyce Bryant, soprano; Pastor Charles L. Brooks, baritone soloist; Ted Jones, chorister; Allen Breach, organist; and Mrs. Celia Cleveland, pianist, assisted by Mrs. Mae E. Justiss and Mrs. Lucille Herron.

From the opening night, at which time the subject "Religion and the Race Question" was presented, the evangelist held an interracial audience varying from 3,500 to 1,000 on stormy nights, of which there were a few, to 4,000 persons.

It was a new experience for the nation's capital and it was so expressed. Seldom had an audience listened to the Word of God explained with such forthright conviction as characterized the Cleveland effort.

Before the first week was over, the evangelist had earned a new name that persisted throughout the entire series of meetings—"The Bible Man." This seemed most appropriate, since the meetings were called *When Your Bible Speaks*.

House-to-house visitation, which represented the leg work of the effort, was carried out by a consecrated group of workers, some of whom had worked with the evangelist in other public meetings.

Four big celebrations were held at the arena, each on Sabbath morning, at which time those who had just heard the Sabbath truth could worship God on His holy day. The center section of the arena was reserved for the new believers. It was thrilling to see these new converts to the Sabbath present week after week, worshipping God for the first time on His Sabbath.

Elder Cleveland held workers' meetings every morning at which time prayer, counsel, and reports were taken on the progress of the work. The constant aim never once lost sight of was the winning of souls.

Humility, unswerving faith and courage in the work of God, dependence upon God expressed by prayer and fasting, are characteristics of the evangelist and equally shared by his wife who is so closely tied in with his work.

Assisting as Bible workers were Misses Julia Z. Cooper, Ella Wiley, Rauline Troxler, and Joyce Bryant; Mesdames Beatrice Hampton, Ethel M. Nell, and Geneva McDonald. Ministerial assistants were Elders Everett Alexander, D. L. Davis, L. R. Preston, and Pastors Charles L. Brooks and Benjamin Reaves.

The music was a feature in itself and drew enthusiastic comment throughout the entire series. The Ephesus and First Church choirs, ably directed by Mesdames Alma M. Blackmon and Margaret M. Frye, respectively, revealed that aside from musical gifts, these artists have had a wealth of training.

Laymen who participated in the effort were Miss Calendar and Messrs. G. P. Walker, William Smith, and David Wrice.

Adventists not only in the area but from many sections of the Columbia Union Conference supported the meetings. Night after night workers from distant lands who were attending the Seminary at Takoma Park visited the arena. This was a new approach, and they wanted to see it at work firsthand.

Officials from the General Conference headquarters at Takoma Park, top officers from the Columbia Union Conference as well as the Potomac, Allegheny, Northeastern, South Atlantic, and Lake Region conferences were seen in the audience and on the rostrum at various times during the series. In this connection Elder R. A. Anderson, of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, and Elder V. G. Anderson, former president of the Columbia Union Conference, are singled out for their personal counsel and moral support.

Special prayer and fasting was observed as the time for decisions arrived. The Cleveland method is different in that decisions are not

publicly made. They are obtained by the workers in the homes of the people. Each worker, including the evangelist and his wife, had a list of from seventy to eighty persons that he carried.

At the first baptism 143 souls were baptized. Elder Cleveland was assisted in the pool by Elders Jacob Justiss, pastor of the Ephesus church, and Paul Cantrell, pastor of the First church, both in Washington.

Three successive baptisms added 141 more, making a total of 284 baptized as a direct result of the power of God manifested in the arena meeting. These believers will be added to the two existing churches in the Washington area.

The advertising and publicity for the meetings were handled by the public relations secretary of the Allegheny Conference.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

Pine Forge Commencement One of School's Largest

Twenty-three graduates from ten different States received their diplomas from Elder E. I. Watson, principal and manager of Pine Forge Institute, in one of the school's largest commencement exercises.

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Frank W. Hale, head of the speech department of Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Hale said, "Chips of indifference carried on the shoulders prevent communication and block the discovery of islands of influence."

Two Students of the Year were Joyce Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Alphonso Mitchell, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Outstanding in class, dormitory, and on the campus, each received in addition to the honor a check for \$50. The latter also was valedictorian of the class. Martha Shockley, of Millsboro, Delaware, was the salutatorian.

A. V. PINKNEY
Public Relations Secretary

A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight.



PHOTO BY PINKNEY

Richard Penniman (Little Richard) and Miss Joyce Bryant as they appeared the last night of the Cleveland effort.

Bryant and Penniman Featured at Close of Cleveland Meetings

By A. V. PINKNEY

In a blaze of triumph under God, Evangelist E. E. Cleveland closed twelve weeks of Bible lectures before a crowd of 4,000 persons that filled the Capitol Arena in Washington, D.C.

It was a night long to be remembered. Two former stars of show business, Joyce Bryant and Richard Penniman, now members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, boldly witnessed to the saving power of God.

Miss Bryant told of the struggle she experienced in trying to get away from God. God promised to save, she said, but not to shield from temptation.

Two months ago her former booking agent got in touch with her as a result of an advertisement offering \$1,000 for any information concerning Joyce Bryant's whereabouts. "Joyce," he said, "I can put \$200,000 in your hands, tax free, if you will take the leading role in a picture about to be made."

"Peace of mind, and the knowledge of working with God in saving souls of men bring more comfort and lasting joy than all the money and glamour," Joyce said.

Richard Penniman, "Little Richard" (a name he acquired when he began to sing as a little boy), a well-known singer and recognized as the creator of rock 'n' roll, is a living example of God's power to save from sin.

He explained that he has received \$1,000, \$2,300, \$5,000, and as high

as \$10,000 a day, but that he had laid it aside for Christ. "It is nothing compared to what Jesus has done for me," he added. He was in Australia when he made his decision and had to give his agent \$2,500 before he would release him. His own mother could not understand what had happened to him.

Calling his fans (more than 300) from the audience to gather around the pulpit, he prayed for them, asking God to save them before it was too late.

Joyce and Richard both have taken training at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and both are engaged in the work of saving men and women. She is working as Bible instructor for the Ephesus church in Washington, D.C. Richard is presently assisting Elder G. H. Rainey in an evangelistic effort in Norfolk, Virginia.

"The age of miracles has not passed," declared Evangelist Cleveland, "God's power has no limit."

1500 Witness Services for Elder Winston

Pottstown *Mercury*, August 12, 1958: One of the most unique funeral services ever held in the Pottstown area took place yesterday afternoon at Pine Forge.

A veteran Seventh-day Adventist minister was given last rites in the large tent cathedral used for main services at the annual camp meeting of the Allegheny Conference, now in session at the nearby Manatwny Valley campgrounds.

Elder W. H. Winston, Jr., of Vauxhall, N.J., died Saturday afternoon (August 9) at Pottstown hospital of a stroke suffered earlier that day.

More than 1,500 persons indicated they wished to attend the funeral services. The services had been scheduled for the chapel of the nearby Pine Forge Institute, which holds only about 200 persons. It was thus necessary to hold the service under the canvas, the first during the 13-year history of the Allegheny Conference camp meetings.

The main speaker at the funeral



\$3,900 was raised by the Ephesus church members of Columbus, Ohio, in just two weeks. Here are the leaders of the Ingathering campaign who put the program over. Left to right: Warren Neil, local elder; Albert Berrien, local elder; Juanita Franklin, assistant home missionary secretary; Mrs. Walterene Brooks, campaign leader; Elder Charles Brooks, pastor; Mrs. Martha Watkins, home missionary secretary; Robert Watkins, assistant home missionary leader; and W. H. DeShay, home missionary leader.

was Elder William L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference. Eulogies for the retired minister were given by three fellow clergymen representing three categories of service. They were F. L. Peterson, of Washington, associate secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; G. E. Peters, of Philadelphia, a former church official now retired; and E. E. Cleveland, of Washington, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference.

Mrs. Helen Sugland, of Washington, D.C., read the obituary and also mentioned many telegrams which had been received by the bereaved family.

Pastor and Mrs. Winston came to Pine Forge a few years ago following his retirement from active ministerial life. Their daughter is Mrs. Excell Watson, wife of the principal of the Pine Forge Institute.

Pastor Winston was born in West Point, Ga., and had been a clergyman in North and South Carolina for many years.

The real purpose of books is to trap the mind into doing its own thinking.—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, quoted by Hal Stebbins in *Printers' Ink*

PACIFIC UNION

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Dr. Troy Teaching at Pacific Union College

Dr. Owen A. Troy, of Pasadena, is a visiting professor in the field of religious education during the second term of the summer session at Pacific Union College, it was announced by the college.

In this capacity as a professor, Dr. Troy returns to the college where he received his undergraduate degree. His regular connection with his denomination is as associate secretary of the Sabbath school department of the Pacific Union Conference.

Dr. Troy has also spent some time teaching at the Hawaiian Mission Academy. He states that "unless one actually makes a personal visit to the Hawaiian Mission Academy, he is unaware of the excellence of this unique and ably operated institution of learning situated beautifully and centrally in the city of Honolulu.

"Hawaiian Mission Academy is one of the eighteen secondary schools of the Pacific Union Conference and is our most westerly educational center. Annually it has provided its share of trained youth to the cause of God, and each year many of its graduates come to the mainland to continue their training in Pacific Union College, La Sierra College, Emmanuel Missionary College, et cetera.

"As a result of its outstanding work through the years, this accredited academy ranks high in the estimation of civic, business, and governmental leaders of the islands. A number of persons prominent in government and professional lines are graduates of the academy; others send their sons and daughters to our school.

"The nearly 300 students who attend the school come not only from the Hawaiian Islands but also from other islands of the Pacific, Japan, and mainland United States. Most of the students in attendance live in private homes in Honolulu or its environs; some 35 live on the campus in the dormitories.

"The academy has a staff of 18 under the capable and efficient leadership of Principal E. J. Digneo. Associated with him in the business operation of the school is M. M. Millner, assistant business manager and treasurer.

"Industries include a commercial printing press managed by Lloyd Barber with Melvin Beglau and William Wiese assisting; a commercial bakery is operated by Joseph Costa. Mrs. Eunice Kumalae, cafeteria manager, has the responsibility of preparing three meals a day for the dormitory students and a noon meal for the entire student body.

"On the Makiki Street campus, the former site of the academy, Charles Hanson, as supervising principal, with a staff of 11 teachers conducts an elementary school for some 250 pupils. This school is a subsidiary of the academy. A much-needed classroom building is being erected.

"For three months it was my privilege to be associated with the staff

of the Hawaiian Mission Academy. During this time I substituted in the department of religion for Elder Oshita, who is attending the Potomac University. Thus, I had firsthand contact with these godly men and women to observe their devotion to their work and to the cause of Christian education. They are a dedicated group of missionary teachers.

"Naturally you would expect me to say something about the Sabbath school department of the Hawaiian Mission. Elder Lawrence Davidson, Sabbath school secretary for the mission, is doing an excellent job. It was my privilege, with Mrs. Troy, to visit most of the Sabbath schools of the islands and to meet with their leaders and teachers. Throughout the territory the superintendents, division leaders, and teachers were alert to their responsibilities and eager to move forward. Despite a long strike among the sugar workers of the islands, which greatly affected the economy of the people, the 2,080 Sabbath school members loyally supported the program of the Sabbath school.

"Hawaii is noted for its hospitality, and true to this tradition, mission officers, faculty and students, ministry and laity—all extended every possible courtesy to make our stay a pleasant one. We received a firsthand demonstration of the true aloha spirit."

Spot News

Miss Natelkka E. Burrell, chairman of the Division of Education at Oakwood College, has taught during the summer session in the Department of Education in the Graduate School of Potomac University.

At the close of the summer session the note of appreciation that follows speaks for the fine type of work Miss Burrell does and the great teacher she is:

"It is with genuine appreciation for your understanding of students, your attitudes, your inspiring example of what a teacher can be that I thank you for being one of

the best teachers and instructors that I have known—I mean it!"

[Signed]

Nigeria's Waiting Millions

By C. DUNBAR HENRI

"Would madam like to buy some potatoes, some tomatoes? They are fresh, cheap, and very good. Only sixpence a pound."

"Oh, they are nice and I do want some," replied my wife, "but we have just disembarked from the ship, we have no home yet—but they do look good and they are cheap—where did they come from?"

Suddenly the conversation was interrupted by a shrill scream from our little five-year-old daughter, who was in the rear seat of the car. "Mommie, the man has daddy's bag! There he goes!"

In that bag were our passports, shipping documents, Bibles, cameras, and all the money we had in our possession!

An urgent scream burst from my wife's lips. "Bring that bag back here, thief, rogue, police!" All in one breath. And the thief became so frightened that he ran back to the car, threw the brief case in and took to his heels! Whew, what a narrowly averted calamity!

Three days later we were en route back to Ibadan from our Ile-Ife hospital. It was about 10:30 at night. Suddenly our headlights picked up an object lying in the road. Some poor goat, dog, or other animal has been run over by a lorry, we thought. Pastor Coon, who was driving, pulled sharply to the right to avoid running over it again.

"Wait," burst from his lips, "that's no dog, it's a man and he sure looks dead to me!" Brakes were quickly applied, we reversed and went back to make sure there was no mistake. It was a man, and from the wound we saw, we knew he was no longer living. We hurried to report the matter to the police, but he was left lying there for nearly twelve hours.

There were many other much more pleasant and happy occur-

rences to, in some measure, nullify the bad effect of the above experiences. All this was our introduction to Nigeria, a beautiful country of 30 million people, located on the sweltering coast of West Africa. We had been sent to Lagos, the federal capital of Nigeria, for evangelism among these needy people.

Lagos is a large city, as West African cities go, with a population of more than 312,000. Three principal tribes live here—the Yoruba, Ibo, and Hausa. The population is more than 50 per cent Moslem.

There are some few Christians, and the rest are pagans.

On a back street is a little Seventh-day Adventist church of about thirty members. The church is old and dilapidated; one hundred children are taught the elementary grades in it for five days of the week, and we have services of worship in it on the Sabbath. We need a new church building.

A great deal of witchcraft and juju is used and practiced; the dread killer and enslaver, Indian hemp, is brought into the city by sailors

and is growing in use; palm wine is sold and drunk almost everywhere; more than a million pounds (£1,000,000) is spent yearly for the importation of every conceivable brand of beer and alcoholic liquor; tobacco, already a scourge, is growing in popularity and use. Add to all this a population greatly divided by political and nationalistic feelings, and you have an up-to-date picture of modern Lagos that provides a challenge for the preaching of the third angel's message.

Eighteen months of difficult and intensive evangelistic endeavor have passed. Five campaigns, held four nights weekly and lasting two to three months each, have been conducted; thousands of pieces of literature have been systematically distributed; many hundreds of visits have been made and Bible studies given; 8,000 names of interested people secured and 335 Sabbath decision cards signed.

Our methods? Such as would be used in any city in Europe or America, with little difference. Since the two major languages of Lagos are English and Yoruba, the messages were given in English and translated into Yoruba. The use of slides, filmstrips and even black light was almost a necessity. Visual aids of some type are still of paramount importance in West African evangelism. Aftermeetings, Bible Correspondence courses, and many other methods were used to encourage decisions for Christ.

The results? There is a new church group, with an average attendance of 25 to 30, on Lagos Island; the average attendance of the Yaba church has trebled, hovering between 80 and 100; 17 to 20 new converts meet in a new church group at Ikeja; and scores are in the valley of decision being aggressively followed up by our African evangelists. The normal time for the baptism of new converts in West Africa is two years, but we had the joy of baptizing 23.

Two field schools of evangelism were also conducted. For the first one, two evangelists from Sierra Leone, two from Ghana, two from East Nigeria, one from North Ni-



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Elder and Mrs. C. D. Henri and children. Elder Henri and the children are wearing the costumes of the West Africans.

geria, and three from West Nigeria participated. Classes in Bible doctrines, Spirit of prophecy, denominational history, and practical evangelism were conducted four mornings weekly. The afternoons were used for visitation and Bible classes.

The second school was conducted in conjunction with our last public campaign in Lagos, which was held out of doors. The entire 11 members of the graduating class of the Advanced Evangelistic Training Course of the Nigerian Training College, composed of evangelists from Ghana, East Nigeria, and West Nigeria, as well as five new evangelists from West Nigeria, participated. The same type of program as in the first school was followed as time and responsibilities permitted.

The work was not ours alone. We are grateful to the Liberian Mission for permitting Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Hughes and family to join us for the major campaign in Lagos. Pastor Hughes as singing evangelist and instructor in the school of evangelism, and Mrs. Hughes as organist and music instructor, gave invaluable service. The district leader, Mr. J. E. Adewoye and wife were avid students and faithful workers, giving unstintingly of time and talent in leading the entire church membership in cooperation and service. Mr. Caleb Adeogun, though the principal of our Lagos elementary school and studying for an external examination, sacrificed time needed for study and preparation, to be our loyal interpreter and musician.

There was no officer or member of the Yaba church who could not be called upon anytime for any service, and who would not give that service without reservation.

We are also grateful to Pastor Ellstrom, president of the West Nigerian Mission; Pastor R. W. Coon, principal of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School; and Dr. Sherman Nagel, medical director of the Ile-Ife hospital, who came when needed to show sound movies or render any other service. And to Mrs. Henri, my partner in service, who, in spite of three very young children and the multitudinous

chores of running a household, conducted the singing, played the organ, and provided special music.

The people of Nigeria are as lovable, kind, sympathetic, and sincere as one could find anywhere in the world. We thank God for the happy privilege of being able to sow the seeds of eternal truth in Lagos. Pray with us that God will give an abundant harvest. Our few African evangelists, who shoulder the responsibility of cultivating and watering the "seed," need our earnest prayers and encouragement.

We cannot console ourselves with the idea that Lagos has been warned. Multiplied thousands still have not heard the message; the immensity of the task appalls us. Scores of great Nigerian cities await the coming of the Advent preacher and evangelist. How long must they wait? Humbly we beg, unite your prayers with ours that the Omnipotent One will provide the men and the means to finish the work in Nigeria and West Africa.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Elder and Mrs. Henri and their three children returned to the States on April 8, 1958, for a six months' furlough. They have completed their fourth term of service in West Africa.

Elder Henri began his mission service in Monrovia, Liberia, as pastor-evangelist. Then he became president of the Liberian Mission and union evangelist for the West African Union Mission. Upon his return to the mission field in September, he will take office as president of the Ghana Mission.

CENTRAL STATES

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Wichita Revival

PASTOR J. L. BUTLER and Brother Alfonza Watson, a faithful layman, led the Wichita Wabash Avenue church in a general church revival and evangelistic series during the month of June.

The entire church was organized and each member given a task to do during the meetings. Even the children were given assignments. The only advertising was that done by

the members, who invited friends by telephone and personal contact.

The real power of the meetings was the early morning prayer meetings. The faithful prayer band members met each morning, and cards with names and prayer requests on them were passed out.

It has been the joy of the church to see eighteen souls take their stand for the truth as a result of these prayers and labors of the church.

Many more new interests have been awakened, and Pastor Butler and Brother Watson, together with the entire congregation, are praying and working toward seeing many more sincere souls added to the body of believers.

J. L. BUTLER

Welcome

It is a pleasure to announce that the Central States Conference Committee has voted to employ three young men who are recent graduates of the Potomac University in Washington, D.C. Two of these young men are joining the working force of our conference as ministerial interns and one is coming into the educational work of the conference.

Brother and Sister William Scales have already arrived and are now located in St. Louis, Missouri, where they have joined with Elder C. Sampson Myles in an evangelistic effort during the summer months. We extend a hearty welcome to Brother and Sister Scales and wish for them much happiness and success in God's work.

The others who will be joining us soon are Harold Brewer, who will serve as an intern; and Herbert Harris, who will serve as a principal-teacher.

F. L. BLAND
President

A young minister's prayer: "Oh Lord, forgive us for being so sensitive about the things that do not matter, and so insensitive to the things that do."—ROY L. SMITH in *Christian Herald*.

Stand with anybody that stands right a part with him when he goes wrong.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

LAKE REGION

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First Union-Wide Camporee Held

The weekend of May 9-11 will long be remembered as a denominational "first" for the Lake Union Conference. It ushered in the first MV Pathfinder Camporee on a union-wide basis. More than 1,000 Pathfinders and their counselors gathered at the Berrien County Fairground for this historic event.

Among the more than 1,000 gathered for the historic affair were nearly 100 Pathfinders and their counselors from the Lake Region Conference. The Pathfinders camped out in pup tents arranged according to conferences. Each unit or club was entirely self-sufficient, providing and preparing its own food. On Friday night the opening ceremonies were conducted at the Emmanuel Missionary College gymnasium and concluded with an impressive Investiture service of 25 Master Guides.

On Sabbath, May 10, the Pathfinders were addressed by Elder Lawrence Maxwell, editor of the *Junior Guide*, who held the attention of his youthful audience with morale-building stories. Sunday, the camporee was climaxed with a grand parade from the fairground to the college and return. All types of floats, flags, and banners highlighted the parade with the conference, college, and MV officers occupying the reviewing stand with their wives. This was a great event for the Pathfinders of the Lake Union and did much to promote interest in such favored activities.

J. E. ROACHE, Secretary
MV and Educational
Departments

Regional Meetings

The weekend Regional meetings, which took the place of camp meetings this summer, proved a wonderful blessing to the members of the Lake Region Conference.

The first of such meetings was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from July 18 to July 20. The meetings were conducted in the Capitol Avenue church. C. E. Moseley, Jr., field

secretary of the General Conference, and R. J. Christian, of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, gave wonderful help in these meetings.

The second weekend meetings were held in Chicago from July 25 to 27. The Friday night congregation met in the Shiloh Parish Hall with Evangelist E. E. Cleveland as the speaker. The Sabbath meetings were held in the auditorium of DuSable High School. The auditorium was well filled with the believers within a 100-mile radius of the Chicago area. Elder Cleveland closed the meeting on Sunday night in the Shiloh Parish Hall with an evangelistic sermon. The hall was well filled, and many visitors were present.

The last weekend meetings were held in Detroit, Michigan, August 1 to 3. The Sabbath meetings were conducted in the auditorium of McKenzie High School.

At both the Chicago and Detroit meetings F. L. Peterson was also present, representing the General Conference.

Ingathering in Lake Region

To God be the glory! All of the Ingathering achievements of the Lake Region Conference are the results of the blessing of God. He has blessed us with faithful, hard-working pastors and laymen. Through them the Ingathering in the Lake Region Conference has shown a continual increase, both in dollars and per cent of gain. The actual dollar gain of 1958 over 1957 is \$4,053.49. This represents a 12.9 per cent increase.

These victories reflect the work of such laymen as Brother B., who assumes full responsibility of a local church's Ingathering campaign so that his pastor may devote his time to the other churches in his district; Sister L., who raised more than \$1,500 last year; and Brother F., a new believer, who raised over \$500; and others who have raised smaller amounts.

Some of our churches raised the \$20 per capita goal. The ministers,



J. E. Roache, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Lake Region Conference, and Pathfinder directors.

for the most part, have displayed the courage and tenacity commensurate to the task.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good."

XAVIER BUTLER

Home Missionary Secretary

Summer Tent Efforts

We are happy to announce to the field that six major summer evangelistic tent efforts are in full swing in the Lake Region Conference territory.

One is in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, conducted by Pastors M. L. Eagan and William Brown; another in Benton Harbor, Michigan, conducted by Elder Samuel Flagg and Pastor Earl Moore; in Fort Wayne, Indiana, conducted by Pastors T. M. Kelly and Benjamin Reaves; another in Gary, Indiana, conducted by Elder D. C. Batson and his staff; another in the Morgan Park section of Chicago, Illinois, conducted by Pastors Russell Bates and John Wright; and another in Evanston, Illinois, conducted by Elder W. G. Mills and his staff.

An Imperative to You

By F. L. PETERSON

(This is in part the address delivered by Elder Peterson at the baccalaureate service at the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, California, on June 7, 1958.)

The text from which I have chosen to speak to you contains the solemn charge that David delivered unto his son, Solomon. It is found in 1 Chronicles, chapter 22, verse 16. The words were spoken by David at the time when he was nearing the end of his earthly reign as king and also the end of his life. After he had given to his son some very necessary council, he said: "Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee."

It had been the longing desire of David to build a temple for the Lord to dwell in. He had made very elaborate and extensive plans for its construction. He even commanded the strangers in the land of Israel

to assist as workmen. And he gathered much costly material with which to carry out his long-cherished hope. An abundance of iron, brass, stones, and cedar trees had been gathered. More than 5 billion dollars' worth of gold and silver were provided. David believed that a house for God should be "exceeding magnificent" and that it would require long and costly preparation.

But because of his conduct God denied David the privilege of building Him a house and committed the work to Solomon, his son.

God is not concerned about the condition of the hands He cleanses, but He is very particular about the kind of hands He uses.

Even though David was denied the privilege of carrying out his cherished plan, he was very anxious that his son would be a successful leader. He knew that God had rejected him because of his disobedience, and that the work that he would have been pleased to accomplish had now by divine appointment been placed upon younger and less experienced shoulders. He desired above all things that Solomon should remain true to God. David knew by experience the many temptations that would confront Solomon; he knew the bitterness of transgression, he knew the hard and difficult paths one must travel when he strays from the ways of God, and he was very anxious that his son keep faith with God.

He said to him: "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever" (1 Chron. 28:9).

In his fatherly counsel he laid down the conditions and qualifications of a successful leader. A leader must have wisdom and understanding. He must be intellectually qualified. The endowments of the mind are a precious blessing when conse-

crated to the service of God. A leader's influence and authority must be well guarded. God had given Solomon "charge concerning Israel." When one is placed in charge of others, there rests upon him certain responsibilities and he must be careful of his influence. A true leader must have reverence for God and for His law. "That thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God" was David's appeal to Solomon. He knew that Solomon's success would depend upon his sustained relationship to the law of God. A leader must be fearless and of a courageous spirit. So David said: "Be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed." A man who is fearful, one who has lost his courage, is a defeated man. Finally, a true leader must be sure of God's presence. "And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong, and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" (1 Chron. 28:20).

David had done all that he could to make material preparation for the erection of the temple and now he gives his son good counsel and leaves with him his prayers.

You, young men and young women, seated before us today and in whose honor we have come, have reached the end of your years of training in this medical institution. You have been given the key to a chest which if properly used, will bring health of body, health of soul, and peace of mind to members of the human family.

You are being graduated from an institution that has been divinely established. This is not an ordinary medical school, and you must not be looked upon as ordinary graduates. You have been highly privileged to receive your medical, dental, and technical training in the atmosphere of this educational center where the principles of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, are upheld. You must take your place among

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NORTHEASTERN

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Ingathering in Northeastern

By C. E. BRADFORD

Home Missionary Secretary

In spite of our present crisis in this area—lack of work and possible poverty some may face, we have certainly felt the outpouring of blessings here in the Northeastern Conference. With the turnabout of fulfilling events taking place there is still room for Ingathering yet to be done before the closing time.

We mention here, in brief, only a few activities in this year's campaign. The first to report the complete goal was Calvary church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Their leader, Pastor S. A. Hutchins, and his 86 members raised \$950. This amount was reported during the first week of the campaign. Manhattan, City Tabernacle, reported its goal in five weeks, raising \$6,750. One of the outstanding participants was Mrs. Nina Addison, who raised ten Minute Man goals. In Brooklyn, Mr. Charles Pharr, who is 64 years old and has one leg amputated, raised \$96 in spite of his affliction. He and other members of the Mount of Olives church helped to raise their goal of \$1,200 in two and one-half weeks.

We could not go further without mentioning the enthusiasm among the students. In Brooklyn, the students of Bethel Elementary School raised \$200 for Ingathering in approximately four hours. The children were dressed in their Pathfinder uniforms and worked the neighboring area of the school in this short period. The teachers of these classes are Miss Anne Palmer, of grades five and six, and Mr. George Timpson, of grades seven and eight. Mrs. Gloria Garrett is principal.

In mentioning some of our smaller churches, Ellenville with a membership of 26 raised \$450. These faith-



Group of Minute Men from the Bronx church standing in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, while on a tour to that city.

ful ones with others mentioned have raised over their goal. The others among our smaller groups that reached victory were: Nyack, membership 56, raised \$766.92; Christian Fellowship, membership 44, raised \$668.88. With a membership of only 17, Staten Island, which is one of our most recently organized churches, raised \$250 in five weeks under the leadership of Mr. Alfonso Williams. Perhaps this may seem as capsule talk in membership size, but blessings fluctuate wherever the seed germinates.

Inspiration continues to flourish here as we "work the works of him" that sent us.

Tent Evangelism

We are happy to report that the Northeastern Conference is holding six tent efforts this summer. They are located as follows: Buffalo, under Elders C. E. Bradford and R. T. Wilson; New Haven, directed by Evangelist Everett Alexander; Bridgeport, directed by Evangelist S. A. Hutchins; Jamaica, Long Island, conducted by Elder G. R. Earle; Corona, Long Island, directed by Elder R. T. Hudson; and New Rochelle, by Elder R. H. Carter. Evangelism is our motto.

Each effort has a complement of evangelistic helpers. We are asking that prayers be offered constantly

for the success of this program of evangelism.

H. D. SINGLETON
President

SOUTH ATLANTIC

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New Record Set in Ingathering

THE 1956 and 1957 Ingathering campaigns have been outstanding ones for the South Atlantic Conference in several respects. For each year the conference goal was \$85,000.

In 1956 the consecrated workers and laymen of South Atlantic raised \$85,000, and in 1957 they again rallied to the cause and raised \$85,762.77. For the two years a total of \$170,762.77 was raised for Ingathering. This gives the conference a net gain of \$19,760.30 over the previous two years—1954 and 1955.

Since Ingathering funds are labeled for missions, shall we not take a brief look at our Sabbath school offerings for the same period? Our total Sabbath school offerings for these two years amounted to \$135,100.04, giving a net gain of \$5,992.72 in Sabbath school offerings over the

previous two years of 1954 and 1955. Our combined Ingathering and Sabbath school offerings for 1956 and 1957 amounted to \$305,881.71 with a net total gain of \$25,753.02. Truly the Lord is to be praised for what He has done through human instruments.

For several years South Atlantic had been striving to reach \$85,000, and as a result of constant perseverance and cooperation on the part of each worker and layman, this achievement was realized in 1956. Prior to 1956, our campaigns had been conducted over into the succeeding year, but for the last two years from three to four months have been eliminated from our campaign time. The shortest campaign so far was conducted in 1957 with the largest amount of Ingathering in the history of the conference.

Since the organization of the South Atlantic Conference in 1945, our annual Ingathering has grown from \$17,037.79 (the amount raised in 1945) to \$85,762.77. Truly this represents growth and progress. This financial progress is responsible for our soul-winning progress, and these achievements have not been realized without many personal sacrifices on the part of both workers and laymen.

In a certain city in Georgia a group of our women Ingatherers were picked up and driven off to jail. After being locked up one sister said to another, "This is my first time in jail." The other sister in turn stated that this was her first time in jail also. Then they decided to do as Paul and Silas—praise God with singing. As a result the jailer came and released our saints, and the chief of police gave the church a permit to solicit funds without any further intimidation.

Of the numerous avenues embracing the scope of the soul-winning program of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, none is more far reaching than Ingathering. It embraces the spiritual, evangelistic, medical, and welfare agencies of this movement. Christ's work while on earth likewise embraced this four-fold program. This fact adds honor

and distinction to the Ingathering.

Throughout North America when the name of South Atlantic is mentioned, one immediately begins to think of the strong evangelistic program of the conference. This year the workers are conducting twenty-two evangelistic campaigns and two lay efforts. The conference goal is one thousand new souls this year. This undertaking could never be realized if it were not for the funds provided through our annual Ingathering program.

Plans are under way for the launching of our 1958 campaign. We take courage as we read such encouraging quotations as the following: "*Every failure on the part of the children of God is due to their lack of faith.—Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 657. (Italics supplied.)*"

SAMUEL THOMAS, *Secretary
Home Missionary and Sabbath
School Departments*

South Atlantic Camp Meeting High Lights

ELDER J. H. WAGNER was unanimously re-elected to his third consecutive two-year term as president of the South Atlantic Conference. The leader of all colored Adventists in the four States of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina was chosen by more than 1,000 delegates and members attending the seventh biennial business session of the conference.

Situated in its beautiful tropical setting on a carpet of grass, between two lakes, under the giant oaks that gently sway in the Florida breeze is the 65-acre camp meeting grounds of South Atlantic, which this year housed and fed 1,500 members and friends. To this lovely setting the union officials came Sunday, June 1, and conducted the business session.

Other officers re-elected included N. G. Simons, secretary-treasurer; Samuel Thomas, secretary of the Sabbath school and home missionary departments; C. C. Cunningham, secretary of the educational and young people's departments; Silas McClamb, secretary of the publishing department; and B. H.

Ewing, secretary of the Book and Bible House. The delegates seated for the business session represented 95 churches and companies.

Elder E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, who recently completed a world tour, brought inspiring sermons and pictures of the countries he visited. Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., from the General Conference, President G. J. Millet and Irene Merideth from Oakwood, Dr. C. A. Dent from Riverside, Elder V. Roberts of the Southwest Region Conference, and Elder W. W. Fordham of the South Central Conference were among those who brought inspiration to the campers.

Elder H. S. Walters, president of the West Jamaica Conference, was a guest of South Atlantic through the ten-day encampment. He spoke on various themes to youth's meetings, ministers' gatherings, and adult assemblies. Eight ministers and two laymen from Jamaica joined their president at the South Atlantic camp meeting on the second Thursday evening. Their sincerity, willingness to do, and spiritual power all helped to make the last three days periods of refreshing and rejoicing.

From the reports of the Jamaica ministers in a symposium the last Sabbath afternoon, it was revealed that each pastored from six to eight churches and baptized more than 100 souls in 1957. Such baptisms are possible because there the laymen work with the ministers, it was pointed out by Elder V. E. Morgan, secretary-treasurer of the West Jamaica Conference.

Miss Ruth Faye Smith of Greensboro, North Carolina, who spent nearly three years in Ghana and Liberia, West Africa, as a missionary-teacher, and Princess Alice Siwundhla, who appeared with Ralph Edwards on the "This Is Your Life" TV program, were featured in a special symposium Sabbath afternoon. Special motion pictures were shown by Alice on Saturday night.

Miss Smith is at present working on her Master's degree in the University of Michigan after which she

is considering a return to the mission field.

Elder N. G. Simons reported \$992,608.77 in tithes and mission offerings during 1956 and 1957. This figure does not include a million dollars given for buildings, welfare, and miscellaneous church expense.

The secretary-treasurer's report also revealed that 1,417 new believers were baptized by 24 ministers during the biennium.

"The record of the 12 years since the organization of South Atlantic is one of mighty advances under God. We thank Him anew for His blessings. The new decade, potent with opportunity, stands before us. Three and one-half million of our people may, with us in that time, see Jesus come," said Elder Simons.

Elder J. M. Phipps, pastor of the Orlando district, was ordained on the last Sabbath afternoon.

Twenty-two tent efforts are scheduled for this summer. Two of these are lay efforts. Brother Fred Parker is in the Fort Lauderdale district and Brother George Sampson in the Fayetteville district.

The Sabbath school offering for missions was \$4,338.38. This was the largest offering ever given at a South Atlantic camp meeting.

N. G. SIMONS
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Conference Regional Meeting a Success

It was with quite a bit of apprehension that we journeyed on our way to our conference-wide regional meeting at Oakwood College on July 11, 1958. The meeting had been advertised widely, but knowing that the General Conference had met and that many of our members had attended, somehow we feared that there would be only a small number in attendance at this meeting. We learned a lesson,

however; God's people are not asleep—they seem to truly sense the fact that all signs point to the end of time and that we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, lest we be found wanting. The number present far surpassed all expectations.

The Lord's spirit was with us in a marked manner throughout the meetings. Our guest speakers, Elder E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, and Elder C. D. Henri, evangelist for our West African Union, lifted our hearts to God and our energies to the finishing of God's work as they spoke to us from time to time. As we think of the sacrifices being made by those in Africa, as told to us by Elder Henri, and of their sincerity and earnestness, we feel that we have a long way to go in order to be what we ought to be. Elder Henri stated that one African brother put it this way: "I want to be a Christian the Bible way." Everything he did, he wanted to do it the "Bible way." Let us all determine to mold our every thought, word, deed, and action the "Bible way." Don't just be a Christian in name—but a *real child of God*.

Our Sabbath school was well attended. Our church service helped us to see that there is no way for us to be divorced from any part of church. Every phase is a must for each member, and each will be individually responsible to God as to whether the connection is good or bad. In *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 363, we are told, "We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do. The Lord measures with exactness every possibility for service." To those of you who did not have the privilege of attending this meeting, we urge that you, too, rededicate your lives to God and determine to do more for Him than ever before. Try to win at least one soul before next camp meeting. This was the plea at the close of the morning service.

On Sabbath afternoon there was inspiration at the hour given to the

young people in the reports brought concerning the high lights of the General Conference and the meeting with our returned missionaries and our African students. A letter was read by Elder Fordham from Brother Theodore Cantrell who will, with his family, soon be returning to Africa. In his letter he was making an appeal for money to buy a tractor in order that they might be able to cultivate the ground with more ease. The baskets were passed, and an offering of \$63.78 was given toward helping with this worthy project. Would you like to help? We shall be glad to have you send as much as you can—we know the Cantrells will be very grateful. You may send your offering to South Central Conference, c/o Treasurer, and label it "Tractor for Africa."

On Sunday morning at six o'clock Elder Cleveland brought inspiration to those in attendance at our prayer service. Everyone left determined to find his "mountain," conquer it by God's help, and reach the top. At eight o'clock our workers received a spiritual injunction from Elder Cleveland that will mean much to each one until we meet again. He spoke from the text, "And I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (Eze. 3:15). The thought was, If I sit where you sit, and you sit where I sit, thoughtfully, there would be godly understanding, sympathy, love, brotherly kindness, and a spirit of helpfulness such as we have never known. We do not *know*, we do not *understand*, until we sit where another has sat.

We should not criticize. We were urged to be more understanding, sympathetic, and kind. As we left this final meeting it was with a sense of greater responsibility to God and man—it was with the thought that self be crucified and that God be our all and all.

MRS. CELESTINE FRAZIER

Praise is like a shadow. It follows him who flees from it, but flees from him who follows it.—AUSLESE.

A little explained, a little endured; a little forgiven, the quarrel is cured.

SOUTHWEST REGION

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Ingathering Victory Celebration

"FOR he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

Realizing the value of time and the importance of the work to be accomplished during these last days, Elder R. L. Woodfork and his congregation set out to make this the shortest Ingathering campaign in the history of the New Orleans church. With united efforts and diligent work, a goal of more than \$11,000 was reached in record time.

We heartily congratulate our faithful members for such consecrated efforts for the spreading of the gospel. Surely the blessings of the Lord will be manifested among our believers as they endeavor to set a new record in the Ingathering campaign for 1959.

V. L. ROBERTS, *President*
Southwest Region Conference

News Note

* As a result of a community Bible school conducted by the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist church of New Orleans, Louisiana, a large number of persons were able to learn the truths of the three angels' messages. Eighty-five persons satisfactorily completed the Bible course of thirty lessons and certificates were awarded them.

The class was well attended by a large number of visitors and church members every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. Mrs. Birdie McCluster and Elder R. L. Woodfork were the instructors of the Bible school.

Wise Words

EMILY KIMBROUGH said:

"You haven't changed a bit" is an observation I do not take to kindly. It is a form of greeting prevalent at school re-

unions, and I have seen its recipients simper with pleasure, in a fashion that astonishes me. I have traveled, worked, borne children, lived in various communities, and made many more friends and kinds of friends than comprised the group that surrounded me in pigtail days, and I hope my looks show something of these experiences. To be told that nothing of this increase in richness and enjoyment of living shows, makes me indignant.

—Fashions of the Hour
(Marshall Field & Co.).

An Imperative to You

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the uncommon men and women of this day and time.

You have spent your years in association with God-fearing doctors and Christian men and women as your teachers. They have watched you grow to maturity in medical skill as they have given you of their very lives. It is God's imperative that you now, "Arise, and be doing, and I will be with thee."

Intellectually and technically you have been prepared for medical service, but you are soon to walk out into a disorderly world—a world that is becoming increasingly mechanical and materialistic, but decreasingly spiritual; you will need to be charged with the Holy Spirit.

Concerning your developing and maturing period, someone has said: "You are the unopened tomorrows," but I want you who are seated here today to know that now you will be opened. Your wares will be investigated and sampled, and your faith will be tried. I offer you the same counsel that David gave to Solomon, "Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind."

As you go out from this institution take Jesus with you. Not a mental conception of Him, not a psychological thought pattern of Him, not a facsimile of Him, not a reasonable likeness, but take Him—the Man of Calvary, the One "altogether lovely," "The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." *Take Him with you.* When you come to your Red Sea, He will guide you over. When you reach your swelling of the Jor-

dan, He will take you across. When outside forces compel you to enter the fiery furnace, He will cool the flames; and if you must enter a lion's den, He will pillow your head and give you refreshing sleep.

You are going out into a sick world—a world that is frustrated, confused, and gasping for life; a world that needs the help that you are prepared to give; a world where people are beginning to look upon aspirin as a food substitute and tranquilizers as a cure for ulcers. We are told that there are more than 500,000 people in the United States afflicted with multiple sclerosis and closely related diseases, whose cause and cure so far are unknown.

The world needs your service. It needs to know above all things that there is a balm in Gilead. It needs to know that God is able and that you are in touch with Him. The world expects you to know more than those who have gone before you. Go forth saying with Thomas Hardy: "Thanks be to God who hath matched us with this hour."

You are entering a world that is haunted by a feeling of crisis. A world of contradictions and uncertainties. A volcano of indignation has burst upon the world, and one feels it in whatever point of the globe he travels. The waters of human relations are troubled. Many of the world's inhabitants are manifesting strained relations and are morally insensitive. Faith in God and a determination to rebuild for Him will give you courage and confidence. As you go, invest heavily in love and understanding that you may be able to walk without sliding, step without stumbling, stand without trembling, and speak without stammering. Love is an essential vitamin, and it has triple action. It is the essence of the spiritual therapy that is found in the Word of God.

There are temples yet to be built, and the builders must have wisdom and understanding, fearlessness and courage, carefulness and caution, and reverence for God and His law. Thank God for you, young men and women, upon whose young but able shoulders the responsibility has

been placed to build new temples of health as dwelling places for God. As you take your place among the uncommon men and women of the world, men and women whose lives are dedicated to battle with all manner of disease and to stay the icy hand of death, may you, like the Master Physician, recognize in all mankind the dignity of the human personality, however lacking one may be in physical form or marred in visage. Make manifest your faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Sonship of man, and allow no question of policy to influence your healing ministry. God never intended that barriers of custom should be more sacred than His law of love. Every step taken faithfully in the path of duty is a step toward heaven.

You are going out into a world fascinated by the dawn of a new age. This is a space age. The language of the day is concerning man-made satellites, Sputniks, Explorers, Vanguarders, and proposed journeys to the moon and to Mars. Guidebooks are now being written with such chapter headings as "New Frontiers," "Rockets Away," "First Step the Moon, Second Step the Planets, Some Day the Stars?" "Beyond the Milky Way." One writer has said that a comprehension of our steps into space and what man will find when he leaves the earth is tremendously important.

I believe this to be a fact. When a little boy I was taught to become interested in the outer spaces. From that time on my heart has been interested in what will one day happen up there. I was taught in my early youth that if the One who controls the universe will be allowed to control this body temple of mine, that one day in harmony with His promise, He will come again down through open spaces through which He ascended, and all those in whom He dwells will be caught up together with Christ "and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Today I am not excited over man's inventions nor his calculations. Neither the moon, the stars, the planets, nor the Milky Way are now in my way. By keeping

myself under the control of the Pilot of the universe, one day my interest in the outer spaces will be achieved. Through the lifting, life-giving power of the once-crucified, resurrected, and risen Christ, this will be accomplished. By His power the saved shall pass the stars, the planets, the Milky Way, and probably we shall give these heavenly bodies a hallelujah wave as we are gloriously transported on and on and on through the outer spaces to the gates of pearl that lead into that pearly-white city.

My young friends, tell you patients about this wonderful and glorious event. Live so close to your Master that through you He may lead them into such creative health that they will enjoy walking with Him in constant communion.

The direction your life will take will be determined by the chief object you have for living. Do not look forward to interpret life in terms of your income—your profits and losses. The quality of your life will be affected by your attitude toward life. David failed in his loyalty to God and was rejected by Him. You must keep yourselves exposed to the sunlight of God's love and care. Keep yourselves linked with God's power and you will never have regret nor know defeat.

The famous scientist George Washington Carver spent much time each day in prayer, and he said that these moments of creative solitude were responsible for many of his best discoveries. He turned down a \$100,000-a-year salary with Henry Ford, working in the best laboratory that money could buy, to remain at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama studying the lowly peanut at a salary of \$1,500 a year. There is a soul-satisfying difference between living to bless others and living in luxury.

Remember that prayer not only changes things but it also changes personalities. You will need to engage much in prayer to cushion the frictions of life. Let it undergird your hopes and aspirations as you seek to build new temples of health.

As you walk through the hospital corridors and take your place at the bedside of the sick, or stand by your dental chairs of operation, breathe a prayer to God, and it will be efficacious for health and for creative living.

Every discovery you may wish to make is not found in a test tube. There should be a connecting link between you and your God. Keep faith in God. You may explore the body temple, but it is God that puts it back together. All true healing is divine healing, and you should always keep in touch with the Great Physician, who is the divine healer. What a great psychological and spiritual impact is made upon the sick by the personality of a Christian doctor, nurse, or technician. You are God's agents of healing sent of Him to drive back the frontiers of disease and death; therefore, you should be as great in faith as you are in science. Your aim must be not only the healing of the maladies of the body, but the redemption of the soul.

When all other therapy fails, be able to lead your patients to touch the hem of the garment of the Great Physician that He might speak peace to their souls and health to their bodies.

I counsel you to make a restudy of the map of the United States of America, and you will discover that it is not bounded on the north by Oregon and Washington, on the east by Nevada and Arizona, and on the south by Mexico and the Gulf of California.

The world is God's parish, and you are God's dedicated men and women whose mission is the conquest of disease and the deferment of death. You must make your choice between comfort and challenge. Take your little black portable hospital into the rain-ribbed hills of Boligee, Miss.; the mud-washed valleys of Marcus Bottom, Ala.; or the sunny plains of Brass-town, Ga.; where the need is great and the sacrifice will be rewarding.

Plan your life so that you may go into the faraway places of earth and make your contribution toward

the health and extended life span of earth's millions. There are more than 2,500,000,000 people outside of the United States. Millions of them stand in need of the medical evangelistic service you are prepared to render. Go join those who once sat where you sit, and who are today engaged in the healing ministry in heathen lands.

I have just returned from the Southern African Division where I walked with Dr. Berkenstok and Dr. and Mrs. Kotz through the Kendu Dispensary at Gendia, with Drs. D. L. and Mildred Stilson at Ankole Mission Hospital, with Drs. Schaffner and Marsa at Songa where 10,000 different persons passed through the dispensary last year and 2,000 patients were admitted to the hospital. There is connected to this mission a leper colony with 500 lepers, the largest leper colony we have. Eighty-six of these lepers were baptized into the church last year. These poor unfortunate people are being helped by men and women from the College of Medical Evangelists.

Thank God that the College of Medical Evangelists has extended its healing arm into these faraway places of earth and the mighty miracle of health is displacing the diseases that are racking human bodies.

Thank God for the little dispensaries of health-giving vitality where hundreds gather daily for medical help and to whom the Christian nurse and her trained native helpers minister to their physical needs.

What if there were no Christian nurses and no dispensaries! What if

there were no Christian doctors or nurses or hospitals in the hidden recesses of these villages where heathenism is rampant and man is vile! What if there were no trained, sacrificing hands to lift the veil of ignorance and superstition from the brows of men and women whose souls were originally patterned in the image and likeness of God, and whose body temples were designed to be the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!

What if there was no College of Medical Evangelists to train men and women in the science and technique of the Christian healing ministry! What if there was not a world church with a world message that is responsible for the establishment of these agencies of redemption of soul and mind and body. What if there were no sacrificing men and women who were willing to give of their very lives for the training, the promoting, and finishing of a world program.

President Eisenhower said on June 2 in a commencement address at Mount St. Mary's College that church-supported schools are becoming more and more important to the free world. "There is no limit to the possibilities of this type of college," he said, "where faith in our God is put at the very cornerstone of all we hope to achieve."

Thank God, young people, that you have received your training in

the College of Medical Evangelists, an institution established with heaven's blueprint.

"Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee."

HOWARD.—Retha Dillard Howard was born December 20, 1869. Her childhood was spent between Mississippi, Florida, and Connecticut. She moved to Washington with her mother at an early age and continued her education by attending a kindergarten training school and the Normal Department of Howard University, graduating from the latter in 1895.

She was married to the late Dr. James H. Howard in April, 1927, and they lived a very happy life together until his passing a few years later.

The many facets of her beautiful life revolved around God and her church. In education she showed keen interest. She felt that all children should receive an education. Her lifework was devoted to the teaching profession, and she was one of the organizers of the kindergarten program in the public schools of Washington, of which she was a part until her retirement a few years ago. She subsidized many young people in the church who sought a Christian education.

Only those very close to her could know how she was always ready to render aid where it was needed, regardless of race or religion. If a case were truly a needy and deserving one, she gave aid and insisted upon remaining anonymous.

In the church she was active and faithful for more than half a century. Most of us who grew up in the church can boast that Sister Howard was our first Sabbath school teacher. She served in many positions in the church.

She lived in Washington continuously until three years ago when she went to Riverside Sanitarium in Nashville for medical observation, after a short visit at Oakwood College. She liked it so well that she decided to make it her home. This she did until her passing on Monday night, July 28th.

Thus ended the life of the oldest member of the First Seventh-day Adventist church in terms of years of membership. Her life can be summed up by saying, "One who would be a sweet Christian when he is old must begin by being a sweet Christian while he is young."

Such was the life of Retha Dillard Howard.

BRADFORD.—R. L. Bradford. We record with deepest sympathy the death of Elder R. L. Bradford, one of our beloved ministers of many years of service in the cause of God. He pastored churches in many of the large cities of the East, including Washington, D.C.

Elder Bradford had retired from active service several years before his death. During the General Conference session in Cleveland, we learned of his passing and the Regional Department representatives expressed their condolence to the family.

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