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# TRIBUTES TO R. T. HUDSON

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

We, the Ministerial Association of the Northeastern Conference, salute with solemn hearts our departed leader.

Elder R. T. Hudson was a minister in every sense of the word. The dignity of his carriage made him, in the eyes of most, a man of great stature. The generosity of his heart revealed him to his churches as a loving pastor. The spiritual content of his sermons earned him our respect as a man of God. His constancy in service was a demonstration of his consecrated zeal.

As a Pastor he was noted for his spiritual compassion as an evangelist. He was blessed in his labors. Hundreds of church pews are today filled with trophies of his service.

The success of his ministry earned for him distinction as a leader. He became the first president of the Northeastern Conference Ministerial Association, which now pays him tribute. As president of the Northeastern Conference there was much for which he merits our esteem. His was an administration concerned with education. A concern revealed in the granting of youth scholarships. A concern revealed in the encouragement of his men to continue their pursuit of higher education.

More workers were called to our Conference during his administration than in any prior. It was during his administration that the conference finally realized its dream of in a single year baptizing over 1,000 persons into this faith, with 1,074 baptisms in 1965. During this administration the membership exceeded for the first time the 10,000 mark.

But, perhaps most of all, he will be remembered for the magnitude of his dreams. He dreamed of a new North-

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## TRIBUTE FROM THE MINISTERS' WIVES

We, the Ministers' Wives of the Northeastern Conference, have appreciated the valiant leadership of our Chief Shepherd, Elder R. T. Hudson. His inspirational talks, his personal interest, his God-given drive, his deep, silent influence involving us made us feel that we were a definite part of the ministry. He sought the best for us — to elevate the standards and comforts for our families. We knew that he cared.

We will always cherish his tender feelings of love and his revealing, radiant countenance. He set an example for us of a father, a husband, and a minister. We pray that God will sustain our dear sister, his comrade, in this dark hour.

*"When sorrows press and faith seems dim,  
Hold fast, look up, and trust in Him;  
He faileth not.*

*"Mid earth's confusion, strain and din,  
He giveth perfect peace within;  
He faileth not.*

*"His every word fulfilled shall be;  
His unveiled glory we shall see;  
He changeth not."*

## IN MEMORIAM

In calm of Sabbath morning  
With only bird on wing,  
Some rise to search the scriptures  
And God's great praises sing.

In din of sunny noontide  
Midst toil and Godly fear,  
A soldier falls in battle—  
This is the news we hear!

As fades the sunset colors  
On the day we love the best,  
We wonder why this sorrow—  
But leave to God the rest.

This soldier died in service,  
And sleeps with hope to rise  
When Christ in all His glory  
Shall light the eastern skies.

A life of dedication  
To church and state and home,  
Has marked this generation  
Wherever we may roam.

The plans for education  
Of youth in times like these,  
Were dreams of R. T. Hudson—  
So many needs one sees.

At the coming of our Master  
In clouds of glory bright  
We hope to meet our brother  
As we stand in robes of white.

—Adrian P. Simons  
Teacher Bethel Elem. School  
Brooklyn, New York

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI ASS'N, NEW YORK CHAPTER

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called to rest Elder R. T. Hudson, who rendered outstanding service to the New York Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association who unselfishly gave of his time, energy and influence to Oakwood College and its activities here in the Northeastern Conference.

Be it Therefore Resolved that the Association's executive board and members make this expression of their deep and enduring sorrow, as well as their grief at the irreparable loss sustained by the Association in his death.

A. S. Rashford, President  
E. C. Whidbee, Public Relations



Ephesus SDA Church, at 123rd Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. The funeral held here for R. T. Hudson attracted the largest congregation ever to assemble in this historic church.

# STORY OF THE FUNERAL

By L. H. Davis

There was a significant and conspicuous urgency about Elder R. T. Hudson. He had many goals for the church — big goals, and a trusting faith that they could be accomplished. He entered into each day's activities with a certain press, push, or haste, as though he had but that one day only to finish the many duties, activities and projects he wished to see accomplished for the cause of God during his administration.

Thursday, December 8th, was no exception. A staff meeting of conference and departmental secretaries met from 10 - 12:30 p.m. Our President shared with us anew the theme and burden of the great evangelism thrust that the General Conference president, Elder R. H. Pierson, presented at the Fall Council. Then he wrote this follow-up letter to the conference workers:

"We have an extraordinary leader in the person of Elder R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference. He seems to be possessed with a burning zeal to see the work of God finished in the earth, and he is bending every effort to bring this about. Elder Pierson is going out personally to hold series of meetings to help win men to Christ.

In the November issue of THE MINISTRY magazine, you have no doubt read his open letter addressed to the workers around the world. This letter merits careful study. I should like to strongly urge that each worker take the time to sit down and write a reply. Please follow through on this. It is very important that he have contact from our brethren as to their response to this great challenge."

—Dictated, Friday, December 9, to Workers of the Northeastern Conference by R. T. Hudson.

At the close of the staff meeting individual pictures were taken of the men present. It was somewhat of a surprise to see the president return to have his taken. He said, "I like the picture of me standing with Krishna Menon, India's former Ambassador. If you could take one like that of me, I'd like it very much." Five exposures were taken of him; he thanked me and left. This was our last office family gathering.

Circumstances compelled Elder Hudson to make an emergency trip to Flint, Michigan, to give the eulogy Sabbath afternoon, December 10th, for Mrs. Carlyle Miller, his former secretary and wife of the onetime principal of Cleveland's Ramak Academy. Elder Hudson pastored Cleveland's Glenville SDA Church immediately before coming to Ephesus SDA church. Having completed the delivery of his sermon, in which those present said they were so edified that they "forgot they were in attendance at a funeral," our beloved president collapsed and died.

... Now, it's Tuesday, December 13. The crowd began to gather in the early afternoon at Ephesus SDA Church, some sitting in their favorite seats, awaiting the final memorial services to be held at 8:00 p.m.

Stennett H. Brooks, conference secretary-treasurer, upon whose shoulders the leadership of the conference fell, in counsel with a few pastors of the conference, assumed the responsibility for the funeral. He arranged for a closed-circuit television, piping the ceremonies to the rear auditorium of the church. Elder R. H. Carter, pastor of Ephesus Church, his associate ministers and members, had worked all day carrying out many final details. The conference office headquarters and Ephesus Church were decked with drapes, declaring a period of mourning extending through December 31.

At the funeral rites, one half of the lower auditorium was occupied by credentialed workers representing the Northeastern Conference, Atlantic Union Conference, Atlantic

Union College, Oakwood College, Greater New York, Southern New England, Northern New England conferences; Faith for Today; sister conferences and various other official church dignitaries.

There were several lawyers, bankers, builders and professional representatives present. These are professional men through whom the Northeastern Conference churches negotiate. By service time, friends who came from far and near had filled the church to overflow. Upwards of 3,500 were seated and standing throughout the edifice.

Promptly at 8:00 p.m. the Northeastern Conference workers and wives, participating clergy and the family entered in the procession. The Atlantic Union president, Elder F. R. Millard, served as chairman. Elder Carter assisted. The opening hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung:

*"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake,  
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."*

The program was as follows:

- Scripture Reading** — K. W. Tilghman, Treasurer, Atlantic Union Conference  
**Prayer** — W. W. Fordham, Associate Secretary of the Regional Department of the General Conference  
**Tributes** — Northeastern Conference Ministerial Association, Ministers' Wives and the Oakwood College Alumni New York Chapter  
**Selection** — "O, God Our Help" — Ephesus Senior Choir  
**Remarks** —  
H. D. Singleton, Regional Department Secretary of the General Conference  
F. R. Millard, President of the Atlantic Union Conference  
C. E. Bradford, President, Lake Region Conference, representing the Regional Conference Presidents  
Stennett Brooks, Northeastern Conference Treas., representing the staff  
Robert H. Carter, Minister, Ephesus SDA Church  
Dr. V. Simpson Turner, Pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
Rev. N. Licorish, Assistant Pastor of the Abyssinia Baptist Church  
**Duet** — "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet" — Ben Foster and Mildred Johnson  
**Obituary** — L. B. Reynolds, Secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
**Solo** — Eugene Harris  
**Eulogy** — E. E. Cleveland, Secretary, Ministerial Dept. of the General Conference

Elder Cleveland said, in opening, that he was going to preach the sermon that Elder Hudson had preached in Flint, Michigan.

In this last sermon, according to Elder Cleveland, Elder Hudson had emphasized, "that if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

He then spoke of Christ-centered lives as being the truly significant lives of human history. He spoke of the glamorized lives of the great warriors and statesmen of history, stating that by contrast their lives were pale beside the lives of such men as Joseph, Peter, Paul. He said that the great difference in the effect of their lives upon society and that of the statesmen and warriors was that their lives were Christ-centered. By contrast the lives of great warriors like the Caesars and Napoleons were lives built on selfish ambitions and these were destructive, but the others were constructive.

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3,500 observed the R. T. Hudson memorial services. Shown above is part of the overflow crowd in the main auditorium. Services were piped via closed-circuit TV to rear auditorium.



C. E. Bradford, President of the Lake Region Conference, speaking. Others are (left), F. R. Millard, President of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Honorary Chairman; E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.



Elders John Grayson and William Alleyne served as honor guards as their fallen chief lay in state at the Ephesus Church.



Final resting place for Elder R. T. Hudson at the Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York. R. H. Carter officiated at the final graveside services.

# R. T. HUDSON'S ADMINISTRATION

## 1962-1966

By Stennett H. Brooks

In September, 1962, the late R. T. Hudson, then pastor of the Ephesus SDA Church in New York City, was appointed to the presidency of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He energetically and promptly began to map out the conference needs. Studying them, he realized that the responsibilities of housing several of our congregations, the paying off of large mortgages on our church buildings, the demand for a home for our senior citizens, the need of providing more church schools, and increasing our evangelistic goals were great. Elder Hudson undertook this tremendous task.

### CHURCHES

As a start, he turned to providing suitable housing for our churches. During his administration, he worked with the following churches in their building or remodeling projects, or in paying off their indebtedness:

Bay Street — Springfield	French Church — Brooklyn
Berea — Boston	Hanson Place — Brooklyn
Berea — Nyack	Jamaica Church
Bethel — Brooklyn	Jefferson Avenue — Rochester
Bethany — Westbury	Linden Boulevard — St. Albans
Bethesda — Amityville	Mt. Carmel — Syracuse
Bronx	Mt. of Olives — Brooklyn
Brooklyn Temple	Mt. Vernon
Calvary — Bridgeport	Prophetic Voice — Staten Island
Capital City — Albany	Northeastern Academy — Mortgage
Emmanuel Temple — Buffalo	Home for the Aged Property

### EDUCATION

Ever a lover of youth, Elder Hudson was instrumental in helping hundreds of young people to secure scholarships to our academies and colleges, utilizing the three-way plan which provided approximately \$15,000.00. It was our President's firm belief that our youth in this age should attend church schools so that they might receive a Christian education as prescribed by the Spirit of Prophecy. Most importantly, under his leadership our conference church schools increased in number from four to eight.

### CAMP VICTORY LAKE

Our camp took on greater proportions with the addition of our Camp Pavilion and the extension of our dining room area to accommodate at least 400 persons. Other camp improvements included kitchen equipment, such as new refrigerators, a deep freeze, stoves and a new dishwasher unit; the installation of a craft room for our youth; a new ball field for the recreation of our young people; a new caretaker's home; new restroom facilities in the Bland House and tent area, and larger picnic areas for our constituency.

With the improvements made on the grounds, we were able to accommodate more young people in our summer camp program. Elder Hudson was thrilled to see between 35 and 50 precious souls accept Jesus Christ each year through this medium. The influence of our annual camp program has reached far and wide, and youth come to us from across the nation and even as far as Africa.

### WORKERS ADDED

During his four years as president, many young men were called to Northeastern into the ministry. Several of our interns received sponsorships to Andrews University through funds paid by the Northeastern Conference; and others were offered employment. All those young men helped



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Secretary-Treasurer  
Northeastern Conference of SDA

have gratefully returned faithful and dedicated service to the Lord's Cause.

Under his leadership, the Northeastern staff was augmented by workers called from sister fields. It was Elder Hudson's desire to secure the best for all phases of our work, both in the office and in the field, so that the work of God might be successfully carried forward in this conference.

### MEMBERSHIP

It was Elder Hudson's greatest achievement to spearhead a dramatic gain in Northeastern's membership. When he took office, our membership was 7,493. Under him, our ministers and evangelists baptized 2,893 precious souls into the faith, for a new total membership of well over 10,000. He hoped to reach a grand total of 11,000 members by the close of 1966. We believe that those Northeastern members who have been won to this truth between 1962 and 1966 were gained largely as a result of his liberality in financing several major evangelistic campaigns in this territory. The Year 1965 will go down in history as being our banner year in souls baptized; we then added 1,074 to our membership. Only eternity will reveal the exact number of people who might have been influenced as a result of this tremendous evangelistic thrust.

This brief report reveals a little of Elder Hudson's vision for this conference. On Thursday, December 8, 1966, he and I sat in his office and reviewed the accomplishments mentioned and the pressing needs now facing us. We were giving study to long range plans for the development of all phases of our work. Among other programs, we talked of —

Housing for our congregations now renting.

Housing for our congregations who are outgrowing their present quarters.

Churches that need major remodeling.

Campground improvements (such as complete new water system, more modern restroom facilities, additional housing for workers and constituents, and electrical wiring).

Area schools and an Academy. (Where there is an existing school operated by another conference, study is to be given to the possibility of working out terms with the school in that locale for our constituency.)

A Home for our Senior Citizens fully equipped and staffed to serve our constituency.

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# EDUCATION

## Progress Report of the Education Department of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

The cry of the hour is for more and better educational facilities for the boys, girls, and teen-age youth of the Northeastern Conference. Our educational program recently has shown quite a gain: There are over 900 students enrolled in our elementary schools and the Northeastern Academy; others of our youngsters are elsewhere in schools in the Atlantic Union Conference. We have begun up-dating our system and curriculum: many of our teachers spend each summer on college and university campuses acquainting themselves with the newest trends in education.

Here at headquarters, monthly workshops are held at which time new materials and ideas are presented to our teachers. Staff-members teaching outside the metropolitan area receive notes from these meetings, plus further explanations when they are visited by the supervisor and superintendent. Our regular, time-tested institutes continue. For example, the Elementary Teachers Institute in Boston in November, 1966, was packed with educational information gathered from Adventist educators, and educators from secular schools as well. In one interesting, unusual lecture at the Boston sessions, Mrs. Jessie Bradley, a former church school teacher now on the faculty of Southern Connecticut Teachers' College, led a seminar: human relations in the context of Seventh-day Adventist education today.

The education department welcomes to the Northeastern corps of teachers several new staff-members. At the Bethel Elementary School in Brooklyn, Miss Priscilla Jenkins is teaching grades 1 and 2. Miss Jenkins is a graduate of Manhattan Elementary School, our own Northeastern Academy, and Atlantic Union College. Mrs. Eleanor Best, a graduate of Oakwood College, is serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Bethel Elementary School. At the Hanson Place Elementary School, one of our newest schools, Mr. Elric Russell, a teacher with years of experience and a solid educational background, has become principal. Mr. Russell is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and holds a master's degree in education and science from Worcester College. The Hanson Place school has such a large enrollment that pupils overflow four of the classrooms. We will soon get additional instructional help for this school.

Mr. Louis Matthews is not a new member of our corps of teachers, but he has taken on a new responsibility, and is already doing an outstanding job as principal of the Linden Boulevard Elementary School. Here again there is large enrollment for the limited facilities, and Mr. Matthews is quite anxious that some additional space be secured during the 1967-68 school year.

Miss Thelma Bernard, who has a master's degree in childhood education from Columbia University Teachers' College, is in charge of the pre-schoolers at the Linden Boulevard Elementary School. The pre-schoolers class is an educational innovation. Miss Bernard is doing more than a professional baby-sitting job; she is introducing these youngsters to education in a new, result-laden technique. She is assisted by Mrs. Bernice Moore of the Linden Boulevard Church. Because of Linden Boulevard School's large enrollment in

grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Gloria Hunter, Home and School leader, now works with Mrs. Thelma Kibble as a teacher's aide. Unfortunately, Mrs. Sylvia Stovall (a graduate of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska) who has done such an outstanding job in grades 5 and 6 at the Linden Boulevard School, left us at the end of the first semester to join her husband at his new pastorate in Rochester, New York. We regret this loss.

Mrs. Alice Brantley now teaches the third grade at the Manhattan Elementary School, where the enrollment for the entire school, incidentally, is now 260. Mrs. Brantley is



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## Oakwood College Gets \$70,000 From Negro College Fund

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OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Oakwood College, under its new president, Dr. Frank W. Hale, is making giant strides toward a proud place among American colleges and universities. A recent report from the Oakwood campus shows healthy progress on all fronts. Oakwood is the newest member of the United Negro College Fund and has already received sizable money grants from the fund. In its all-out bid to help our college, the New York Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association, during the 1966 United Negro College Fund raised \$4,570. This was the top amount raised by any alumni of any of the 33 member colleges. In recognition, we received the beautiful Julia A. Hopkins Memorial Award Trophy. The cup is now on display in the Northeastern Conference office. The New York Chapter already is making plans to capture the cup again this year. Here is an open letter to YOU, from

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## NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY

**J. E. Roache, Principal**

The Northeastern Academy faculty and student body were shaken by the announcement of the untimely passing of our President and Academy Board Chairman, Elder R. T. Hudson. Less than one week before his death he visited the Academy and spoke to the student body at the Chapel hour. He admonished the students to put forth their best efforts to reach their goal. He added that there is a place in the world for every student and that place is determined by the student's preparation today and in the future. He emphasized that it is important what one does today in his preparation for tomorrow.

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ELDER HARVEY W. KIBBLE  
Secretary  
Home Missionary Department,  
Health and Welfare Department,  
Temperance Department,  
Lay Activities Department

# LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

H. W. Kibble, *Departmental Secretary*

Laymen of our churches of the Northeastern Conference are at work winning souls for Christ.

The year 1966 saw three Lay Activities Officers' Conventions: in Buffalo, Boston and New York City. In these conventions we stressed in outline the duties of the local congregation lay activities officers and their leadership in programs of soul-winning activities. We emphasized greater use of evangelistic literature in the home visitation programs and urged that the laity multiply their missionary contacts and Bible study course enrollments. Thousands of the tract "What of the Future?" were used.

Careful observation makes it clear that hundreds more lay members would do soul-winning work if they were taught how to do it. In 1966, we held, therefore, bi-conference lay evangelism workshops, with Elders J. E. Edwards of the General Conference Lay Activities Department and H. W. Peterson of the Atlantic Union Conference leading lectures and demonstrations highlighting the "how" of soul-winning. These workshops were held at Rochester, New York; Hartford, Connecticut; at the New York Center in New York City, and at the New England Sanitarium Church in Stoneham, Massachusetts. Attending laymen testified that they were greatly inspired to do more soul-winning work.

A big soul-winning workshop was held at our campmeeting at Victory Lake Camp, Hyde Park, New York, in July. Daily instruction and demonstrations were given to an eager audience by Elder A. A. Esteb of the General Conference Lay Activities Department and the writer. Each Sabbath of the campmeeting, at the Sabbath Missionary Hour, selected laymen who had been successful in soul-winning presented some of the souls that they had won to Christ. This electrified the large crowd in attendance in the Big Pavilion. It was thrilling to see and hear the new believers testify of their love for the Truth and their gratefulness to God and those who brought the light of Truth to them.

The largest lay soul-winning endeavor was the Lay Bible Evangelism Training School, held at the Linden Boulevard Church in St. Albans, New York. This school was taught by Elders V. W. Schoen of the General Conference Lay Activities Department. Assisting him were Elders H. W. Peterson of the Atlantic Union Conference; G. R. Earle, then pastor of the City Tabernacle Church, and the writer.

At the close of the eight-day session we graduated 92 students. Our late President, Elder R. T. Hudson, gave the graduation address.

The spring meeting of the conference-wide Health and Welfare Federation was held on our campgrounds in Hyde Park, New York. Over 400 attended. Miss Mattie Johnson

was re-elected president, and Mrs. Frances Moore, vice-president. The fall federation meetings were held as follows: The New England Federation at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the new, beautiful, Calvary SDA Church. Officers elected were Mrs. Louise Bell, president; Mrs. Sarah McClendon, vice president; Mrs. Lula Strums, counselor; and Mrs. Gertrude Jones, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Beatrice Galloway was elected associate secretary.

The Hudson Valley Federation was held at Newburgh, New York and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Frances Moore, re-elected as president; Mrs. Dorothy Medley, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ruth Whitlow, the associate secretary.

The following officers were elected for the Western New York Federation held in Syracuse, New York: Mrs. Georgia Tutte, president; Mrs. Esther Vascianennie and Mrs. Marie Leary, associate vice presidents; Mrs. Bousshard, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ethel Phipps as the associate secretary.

The Southern New York Federation held recently at Nyack, New York, also elected their officers, and the following persons have been selected to serve for the next two years: Mrs. Mable Kearse, president; Mr. Nathan Brown, vice president; Mrs. Lucy Webb, Miss Minette Phillips, Mrs. Ermie Chandler and Mrs. Ruth Conners, associates; Mrs. Mary Lilliewood, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Bernice Moore and Mrs. Rosa Griffins, associate secretaries.

On Sunday, December 4th, a Health & Welfare Officers' Council was held at the Linden Boulevard Church in St. Albans, New York. The Conference Health & Welfare president, Miss Mattie Johnson, was in charge, giving special help and instructions to the newly elected officers.

We are now about to climax our Ingathering campaign in record time, involving the largest financial goal ever set in the history of our conference. The campaign was launched with great enthusiasm at our recent workers' meeting. The goal of \$93,500.00 is in hand. The workers and members are to be commended for a job well done.

# "DIMENSIONS IN STEWARDSHIP"

By Everett Alexander



ELDER EVERETT ALEXANDER  
Secretary,  
Northeastern Conference Corp.  
of Seventh-day Adventists

The conference Corporation, as such, is not a new invention. Most of these legal corporations have been in existence since the inception of the union and local conferences. For a number of years, the larger majority of our constituency were totally unaware of the awe-inspiring service which the Corporation could perform for them, individually.

Then, something happened! Elder R. T. Hudson, the Joseph of our day, "the Dreamer" of new dimensions for the future of "Northeastern," was awakened by the wise counsel of Mrs. Ellen G. White regarding the importance of bringing this information to members of the church. A new and thrilling challenge gripped the heart of this dedicated man. It was sparked by repeated inquiries from members about how they might continue their Christian stewardship after the curtains of life shall have been drawn.

It was at this point that Elder Hudson introduced these ideas to the Conference Committee. The privileges and responsibilities of this challenge were studied, and it was voted that a Stewardship Secretary be called into the office to give this phase of our work further study and development, so as to meet the individual needs of the multiplied scores of laymen in our field. Now, more and more Chris-

tians are giving sober thought to the ultimate use of their accumulated resources of a lifetime.

True Christian Stewardship goes beyond the weekly or annual contribution. It involves what we do with all our resources, both current and future. The real meaning of life comes only to the heart that understands the plan, "The earth is the Lord's." Individuals can now give property to the church through the legal Corporation, so that it will provide security for personal needs throughout the lifetime and, beyond present needs, it advances the cause of Christ for years to come.

Elder Hudson took time out from his busy schedule to introduce me to an elderly couple who had requested the service of the Northeastern Conference Corporation. His face beamed as this service was presented in a spiritual and informative way. Yes! He had a dream. He was awakened by a vision. He was caught by a challenge. But gripped by death, he failed to see this phase of his dream become reality. Nevertheless, we, the Northeastern family, have caught a glimpse of the torch which he carried . . . "a new dimension in stewardship," and we will not fail God, who led us this far by His dedicated servant, Elder R. T. Hudson.

## TRIBUTE TO R. T. HUDSON

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eastern Academy. He dreamed of making the Northeastern Conference first in every way. He dreamed of finishing God's work on earth. Dreams based on the belief that with God all things are possible.

It is with a keen sense of loss that we recognize the silencing of his thunderous voice. A voice dedicated to the promulgation of the Gospel of Christ. A voice instrumental in the spiritual enlightenment of thousands. A voice loved for its sincerity, appreciated for its inspiration, moving in its pathos, challenging in its appeal. A voice which served as a rallying cry to steadfast faithfulness.

On him the pressures and demands of leadership have taken their final toll. And so, we bid our chief farewell, but not forever.

*"Though sorrow dims our vision here,  
Faith points beyond this mortal sphere,  
Where tears of anguish never flow  
Where pain and death none ever know."*

Northeastern Conference  
Ministerial Association  
D. B. REID, President  
DARREL ROLLINS, Secretary

## R. T. HUDSON'S ADMINISTRATION

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Because of the increased migration of peoples into the Northeastern territory, Elder Hudson was interested in bringing about a closer working relationship between the Northeastern Conference and other conferences in the Inter-American Division. Recently, he made a tour of the West Indies Islands in the interest of gaining a better knowledge of the people.

I, personally, believe that the loss sustained by the Northeastern Conference in the passing of R. T. Hudson is equivalent to the loss this nation suffered at the time of the assassination of the late John F. Kennedy. Only God knows why Elder Hudson did not live to accomplish his dreams for this conference, but I am sure that the influence which he shed among us and the individuals with whom he came in contact will long be remembered.

I believe, as a close co-worker with him, that he lived a dedicated, consecrated and sincere life. He believed utterly and firmly in our cause, and he wanted to see the work move forward rapidly, so that the Lord's return would be hastened.

STENNETT BROOKS  
Secretary-Treasurer

# PUBLISHING



ELDER SILAS McCLAMB  
Publishing Secretary,  
Northeastern Conference, SDA

We acknowledge gratefully the contributions made to the Publishing Department by Elder H. D. Warner. It was he who, during the first part of 1966, started us moving toward the accomplishments we are reporting through the month of September.

As is indicated by the following financial and soul-winning reports for the first three quarters of the year, the Lord richly blessed the efforts of our dedicated literature evangelists. Much credit is due my capable associates: Pastors Samuel James, Matthew Dennis and Robert Connor.

## Financial Report for 1st Three Quarters of 1966

	Hours	Magazines	Total Orders	Mags. Del.	Total Deliveries
January, February, March	\$ 7,804	\$ 7,213.15	\$48,256.01	\$ 7,250.00	\$44,423.66
April, May, June	8,471	8,001.34	39,202.32	8,028.24	37,832.92
July, August, September	9,072	13,572.07	37,154.33	13,196.62	35,272.39
TOTAL	25,347	\$28,786.56	\$124,612.66	\$28,474.86	\$117,528.97

## Soul Winning Report for 1st Three Quarters of 1966

	January-March	April-June	July-September	Total
1. Literature distributed	4,247	2,498	2,899	9,644
2. Bible Enrollments	100	163	86	343
3. Interested persons att. church	21	36	19	76
4. Former SDA's invited to church	24	11	60	95
5. Homes in which prayer was offered	555	348	397	1,300
6. Bible studies given	140	87	87	314
7. Baptisms	5	3	4	12

We cannot close this report without paying tribute to our late president, Elder R. T. Hudson, for his distinguished leadership. He not only manifested equal interest in all the departments but also in each church and member of the Conference, both young and old. Time will not be able to efface our fond memory of him.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to finish the work of giving the gospel to our fellowmen, that Jesus may soon

come. He will put an end to the results of sin and reunite us with our loved ones and friends.

Our motto for the New Year is "HELP YOUR FELLOW-MEN PREPARE FOR HEAVEN IN '67."

SILAS McCLAMB  
Publishing Department Secretary

# SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



ELDER HERMAN R. MURPHY  
Sabbath School Secretary,  
Secy. Industrial Relations Dept.  
Northeastern Conference of SDA

The Sabbath School Department rejoices greatly in the membership gain of the Sabbath School during 1966. At the end of the third quarter of 1966 our membership stood at 8,890 persons; for the similar period in 1965 it was 5,808. This was a gain of 3,082. Average attendance at our Sabbath Schools was 6,545 in 1966 versus 4,360 for 1965, a gain of at least 2,185 more persons attending. This is as it should be.

In 1966 senior Sabbath School net membership increased by 1,593 persons; in the youth department the net increase was 310.

Our churches are now operating 19 branch Sabbath Schools and 14 Branch Bible Schools. The minimum objectives for 1967 are at least 2 branch Sabbath Schools for each church.

The financial report of our Sabbath School is very encouraging. For the first 11 months of this year our total Sabbath School offering amounted to \$124,008.58 compared with \$116,123.14 for 1965. This is a gain of \$7,885.44. The Sabbath School Department cannot praise itself too much on this point, however, for it receives only one and one-fourth cent of every dollar earned by members of the Northeastern Conference. For the period just mentioned our members earned \$11,618,617.20. If the finances of families among our church members are being seriously disrupted it cannot be traced to our gifts to the Sabbath School. The Sabbath School Department is urging each member to re-examine his financial contributions to our mission work in the light of wages earned.

The interest shown in Sabbath School workshops is quite impressive. Sabbath School discussions figured prominently, too, in conference-wide church officers conventions held the first part of the year in Buffalo, Boston and New York. The over all Sabbath School gains registered thus far has been due to the wholehearted work of Sabbath School officers putting into action the plans discussed. Sabbath School workshops in 1966 were held in the following churches: Berea in Nyack, Jefferson Avenue in Rochester, Brooklyn Temple in Brooklyn and Bethany in Westbury. At Bethany church in Westbury nine of our churches located on Long Island participated. The meeting in Rochester and Westbury covered a period of three days. We were greatly indebted to Elder H. W. Peterson, Sabbath School Secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, for his attendance and for his valuable help in many of these meetings. During the time of camp-meeting the Sabbath School Department was able to conduct a daily workshop for two hours. The attendance at the workshop each day was very encouraging. The workshop dealt largely with teaching methods.

1966 was a good year in Sabbath School Investment, but final reports are incomplete.

A Vacation Bible School report for 1966 appears below.

Church	Total Enrollment	Members SDA's	Members Non-SDA's	Number of Persons Assisted	Certificates Issued
Berea, Nyack	89	23	66	12	81
Bethel	131	91	40	22	125
Brooklyn Temple	47	18	29	7	41
Bronx	169	30	119	20	91
City Tabernacle	24	3	21	2	—
Ephesus	50	45	5	10	30
Mt. Vernon	128	18	110	10	77
New Rochelle	60	35	25	17	60
Total	698	263	415	100	505

It is desired that each Sabbath School establish branch Sabbath Schools, thus working greatly and successfully to increase our membership. One member, Olga Rodriguez, has an average attendance of 100 children in her home in the Bronx. Her branch Sabbath School is divided into four sections. (In this article appears a picture of some of these Branch Sabbath School children from her four schools who attended the annual Christmas party for Sabbath School children given by City Tabernacle on Sunday, December 11. One of the older children who appears in the picture has already been baptized and is now helping to teach the other children.) (See page 12.) It is this type of dynamic Sabbath School evangelism we wish to see in progress in each of our Sabbath Schools. We hope to have everyone working for a better Sabbath School in 1967.

H. R. MURPHY,  
Sabbath School Department

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Religious Liberty Department began its year with activities designed to secure passage in the state legislature in New York of bills to protect religious rights of students enrolled in schools within the state. The bills sought also to protect teachers employed in schools. The bills provided that students not be required to attend classes nor engage in other school activities during the sacred hours of the Sabbath, stipulating that the school provide the necessary make-up work during other hours. They also provide that teachers not be required to appear at school for teaching duties or other school activities during the Sabbath hours. The bills introduced applied to elementary, secondary and schools of higher learning. We were very grateful that one of these bills passed. It protects the religious rights of students attending tax-supported schools of higher education in the state. To get these bills enacted into law requires a great deal of personal contacts, telephone calls, telegrams and letters written to the members of the legislature and governor. We were grateful for the interest shown in the principles of religious liberty by these various officials. When the session reconvenes in 1967 we will be back on the doorsteps again pleading for revival of the bills which died in committee.

The department has been active in securing Sabbath privileges for a number of our members in different types of employment. Some cases have been very difficult and have even received unfavorable court decisions. However,

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# YOUTH AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

By L. H. Davis



ELDER LEON H. DAVIS  
Secretary  
Missionary Volunteer Department,  
Public Relations Department,  
Northeastern Conference of SDA

Much is being done by our youth where they are properly directed and encouraged. The Missionary Volunteer Society is "headquarters" for the young people of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This is the "nerve center" for all missionary activity and one of its most important units is the church of God.

The Ephesus youth have rallied to a church program of building a youth center. The land has been purchased and programs are launched to raise finances for the construction.

Eighty seven have been baptized during the first three quarters as a result of youth evangelistic activities. Thirty-two campers were baptized as a result of three youth crusades conducted as a part of the Northeastern Conference annual summer training camp, located in Hyde Park, New York. There were 756 campers and 64 daily staff members enrolled in the three two-week periods. A total of 499 honors were earned in 18 different classes in nature and crafts.

Summer operations receipts totalled \$39,691.17. The rates averaged \$22.00 per week. In addition to the regular expenses, \$17,500.00 was paid in salaries to the staff members, most of whom are students in our colleges. More than \$5,000.00 was cleared and will be used for camp expansion. The youth activities at Victory Lake began in May and closed mid-September.

Our youth federations are functioning stronger than ever. Federations are organized in Manhattan-Bronx district; Westchester including Nyack, New York; Brooklyn, Long Island, Hudson Valley and New England. The meetings afford a time for worship, fellowship and an opportunity of sharing talents and missionary volunteer accomplishments.

Another strong organization within the MV Society is the Pathfinder Club. This club covers the junior youth, ages 10-15. Most clubs have a trained staff, well experienced in pathfinding. Some activities cover drilling, MV honors, crafts, MV classes, hiking, recreation and other fellowship activities.

We are grateful for the many calls expressing a concern over the continuous development of our Victory Lake Campsite. Under the leadership of our late President, Elder R. T. Hudson, the camp activities grew and expanded greatly. The dining room was enlarged to twice the original size and furnished with \$10,000.00 in equipment—three new cooking ranges, electric dishwasher, walk-in refrigerator and deep freeze, Hobart Model meat slicer, Hobart choppers and shredder, cooking utensils, etc. The pavilion and chairs were purchased, the grounds landscaped and beautified to the extent that our campsite became an attraction and has become a haven for God's people especially the youth.

Victory Lake became a place where Elder Hudson would come and he seemed to relax with our youth. The Week Revival that he conducted annually with our Juniors, his visits after his Sabbath appointments, Senior Camp sermons and counsel to our youth will be missed. He did all he could for our youth.

His departure was abrupt, but we can truly say, "There was a man sent from God . . ."—John 1:6

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## OAKWOOD COLLEGE

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the officers of the New York Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association:

Dear Friend of Oakwood:

The New York Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association takes great pride in announcing its recent victory in the United Negro College Fund Drive. The small but hard-working alumni chapter is the newest member of the 33 college alumni chapters in the group. 1965 was its first year in the drive for funds and it placed fifth. In 1966 the Oakwood Alumni Chapter raised \$4,570 and received the beautiful Julia A. Hopkins Memorial Award Trophy which is on display in the Northeastern Conference Office.

Oakwood College, our alma mater, derived over \$70,000 last year from the United Negro College Fund. Hence, we feel our cooperation in United Negro College Fund activities in the metropolitan area is a "MUST". Our ministers and the churches of our conference did not support us as we had hoped. We need their support if we are to carry on; for this small but faithful band of workers is laboring under a load much too heavy for its numbers. Won't you assist us in a more tangible

manner by returning the enclosed membership blank with your alumni dues for the year?

We are willing to bear more than our share of the load, but we must have some help if we are to survive!!!

Yours for a bigger and better Alumni Association  
The New York Chapter of the  
Oakwood College Alumni Association  
EDNA LETT WILLIAMSON, Secretary

Please accept this challenge in the spirit in which we give it and help us help Oakwood through the United Negro College Fund.

Your friends,

THE NEW YORK CHAPTER,  
OAKWOOD  
COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
A. S. Rashford  
President  
E. C. Whidbee  
Public Relations Secretary

# G. R. EARLE ELECTED PRESIDENT

George Roland Earle, affable and talented minister, and pastor of the City Tabernacle Church of New York City, was appointed President of the Northeastern Conference by the Executive Committee in session on Tuesday, December 27, 1966.

The Executive Committee is appointed by the Conference constituency in its biennial session. In such emergency sessions the Atlantic Union Conference President with headquarters in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, serves as the Committee chairman. Elder F. R. Millard was accompanied by Elders K. W. Tilghman, Secretary-Treasurer and F. R. Aldridge, Auditor. The World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., was represented by Elder W. W. Fordham.

Elder G. R. Earle has had approximately 19 years of experience as a minister in the Northeastern Conference. He came here in 1948 after a brief evangelistic effort in Fayetteville, North Carolina, in association with the E. E. Cleveland evangelistic team.



G. ROLAND EARLE  
President, Northeastern Conference  
December 27, 1966

He served as Pastor of the New Rochelle; Linden Boulevard of St. Albans; Bethel, Brooklyn; and City Tabernacle, New York City, churches. As a result of his successful evangelistic efforts, the Springfield Gardens and Amityville churches were organized. During his pastorate at the Bethel Church, the congregation increased over a six-year period from 459 to 738 members. God has blessed his leadership as an evangelist, pastor and builder of churches.

He served many years on the Conference Executive Committee, as a member of the Conference Building Committee, Academy Board and as School Board Chairman, where he gained a reputation as a sharp observer with a great sense of understanding and humor. Elder Earle has now accepted the challenge as president.

Your prayers are solicited for him in this new and heavy responsibility that the Conference will continue to grow and maintain its status as the fastest growing conference in the East.

—Public Relations Department Release



Northeastern Conference Executive Committee, General and Union Conference officials, pose for picture following the session appointing G. R. Earle, President.



F. R. Millard, President of the Atlantic Union Conference, congratulates G. R. Earle upon his election.



Mrs. Cynthia Timpson, 3rd from left, directed a home nursing class at old-fashioned Campmeeting session held at Hyde Park, Victory Lake Camp. Fifty-three students finished the course. Others are, left to right, Mrs. Emily Tucker, R.N.; Miss Geraldine Bailey, R.N.; A. A. Esteb, Secretary, Lay Activities Department of the General Conference; the late R. T. Hudson; F. R. Millard, President of the Atlantic Union Conference; and H. W. Kibble, Secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the Northeastern Conference.



Elementary students of the Northeastern Conference gather for investiture service at Victory Lake Camp. The progressive work is a vital part of the religious education of the youth in our schools.



Banquets are a specialty for the youth attending Victory Lake Camp. Shown above are some of 200 youth in attendance at the 1966 Senior Youth Camp, sponsored by the Conference Youth Department.



Left to right: Ivan Warden, Michael Bernard, Trevor Baker, fourth from left and Dennis Ross, extreme right, are four young men that the Conference Committee voted to sponsor in obtaining graduate divinity degrees at the Andrews Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan; the first three were approved in the last session by R. T. Hudson. They are shown along with Mrs. Winnie Rivers, pianist, Calvin Campbell, Mrs. Helen Griffith, organist, and Norris Weathington, who assisted L. H. Davis, center, in youth program activities.



Pictured above is a Teen Challenge Club that sponsored moving pictures, lectures and demonstrations at a summer meeting for youth.



Some branch Sabbath School children from a school conducted by Mrs. Olga Rodriguez in the Bronx under the direction of the City Tabernacle Church. One of the older girls has been baptized.



Pastor Rene Adrien was ordained at the 1966 Campmeeting. His church located at 447-449 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, conducts all services in French. Pictured with him and Mrs. Adrien are F. R. Millard, President of the Atlantic Union Conference and R. T. Hudson, late President of the Northeastern Conference, who led out in the ordination services.



The Bridgeport SDA Church, one of the new churches built last year, is pastored by W. H. Kibble, who baptized 60 souls as a result of summer revival.



COLIN ARTHUR PITTER  
August 1, 1906 — December 10, 1966

## JOURNEY'S END: THE OBITUARY OF COLIN ARTHUR PITTER

*"How are the mighty fallen  
And the weapons of war perished."  
— 2 Sam. 1:27*

By D. B. Reid

Colin Arthur Pitter, 60, veteran Seventh-day Adventist educator and church officer, died in New York City on December 10, 1966.

He was formerly a member of the faculty of Oakwood College, where he taught in both the English and Business Administration departments. He left the college in 1949 and later became the principal of Northeastern Academy here.

Professor Pitter served the academy until stricken with illness several months ago. His last post was that of Auditor for the Northeastern Conference.

Jamaican-born, Professor Pitter was the son of the late George and Sophia Pitter, who were strong pillars of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kingston, Jamaica. As a young boy, he was brought up in strict Adventism and he early gave his heart to God. Among the members of Kingston's North Street Adventist Temple, he was called "The Child Wonder." This was in recognition of his intellectual gifts and his poise in reciting.

At the West Branch Elementary School in Kingston, he excelled as a pupil and later he took first class honors at the Kingston Technical High School. Colin Pitter next entered West Indies College, where he later returned to teach English and business courses.

He furthered his education in the United States, where he took degrees from Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan; from Columbia University and from New York University.

Teaching became his career, and he was a firm believer, throughout his life, in the value of Christian education. He loved not only youth but also his church. He gave himself to it completely in service. For a time he was a member of the Northeastern Conference Executive Committee.

Professor Pitter was instrumental in financing several young people in their education, often at great personal sacrifice.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ethlyn Griffiths, to whom he was married on December 22, 1940. They had no children. Also surviving are two brothers, Vincent and Harold, both of New York City; four sisters: Mrs. Adassa Brown of San Diego, California; Mrs. Sylvia Barkley, Miss Mabel Pitter and Miss Isabelle Pitter of Jamaica, West Indies; a nephew, Frederick Brown of San Diego, and a foster-daughter, Maureen E. Pitter, of New York City.

We pay tribute to him as one of God's heroes, a valiant soldier of the Cross. May he rest in peace, awaiting the voice of the Life Giver in that glad morning.



A joint ministerial workshop of Allegheny, Lake Region and Northeastern Conferences, held at Atwood Lake Lodge, Ohio.



The E. E. Cleveland Twin Tent Revival, Jamaica, L. I.



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# OBITUARY OF R. T. HUDSON

By L. B. Reynolds

R. T. Hudson, beloved minister, evangelist and administrator of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who gave his life to the preaching of the Gospel, ended his career just after preaching a funeral sermon in Flint, Michigan, December 10, 1966. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi, December 4, 1912. His parents were Joseph and Annie Lee Cotton Hudson. His father, before joining the Adventists, was a minister in the Baptist Church.

R. T. Hudson received his education in different sections of the nation. He attended church school at Memphis, Tennessee; the public schools and Shiloh Academy in Chicago, Illinois; Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and the Queens College in Flushing, New York. He was an avid reader and a life-long student. He traveled and preached in several countries outside of the United States.

He was married to Dorothy Warren, June 28, 1950. Their children are Sharon, Robin and Ricardo. Another daughter, Mrs. Ramona Mouzon by a former marriage, resides in San Diego, California.

He began his ministry in Des Moines, Iowa in 1935. At that time, he also had the supervision of evangelism in Sioux City and in sections of Nebraska. After that, he was pastor of churches in the Dallas, Texas district; the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania district; Washington, D. C.; Cleveland, Ohio; and New York's Ephesus Church. He was elected to the office of President in the Northeastern Conference in 1962 and in that capacity he served until his death.

As a pastor and evangelist, he was one of the most resourceful people in the SDA connection. He has been responsible for the baptism of approximately 3,000 people into the Adventist Church. He brought to the New York Ephesus Church some of the world's foremost diplomats in connection with his evangelistic series. He gave an outstanding group of sermons on the Churches of the Reformation,

which were attended by many prominent people of New York City.

He led out in a community program for the modernization of Harlem Hospital resulting in a grant of \$21,000,000 from the Mayor's budget for this health facility.

He appeared before a committee of the New York State Legislature to discuss religious liberties. He was one of five ministers in the United States chosen in 1960 to represent his country on the Queen's Broadcasting Station in London, England.

He had a great love for young people. He wanted to see them advance. He gave himself unstintingly to their interests and the young people, in turn, sought his advice and guidance. He would bring young people to his home for the holidays, particularly those who had no refuge and no place to go. He never allowed people to go hungry if he knew of their need. He sought out people and inquired about their welfare. He set up programs in the church to assist them and to find ways by which their problems could be resolved. It was never too late or too far or too inconvenient for him to do something to help those who were in need. He had everlasting patience and a determination to give himself with the utmost devotion to the needs of others while life lasted. He enjoyed the highest in church music. He believed in this as an extraordinary form of worship and uplift. He believed in using the best of the old hymns to undergird the faith and the conviction of members of this church.

He leaves in the group of mourners, his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, his daughters, Ramona, Sharon and Robin, and his son, Ricardo; his sisters, Mrs. Mary Hicks, Mrs. Avis Carethers and Mrs. Omega Grigsby; a nephew, Dr. Obie Hicks in Los Angeles, California; and two grandchildren, Clifton Jr. and Kim.

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## NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY

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About four weeks prior to Elder Hudson's passing, the Senior Class of 1967 had voted to dedicate its yearbook to him. When informed of the action of the class he was happy and pleased but characteristically said he felt he merited not the honor.

Elder Hudson will be greatly missed by the entire constituency, but perhaps most by the Northeastern Academy students and faculty. The School Board under his leadership, with the Conference Committee cooperating, has developed

plans for the building of an academy worthy of the church's name. It was his hope that such a school would come to fruition not later than the fall of 1969 and perhaps even as soon as 1968. This school, as he envisioned it, was to be fully equipped with every facility to give every Adventist youth an opportunity for an excellent Christian education.

The far-sighted vision of our departed leader must become an inspiration to those of us who are left behind to fulfill this dream as he envisioned it. It must be the resolve of every worker to see this fondest dream become reality for the youth of the metropolitan area.

## EDUCATION

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but a few hours from her master's in educational guidance; she formerly taught in the Laboratory School at the Oakwood College. Mr. Keith Dennis, former principal of the Indianapolis school in the Lake Region Conference, has also joined the staff at the Manhattan Elementary School. He teaches seventh and eighth grade subjects.

The Jefferson Avenue Elementary School in Rochester, New York, has not added to its staff this year, but the principal, Miss Katrina Nesbitt, and her staff, Mrs. Margaret Earl and Mr. Theodore Jefferson, are laboring faithfully with the boys and girls and we look forward to growth in this school. Last year they received an award from the city for their outstanding work in safety in connection with the student patrol. Miss Rachel Reid has returned to our church school in Syracuse, New York. The Mt. Carmel Elementary School there, under her able supervision, is one of the most pleasant schools to visit. Her twelve students are always cheerfully and busily engaged in their school work. Miss Reid is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and is presently engaged in graduate study at the University of Syracuse.

Mrs. Juanita Small and her assistants—Mrs. Cecelia Foster, Mrs. Mary Cluff, and Mrs. Thelma Small—continue their energetic work with the boys and girls of the Berea School in Boston; the results of this dedicated labor is noticeable in the decorum and studies of the students. There are now 20 students from the Berea Church enrolled in Greater Boston Academy and both the Berea Church and Northeastern Conference have been invited to join in the administration of this school.

Mrs. Edna Florence and Mr. Winston Silvera are staffing Brooklyn Temple Elementary School with the assistance of Mrs. Erma Williams, serving as a teacher's aide. Mrs. Williams has studied at Oakwood College. This is the school's second year of operation, and there are seventy boys and girls enrolled.

The Northeastern Academy, under its new principal, a veteran educator, Elder J. E. Roache, is on the upward climb. He has a dedicated corps of Christian teachers and a spirit-filled student body.

We at headquarters compliment our pastors, school board chairmen, school board members, Home and School leaders and members who are so consistently occupied with the task of administering our schools and attempting to equip them with the necessary educational facilities. Our executive officers of the conference, too, have cooperated wholeheartedly in supporting the educational program. The effective progress is noteworthy but there is much that must yet be done if our youth are to be prepared for the challenging hours ahead.

Our beloved late President, Elder R. T. Hudson, did have the interest of the youth of this conference at heart. He, along with the executive committee, was laying definite plans for the advancement of the educational work. He was interested in relocating our academy and establishing consolidated schools in three or four areas of the city. These plans must continue. The completion of any one of these mighty endeavors would be one of the greatest tributes that could be paid to this noble servant of God. The sacrifice you make for your boys and girls today will pay great dividends tomorrow. You have this promise from our Heavenly Father. Fellow believers, let us do our part, and God will do the rest. We are living in serious times, and our boys and girls should be placed in our schools.

E. C. WHIDBEE  
Educational Superintendent

## STORY OF THE FUNERAL

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Elder Hudson had closed by saying that when his time came to die that he wanted to be as ready to go as Mrs. Miller (young woman whose funeral was in progress) and ended by quoting:

"I have fought a good fight, finished my course, and kept the faith." These were his last words.

Indeed, he had preached his own funeral!

Among those attending Elder Hudson's funeral were Elders W. U. Campbell, president of the West Indies Union Mission, Jamaica, and R. L. Hoyte, public affairs secretary of the Caribbean Union Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. Elder Hudson had only recently completed a Caribbean itinerary and had held a revival at West Indies College. An honor guard of our young ministers, throughout the funeral rites, stood beside the bier for half-hour periods.

On Wednesday morning, a cortege of 50 cars, carrying mostly conference workers and their families assembled in a mutual grief with the family. The elements seemed to share our feelings, for there was a steady drizzle throughout the night and into the early morning hours.

With a police escort aiding, the traffic was interrupted for blocks as the procession proceeded to the Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York, where R. H. Carter, G. R. Earle, L. B. Reynolds, E. J. Humphrey and J. E. Edgcombe conducted graveside services.

The death of our leader is like the close of a beautiful day. We know now the reason for the significant urgency. He bore his ills alone, and he knew that each day could be cut suddenly short. So he strove each day to set in motion that big evangelistic thrust, that education and youth center, that home for those nearing the golden years, and better schools. Those institutions were to project the Advent Message and draw children, youth and adults back to God.

Oh, that each reader could also say as he, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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we are working and praying that God will impress some of those we have contacted to restudy their decisions.

Crises of this nature give us a wonderful opportunity to bring our message into focus for people in public life. There are a number of tremendous issues which are coming up in Congress and in our various states which will greatly affect our religious worship. In New York State a new constitution is to be formed and already a tremendous movement is underfoot to provide state aid to parochial schools. It will be necessary for us to be alert to every infringement of our religious liberty. Our church leaders and members throughout our entire conference should be making personal contacts with federal, state and local government so that when these issues arise we can have friends to whom we can appeal to uphold religious liberty principles.

The circulation of the Liberty Magazine is very low in our field and should be increased one hundred-fold. A very basic element, in all of these efforts to maintain the principles of religious freedom and to have people influenced by these principles, is prayer. Prayer can open doors and hearts which cannot be opened in any other way. We solicit your prayers in this respect.

H. R. MURPHY,  
Department of Religious Liberty  
and Public Affairs



**Ages 9 - 16**

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**Northeastern Conference Youth Department  
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1967 ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP  
July 16 — August 27**

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1/25/77  
Dr. Partridge's secretary called to give the following info:

1. Dr. Ruth Temple graduated from the the School of Medicine in 1918. She was the first black graduate and first female.
2. Dr. Vivian Hamilton graduated from the School of Medicine in 1924. He was the first black male graduate.

F.B. 1957