



## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

### The Oakwood Offering, August 8

ANNUALLY the General Conference makes available in the church's calendar of special offerings a Sabbath when all the churches in North America are asked to contribute to the Oakwood College needs. This college belongs to the readers of the *INFORMANT* in a very special way. Each reader should be proud to make a liberal contribution yearly to this cause. Last year the goal was \$100,000, of which \$59,000 was raised. As you can see, this fell far below the goal, although it was a good increase over the previous year's offering. We are sorry to have to acknowledge that among many of our Regional churches the response was not good. The Regional Department fell far below our proportion of the offering. If everyone gave, at least \$2.00 to Oakwood on August 8, 1964, we would have funds with which we could more rapidly expand the facilities of Oakwood. Just now a building expansion program is on, and the funds are greatly needed for these new buildings.

Oakwood is counting on you to do your best. Do not fail!

H. D. SINGLETON, *Secretary*  
*Regional Department*

### Oakwood Counts Its Blessings During the School Year 1963-64

THE enrollment for the beginning of the year was the largest the school has had in perhaps 10 years.

Oakwood College is now fully accredited, as announced by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in their December meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

Grants received this year were:  
\$5,000 from the C.I.T.  
\$1,000 stock from Sears, Roebuck and Company  
\$1,500 from Brown Engineering  
\$691 from Gulf Oil Corporation  
\$1,000 from Mrs. Minnie Jackson.

In addition we have been assured of further financial help from Gulf Oil this summer on our home economics department.

The college has been notified of acceptance in the United Negro College Fund. This is considered an achievement blessed by God, as this will bring thousands of dollars each year to the college.

### Activities at Oakwood During the School Year 1963-64

THE school responded to the Spiritual Emphasis Week conducted by J. H. Lawrence.

Oakwood College was visited by the public relations director of the Columbia Union Conference, Don A. Roth, who set up a pattern for public relations contracts.

Susan McDonald, harpist; Roger Nyquist, organist; and Alyne Dumas Lee, soprano, provided recitals.

The fall Week of Prayer was conducted by J. Malcolm Phipps.

The Alumni Association presented the Pageant of the Conferences, raising \$4,000.

Dr. Eva B. Dykes presented the Division of Humanities Week with the professors in these fields.

Oakwood College presented Nelson and Neal, Australian-American Duo-Piano Team.

Music Department presented the annual Christmas concert.

The United Student Movement presented "The Endurers" in an inspirational religious program.

Oakwood College Choir presented Gerald Ferguson, tenor, and Warren Becker, organist, in recital.

The Division of Sciences presented Negro History Week.

The Freshman Class presented Hugh Crarey, baritone, of New York and Washington, D.C.

Donald J. Williams was Honors Convocation speaker.

The Commencement exercises featured the following speakers: Consecration—Jacob Justiss; Baccalaureate—Joseph Winston; and Commencement—Addison V. Pinkney.

### Oakwood President Speaks at Student Association

PRESIDENT ADDISON V. PINKNEY was the keynote speaker at the Alabama State College in Montgomery, Alabama, where the State Student National Educational Association was having their annual meeting April 2. His topic was "Quality Preparation for Social Responsibility."

Fifteen students from Oakwood College attended the session. Dr. Earl M. N. Gooding, professor of psychology and education was the sponsor.

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## ALLEGHENY

### Western States Youth Federation a Success

THE Bethesda Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was the setting for the Western States Youth Federation of the Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on April 17 and 18.

More than 2,000 delegates and youth were attracted to the assembly from Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and the District of Columbia.

The major theme of the Federation was "Emancipation: Physical, Mental, Spiritual, and Social."

On Friday night, Louis B. Reynolds, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, addressed the assembly, and on Sabbath morning he taught the Sabbath school at large.

Dr. Winton H. Beaven, dean of academic administration at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, presented a dynamic message at the worship hour on Sabbath morning. His message was "Are You Satisfied?"

In the afternoon session of "Youth Wants to Know," representatives from three denominational institutions were on hand to discuss opportunities at Pine Forge Institute, Kettering Memorial Hospital, and Oakwood College. Those speaking for their respective institutions were Luther Palmer, Jr., principal of Pine Forge Institute; Gordon Zytoskee, assistant administrator for personnel at Kettering Hospital; and Faruk Sait, a young man from India who is a student at Oakwood College.

Jesse Owens, an all-time great track star, was the guest speaker in the afternoon session of the Western States Youth Federation of the Allegheny Conference. Mr. Owens emphasized, "This is a day when young people are doing great things and you should be preparing yourselves to stand on the platform of achievement."

Joyce Mathis, Dr. Oscar Henry, Allen Long, Robert Cochran, the Glenville Missionary Voluntary Quartet, and the Federation Choir joined a number of other musical personalities in responding to the call of the Western States Federation.

Miss Mathis is a recent winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions

which were held in Cleveland during the month of February.

Dr. Oscar Henry, professor of music at Central State College in Ohio is a celebrated lyric tenor. Dr. Henry is a graduate of Harvard and the Ohio State University. While at Harvard, he was the tenor soloist for the Harvard Male Glee Club for two years, and he traveled to South America and Europe while performing with the group.

Robert Cochran, the twelve-year-old trumpeter from Springfield, Ohio, captured the hearts of the Sabbath school congregation with his rendition of "The Holy City." He also sounded the processional entry for the worship hour.

The Federation Choir, under the able direction of St. Clare Phipps, was featured throughout the Federation, but the choir was especially able in its presentation of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "We Shall Overcome."

Allen Long, the young tenor from Cleveland, sang with great depth of feeling his selection for the Sabbath school program.

The Glenville Missionary Volunteer Quartet gave a well-disciplined performance in the group of songs which they presented at the Federation.

### Allegheny Students at Columbia Union College

FOUR students from the Allegheny Conference are slated to graduate from Columbia Union College at the close of the current school year, according to information received from the registrar's office.

Graduating students are Ronald Lee Anderson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who is majoring in zoology; Dorothy M. Backus of Baltimore, Maryland, a nurse; Oliver Shelton Palmer of Oberlin, Ohio, majoring in business administration; and Valarie Grace Thomas of Baltimore, Maryland, another nurse.

In addition to the four seniors already mentioned, there are 33 other Allegheny students, including five part-time students reportedly enrolled at Columbia Union College this year.

They are as follows:

Reginald O. Baker  
Robert Bradley  
Gladys Y. Branham  
Allen O. Breach  
James Clements, Jr.

Alma C. Crayton  
Elizabeth D. Darby  
Carol Maureen Easley  
Cheryl Eileen Easley  
Earline Evans  
Constance Jo Farrior  
Lorenzo Grant  
Michael A. Jones  
Carol Jean Keith  
Linda Marie Kilby  
Lionel B. Kilby  
Shelton E. Kilby  
Hedylajo Kilgore  
Jeanne Marie Lyons  
Virginia D. Mason  
Janice A. Montgomery  
Vernice V. Newson  
William C. Pergerson  
Cynthia Ann Poole  
Gilbert M. Preston  
Louis R. Preston  
Inez Louis Reaves  
Bernice Reaves  
Julie Lillian Tivy  
Janice Olena Tivy  
Joy Linda Tivy  
Lloyd R. Watson  
Yvonne Cecelia Wiley

D. B. SIMONS

*Public Relations Secretary  
Allegheny Conference*

### New Church at Sandy Spring, Maryland

THE idea of a church in Sandy Spring, Maryland, originated in California. Mrs. Sarah P. Wills, a resident of southern California had a desire to see a church in her home town, Sandy Spring. Mrs. Wills, with her husband Jefferson, left California and returned to Sandy Spring in 1962. Mrs. Wills, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Nelson of the First Church in Washington, D.C., and Mr. Ricketts of the Dupont Park church, Washington, D.C., started a Vacation Bible School. Before this effort was concluded Roger Hill, encouraged by the hopes of the late Mrs. Hill, began thinking about a church in the Sandy Spring area.

This company of three presented the idea of conducting prayer meeting in Brother Hill's home on Tuesday nights to Walter M. Starks, pastor of the Dupont Park church. Elder Starks (with a membership of 800 at Dupont Park) heartily accepted, and conducted these meetings for about four months in Sandy Spring. Sandy Spring, a small town in the outlying suburbs of Washington, D.C., is about 35 miles from the Dupont Park church.

From these Tuesday night meetings grew the need for expansion. The Allegheny Conference granted the request to conduct a tent effort on ground donated by Roger Hill. Assisting W. M. Starks in this tent effort were G. P. Walker, who organized and maintained the handbill distribution; Wilmer Hunt, Jr., soloist; Melvin Hayden, Jr., theological student of Oakwood College, who served as song leader; Benjamin Desmukes, directed the ushers; Carolyn Roy, pianist; Josephine Flowers and Ethel Nell, Bible instructors.

After the tent was taken down, Sabbath services were conducted in the auditorium of the Sandy Spring school. W. M. Starks conducted the services and was assisted by G. P. Walker, local elder of Dupont Park church.

On February 1, 1964, the Sandy Spring company was organized to join the sisterhood of churches of the Allegheny Conference. W. L. Cheatham, president of the Allegheny Conference, delivered the sermon at the eleven o'clock hour.

At present there are 19 baptized new believers and 14 affiliated Adventists bringing the total to 33 at the Sandy Spring church. This total does not include the children. Plans are under way to purchase ground on which to erect a church building.

More than \$2,500 in tithes and offerings were turned in to the Allegheny Conference by this company of believers before it became the Sandy Spring church.

We thank God for the faithfulness of our new believers and solicit your prayers for the new Sandy Spring Seventh-day Adventist church.

GERALDINE C. JONES  
Public Relations Secretary  
Dupont Park Church

## Oakwood President Speaks

(Continued from page 1)

Carol Hartie, a junior at Oakwood College, was voted as president of the Alabama State Student National Educational Association. Carol will represent the State National Education Association this summer at Vancouver, British Columbia, and will visit Seattle, Washington, with full flight and expenses paid.

Among the schools represented, Oakwood was the smallest, yet, through the blessings of the Lord, came away with the highest office.

## News Notes

► The Oakwood College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Pierre-Louis, has enjoyed a full year. Among the places the choir has visited and was received with acclaim were Southwestern Union College, Keene, Texas; Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan; Shiloh church, Chicago, Illinois; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Indiana; Atlanta, Georgia; Memphis, Tennessee; and A & M College, Huntsville, Alabama. The college is proud of the Music Department headed by Mrs. Inez Booth.

► Oakwood has planned an attractive program for summer school. Dr. Gaines R. Partridge is the director. Air conditioning is being installed for more comfortable study. Come to Oakwood and enjoy the summer session.

## Typing Champion Visits Oakwood

CORTEZ W. PETERS, whose internationally known typing prowess enabled him to become a world champion and a polished demonstration performer as well, appeared at Oakwood College on Thursday, April 23, 1964, at 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon to exhibit his spectacular typing speed and unique feats on the typewriter.

Mr. Peters has come far since, as an eleven-year-old boy, he first started typing via the "hunt and peck" system on a machine his father, a watchmaker, received in trade. His first step toward a rather unusual career was taken when he entered high school as a commercial student.

Within a year of his first lesson, Peters won the high school championship. Several years later he took first place for the half-hour Amateur Di-

vision in the International Typewriting Contest, capturing the title of World's Amateur Champion Typist. Although it was necessary for him to earn his living during the day, his skill increased steadily with long evening practice sessions and several times he finished runner-up in the Professional Division of the International Typewriting Contest.

He has succeeded in attaining an official international contest speed of 141 net five-strike words per minute for one hour of continuous typing on a Royal typewriter, with an accuracy degree better than 99 per cent, and has won the World's Accuracy Trophy.

Using a Royal portable typewriter, Mr. Peters also won the title of the World's Portable Typewriter Speed Champion.

In earlier days of his career, while working for a Congressman in Washington, he took important speed dictation at the typewriter, and did the same while working with official reporters of the House of Representatives.

He has become a nationally known television and radio personality through his exhibitions over the media, and has also been featured in a number of movie shorts. In addition, he has gained recognition as a leading business educator.

Students in the three business colleges operated and supervised by Mr. Peters in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and Chicago, receive the full benefit of his experience and skill.

Mr. Peters, who appeared through the courtesy of the Royal McBee Corporation, not only demonstrated the fundamentals of proper typing technique but performed many of the sensational stunts that have earned him his reputation as a fine entertainer as well.

During his exhibitions, he did a tap dance on the keys to the accompaniment of a record, speed typed while blindfolded and wearing mittens, and recited humorous poetry while typing from copy. In the latest feat developed by Mr. Peters, he asked questions of the typewriter which he answered by striking the keys—making the typewriter talk. The familiar typewriter becomes a new attraction when Cortez Peters goes into a demonstration.

The champion told the audience his best teacher was Dr. Eva B. Dykes, who taught him English at Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C.

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1. Left to right: Barbara Holland and Carol Lindsey, runners-up in queen contest; Delores Bryand was chosen Oakwood's queen. Escorts are left to right: Garland Dulan, Robert McDonald, and Donald Oxley.

2. H. T. Saulter, assistant business manager, gives dictation to Shirley Brown while Carol Sterling files letters. Students at Oakwood earn while they learn in every facet of the total college program.

3. Student banquet at Oakwood College.

4. Henry Wright, senior ministerial student, former president of the United Student Movement.

5. V. Lindsay, former Oakwood College pastor.

6. Joseph McCoy, junior ministerial student, is considered the best chorus director on the campus.

7. James Winston, junior premedical student, newly elected president of the United Student Movement.

8. Earning while learning. Bob Stone, gas-station attendant, at college store.

9. Geraldine Stevens and Catherine Johnson, freshmen secretarial majors, preparing copy for the *Spreading Oak*, student newspaper.

10. Ingathering day at Oakwood, where \$6,000 was raised in one day's effort.

11. Students prepare yearbook. Left to right at desk: Carol Hartie, newly elected president of State Student National Educational Association in Alabama, and yearbook editor, hard at work to make deadline, with Kathleen Hall, president of Vincet-Qua-Se-Vincet Club and yearbook reporter. Standing left to right: Mable Hardy and Valeria Humphrey, typists on yearbook staff.

12. Ruth Mosby, dean of women, gathers books as she prepares to leave office for worship room.

13. Frank Stone, left, and Samuel Warner, right, exchange ideas over lesson assignment.

14. Gerald Penick, freshman music major, practicing at organ.

## NORTHEASTERN

### R. T. Hudson Testimonial



R. T. Hudson

THE Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel at Rockefeller Center, with its gold-and-blue décor, was the site of the 1964 Testimonial Luncheon given by the New York

Chapter of the Oakwood Alumni Association on April 19. R. T. Hudson, president of the Northeastern Conference, was the guest of honor and Alumnus of the Year.

Jacob Justiss, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Allegheny Conference, presented a dynamic, thought-provoking address. Guest artists included Joyce Bryant, Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, Marion Monroe, Marcus and Lonita Thompson, Mrs. Rose Carter, and the seventy-voice New Believers Chorus of the Ephesus church.

Emerton C. Whidbee, educational superintendent of the Northeastern Conference, enhanced the occasion by doing an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies. The luncheon committee included: Sylvia Alexander, luncheon chairman; Edna Lett Williamson, journal chairman; Lester W. Williamson, biography; Louis B. Reynolds, scroll; Marjorie Hill, hostesses; J. Roy Davis, seating; and Emerton C. Whidbee, publicity.

R. T. Hudson received tributes from Louis B. Reynolds of the General Conference; the Ephesus church; the Washington, D.C., and Pine Forge Chapters of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. Presentations were made to Elder and Mrs. Hudson by Carrie Carrington, Edna Lett Williamson, Sylvia Alexander, and R. H. Carter.

Each of the 500 guests received a souvenir journal, complete with program and menu.

A. Samuel Rashford, president of the New York Chapter, gave the welcoming remarks, introduced the officers of the organization, the luncheon committee and prominent guests on the dais.

The response from the honored

guest was most challenging, inspiring, and heart warming as he expressed his gratitude and called for support and dedication to the educational task required for these times.

The Hudson Testimonial Luncheon goes down in history as the most successful of all the undertakings of the New York chapter. Along with the well wishers from the metropolitan area were guests from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, and Washington, D.C.

LESTER W. WILLIAMSON  
*Press Reporter*

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

### 259 Baptized in North Carolina

ON MARCH 17, 1963, my associates and I began a series of evangelistic meetings in the city of High Point, North Carolina. It was decided to conduct the meetings in the church, for many weeks of searching for a hall, school auditorium, and other accommodations proved fruitless.

Even before the meetings began it was evident that we would realize unusual results from the church meeting, which is generally considered, the most difficult to conduct. Sensing the tremendous precampaign interest already generated, we decided to hold two services on the opening night. These two services were very well attended. In fact, attendance on Sunday nights was so great that double sessions were required for five consecutive weeks. As scores of worshipers elbowed their way out of the front doors of the church at the close of the first service, the crowds would push their way

in the back door for the second service.

At the end of six weeks of preaching the gospel we held our first baptismal service. A procession of 20 cars and one chartered bus followed a police escort through the crowded streets of High Point and out of the city limits. Leaving the police escort at the edge of the city, we proceeded to Winston-Salem, where the baptism was to be conducted. There were 63 precious souls buried with their Lord in baptism on this day. Baptismal services were held each Sabbath for seven weeks and a total of 90 souls were baptized as a result of the High Point campaign.

N. B. Smith is the pastor of the High Point church, and as a result of his leadership, the church threw all of her forces behind the effort. The members brought scores of friends and relatives to the meetings, distributed thousands of circulars, and served on numerous committees, which greatly contributed to the over-all success of the meetings.

Robert Fries was our singing evangelist, Sisters I. Chambers and Phyllis Meador served as Bible instructors, and our music in general was under the supervision of Mrs. Leola M. Phipps, who was also the organist for the campaign.

From High Point we moved to the city of Durham, North Carolina, where, after much opposition from the city fathers, we were privileged to begin evangelistic meetings in a tent on July 21. An overflow attendance of 650 came to hear the opening message: "The Negro in Bible Prophecy."

The attendance was very consistent throughout the major part of the campaign. This we credit, in part, to the free Gift Award Cards distributed to each individual in attendance on Sunday nights. At the close of each week, a book was given to the persons who turned in their cards indicating that an usher had punched the cards each night during that week.

By the end of the sixth week of meetings we had accumulated over 1,300 names. These interested persons were visited by our Bible instructors, Josephine Williams, Phyllis Meador, Ethel M. Phipps, Leola M. Phipps, and Ruth Kinsey.

The first Sabbath services conducted in the tent witnessed 190 new Sabbathkeepers wending their way to the Bible Palace. We were privileged to have



Durham campaign staff. Left to right: Larry Harris, Mrs. P. Meador, Lawrence Wray, Ruth Kinsey, J. Malcolm Phipps (evangelist) Mrs. Leola Phipps, Mrs. J. Williams, and Ralph Franklin (pastor of Durham church).

Brother and Sister James Hammond, missionaries from the Ghana Mission in West Africa, to bring us a thrilling mission story during the Sabbath school hour. On subsequent Sabbaths we invited Elder and Mrs. B. W. Abney, former missionaries to South Africa, and Capt. J. T. Powell, chaplain with the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to bring our mission stories. Captain Powell had recently returned from service in Korea.

At the end of eight weeks of nightly meetings we conducted the first baptism of the Durham campaign, at which time 99 persons experienced this sacred rite. Assisting the writer in this solemn service were Ralph Franklin, pastor of the Durham church; N. B. Smith, pastor of the High Point church; J. T. Powell, former pastor of the Durham church; Fred Blue, local elder of the Raleigh church and Lawrence Wray, singing evangelist.

It was thrilling to see entire families of three, four, and five baptized at one time. Although there were many baptized in this one service, the entire baptism service took less than one hour.

Ralph Franklin, the very capable pastor of the Durham church, led his congregation to support the meetings in every phase of its operation. He was also the instructor for our free Bible course, from which 101 persons graduated and received certificates.

At the close of the year 169 souls had been baptized in Durham, bringing the total baptisms for the two campaigns during 1963 to 259. The churches have been greatly strengthened and encouraged by these meetings.

We desire your sincere prayers for the continued blessings of God upon the work in these two cities and churches.

J. MALCOLM PHIPPS, *Evangelist*  
South Atlantic Conference

### News Note

The South Atlantic Conference is scheduled to take charge of the Phillips Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Florida, and is expecting to operate a nursing home and rest home there beginning July 15. Persons interested in nursing and rest-home care should contact the South Atlantic Conference, 235 Chicamauga Avenue, SW., Atlanta, Georgia, for further information.



Jacob Justiss

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### A Spiritual Feast for Chattanooga

SABBATH, March 21, was "D" day in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jacob Justiss, youth leader for the Allegheny Conference, opened the Spring Week of Prayer with a dynamic message entitled "The Acceptable Year of the Lord." One could feel the Spirit of God surging through the congregation as Elder Justiss preached Christ against

the background of the sanctuary services. Night after night he held the large crowds spellbound as he preached "Prophecy Up to Date." Each morning during the week Elder Justiss and the writer conducted services for the students in the church school, and our hearts were thrilled when we came to the final service and six indicated a desire to be baptized.

Each evening before the regular service convened we had a youth forum where the youth of the church had an opportunity to discuss problems peculiar to young people. On Friday evening the Howard High School Concert Choir, under the direction of our church organist, Mrs. E. J. Simmons, presented several stirring selections. On the final Sabbath our Youth and Senior Choirs combined to form a melodious background for Mrs. Betty Shropshire, a guest soloist, as she rendered the moving selection "Fountain of Blood."

What were the results of this week of spiritual feasting? Victories have been gained over sins, some backsliders have returned to regular attendance in church services, six young people have taken their stand for the truth, and we are all on a high spiritual mountaintop.

M. M. YOUNG, *Pastor*



These prospective Portland, Oregon, literature evangelists and their families participated in a ten-day training session in April. Two will be full-time workers, ten part-time. All are members of the Sharon church. C. M. Willis (center, second row), Review and Herald Publishing Association representative, directed the school. To his right is A. W. Clarke, pastor, and on his left is James J. North, Jr., associate pastor.

## The Gospel to Those Who Sit in Darkness

THE Christian community should always identify itself with the handicapped and the unfortunate. The very sight of suffering should touch deeply the sensitive nature of one who is committed to Christ. In every age a devout man counts nothing foreign to himself that concerns his fellows, and he would not if he could, be oblivious of the world's want, its wretchedness, its yearning for light and understanding.

The Christian Record Braille Foundation Incorporated represents the effort of Seventh-day Adventists to reach and encourage people who have either extremely poor vision or who cannot see at all. The foundation lends books in Braille and large print along with talking records that bring the message of present truth into the confined lives of persons who have very little other contact with the outside world. There were eight baptisms of people handicapped in this way during 1963. Four sighted relatives of the blind were also baptized last year.

One of the testimonials from a correspondent in Lake City, South Carolina, gives some concept of the effectiveness of this ministry to the sightless people within the nation.

"I am so glad that some folks are interested in helping us blind people with good reading material. My wife and children listen to your records. I thank you more than words can ever tell! I am sure I will be a better person after hearing these great Bible records. It is so wonderful to listen to such good readings and beautiful singing. Only God knows just how much I appreciate your making it possible for me to enjoy these records. I am returning the Faith Bible records today. Would you send me a list of all other recorded inspirational material? Sometimes I feel discouraged that there is nothing I can do for God, but after listening to these good records I am determined not to give up. I have learned a lot about the Bible through these records. Thanks to you and God. I feel that I am better prepared for eternity, and the trials and burdens of life."

The great need of the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Inc., is for more funds to carry on this doctrinal ministry.

The production of one copy of *Desire of Ages*, for example, costs



Blind evangelist, Tekle Heimanor of Ethiopia, reads a Braille book from the Christian Record Braille Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska. One of his daughters stands beside him.

\$400. Lessons are costly. The counseling service demands a larger working force. The large print editions, so greatly in demand, are expensive to produce.

If you did not give to the Christian Record offering on June 13, it is not too late. Give generously to reach these people who are so often neglected, so consistently passed by.

It is instructive to observe what great amounts can result from many people giving that which normally they might spend on nonessentials or the equivalent of what they might throw away within the course of a week. Each year purposeful men grow rich out of trifles that the careless cast away. The sewers of Paris have made one man wealthy with treasure beyond that of gold mines. The wastes of a cotton mill founded the fortune of one of the greatest families in England. Peter Cooper used to say that he built the famous Cooper Institute by picking up the refuse that the butcher shops threw aside.

Those who sit in darkness are counting on your gift to bring into their homes and into their lives the light of the glory of God.

LOUIS B. REYNOLDS

## News Note

F. L. Peterson, general vice-president of the General Conference, delivered the commencement address at Andrews University, May 31.

## Why a Midsummer Offering?

THE urgency of making a liberal Midsummer Offering on July 11, 1964, should be recognized as a positive advantage and a sacred right that belongs to every member of the church.

It presents at once a double-bared opportunity—that of destroying covetousness which may be lurking in the believer's experience, and it provides one with a direct privilege to demonstrate his belief in the return of our Lord and to hasten that event by helping to warn the world.

The pen of inspiration depicts our day in the following descriptive message: "We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. . . . Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 14.

In world conditions which threaten civilization, the people of God see proof of divine prophecy being fulfilled. Therefore, those who are called by Christ's name should accept the invitation to give liberally for the Midsummer Offering. There is no better way to help in the finishing of the gospel commission given to the church by our great Commander. "This gospel of the kingdom," He said, "shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

F. L. BLAND

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