

As a result of a self-supporting evangelistic effort conducted in Florence, Alabama, by Jesse D. Irvin, a recent ministerial graduate of Oakwood College, and Mrs. Polly Huddleston, four persons were baptized on Sabbath, October 20.

There will be other baptisms in the near future as a result of the hall, cottage, and radio evangelistic services conducted by worthy laymen. H. R. MURPHY, *President*.

Presidents Demonstrate Close Harmony

SINCE their beginning in 1944 the seven colored conferences of North America have shown their ability to work together and keep in close harmony with the working policy of the denomination and with each other. Those looking on observe that these leaders, although comparatively young in age, and scattered all over the United States, always keep in step with each other. The conferences are a success both financially and numerically. In every phase and department of their work, growth and development have been seen.

Close harmony was typically demonstrated by these conference leaders on the last Friday night of the recent Autumn Council, when they got together and chorded their voices to render several numbers. The audience sat in rapt attention as the director of Riverside Sanitarium, the editor of the *Message Magazine*, and the pastor of the largest colored S.D.A. church in the U.S. (which is in New York) got together on the high tenor notes, even singing an occasional falsetto when it was necessary. Then standing near each other to enable them to bring out the resounding second tenor parts were the pastor of the New Orleans church and the president of Oakwood College. Joining in with a thorough first bass were the president of Central States Mission, the union evangelist of the Southern Union, and the president of the Southwest Region Conference. Then came in the clear reliable voices of the second bass competently sung by the Allegheny Conference and

Lake Region Conference presidents. These men produced their consonant chords under the significant leadership of the newly elected associate secretary of the North American Colored Department of the General Conference.

"Have you ever heard anything like it?" commented one General Conference executive to another. "Well, it would only take those men to harmonize like that," said the other.

Folks, if you ever have the opportunity, never pass up hearing a male chorus consisting of Dr. Dent, Elders Reynolds, Lee, Peterson, Cox, Bland, Cleveland, Fordham, Wagner, and Kibble; and directed by Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr.

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The Journey's End

ELDER MATTHEW C. STRACHAN was born in Washington, D.C., May 8, 1875, and died in Sanford, Florida, on August 22, 1951. He attended school in Washington, D.C., and later attended Battle Creek College after accepting the truth as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

While in his early twenties he worked with the old Southern Missionary Society, teaching school and doing ministerial work in Mississippi and Alabama. He also worked in the States of Georgia, Florida, Maryland, and New York. For a number of years he was pastor of what is now the Ephesus church in New York, our largest colored congregation in North America. From New York he was called by the Southern Union and worked as union secretary for the colored work. In 1932 he returned to the State of Florida, where his ministry continued until he retired from active work about ten years ago.

His companion during most of the years of his ministry, Mrs. Maude Strachan, passed away in the year 1936. On February 5, 1949, he was united in wedlock to Mrs. D. L. Potts, of Sanford, Florida, whose loving care made his last days happy ones.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, one

brother, four stepchildren, and one foster daughter. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder H. D. Singleton; assisting in the services were Elders J. W. Jones and F. H. Stevens. *South Atlantic Conference*.

Weddings

Southwest Region

WEDDING bells have been ringing quite pronounced in the Southwest Region Conference during the past few months.

On August 26, in Little Rock, Arkansas, Elder C. C. Cunningham took himself a wife in the person of Miss Teresa V. Wells. Miss Wells is a native of Little Rock and has been connected with our educational department, teaching in Little Rock and New Orleans, respectively, for several years.

ON Sunday, October 15, Pastor Van Runnels and Miss Frankie M. Perry repeated similar vows in Dallas, Texas, at the Oakland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church. Miss Perry is the daughter of Brother and Sister W. C. Perry, of Bristow, Oklahoma, and the last of five sisters to marry ministers.

South Atlantic

MISS ESTELLA GULLY, who has been a Bible instructor in the conference for the past two years, was united in marriage to Mr. Alfonso Greene, of Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 14, in Cassopolis, Michigan. Elder H. D. Singleton officiated at the ceremony.

ON October 7, Miss Ruby Blue, of Wilson, North Carolina, became the bride of Pastor H. M. Barker, of the Orlando, Florida, district. They were united in holy wedlock by Elder N. G. Simons.

South Central

ELDER C. R. GRAHAM, pastor of the Nashville, Tennessee, church was married to Miss Martha M. Ligon, secretary to the president of South Central Conference, on Sunday, November 4, in the Nashville church. The ceremony was performed by Elder H. R. Murphy.

We wish for these newlyweds God's richest blessings as they work together in His cause.