

PROGRESS IN MEMPHIS

The fourteen hundred forty service hours put in by Thursday morning cannot account for the great leap in NA literature taking place in Memphis, Tennessee at the Third World Literature Conference. The fact of our progress seemed to reflect three things. First, that a great deal of groundwork was accomplished at the Wichita and Lincoln Literature Conferences that is only now being evidenced. Second, that a great deal of work has been done since the Lincoln Literature Conference by individuals and areas, and their work has been unseen until Memphis. Third, and probably the greatest factor of all, is that a potential for new literature has been built up in the spoken Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous over the last twenty eight years. The observation that members serving at Memphis reach about the same level of performance after only a few hours at the Conference can only be explained in that the message lives in the spoken traditions and exists in all areas of our fellowship. The basic message of recovery is being recorded at Memphis and constitutes the material being written.