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Preparation for Christ's Coming

By Mrs. E. G. White

IN consideration of the shortness of time, we as a people should watch and pray, and in no case allow ourselves to be diverted from the solemn work of preparation for the great event before us. Because the time is apparently extended, many have become careless and indifferent in regard to their words and actions. They do not realize their danger, and do not see and understand the mercy of our God in lengthening their probation, that they may have time to form characters for the future immortal life. Every moment is of the highest value. Time is granted them, not to be employed in studying their own ease and becoming dwellers on the earth, but to be used in the work of overcoming every defect in their own characters, and in helping others, by example and personal effort, to see the beauty of holiness.

God has a people upon the earth who in faith and holy hope are tracing down the roll of fast-fulfilling prophecy, and are seeking to purify their souls by obeying the truth, that they may not be found without the wedding garment when Christ shall appear.

EVIL EFFECTS OF SETTING TIME FOR CHRIST'S COMING.

Many who have called themselves Adventists have been time setters. Time after time has been set for Christ to come; but repeated failures have been the result. The definite time of our Lord's coming is declared to be beyond the ken of mortals. Even the angels who minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation know not the day nor the hour. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Because the times repeatedly set have passed, the world is in a more decided state of unbelief than before in regard to the near advent of Christ. They look upon the failures of the time setters with disgust; and because men have been so deceived, they turn from the truth substantiated by the Word of God, that the end of all things is *at hand*.

Those who so presumptuously preach definite time, in so doing gratify the adversary of souls; for

they are advancing infidelity rather than Christianity. They produce Scripture, and by false interpretation show a chain of argument which apparently proves their position. But their failures show that they are false prophets, that they do not rightly interpret the language of inspiration. The Word of God is truth and verity; but men have perverted its meaning. These errors have brought the truth of God for these last days into disrepute. Adventists are derided by ministers of all denominations, yet God's servants must not hold their peace. The signs foretold in prophecy are fast fulfilling around us. This should arouse every true follower of Christ to zealous action.

Those who think they must preach definite time in order to make an impression upon the people do not work from the right standpoint. The feelings of the people may be stirred and their fears aroused; but they do not move from principle. An excitement is created; but when the time passes, as it has done repeatedly, those who moved out upon time fall back into coldness, darkness and sin, and it is almost impossible to arouse their consciences without some great excitement.

"TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES."

These words of Christ should sink into the hearts of all who believe present truth:

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Our danger is presented before us by Christ Himself. He knew the perils we should meet in these last days, and would have us prepare for them. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." They were eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage, and knew not until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and swept them all away. The day of God will find men absorbed in like manner in the business and pleasures of the world, in feasting and gluttony, and in indulg-

ing perverted appetite in the defiling use of liquor, and the narcotic tobacco. This is already the condition of our world, and these indulgences are found even among God's professed people, some of whom are following the customs and partaking of the sins of the world. Lawyers, mechanics, farmers, traders, and even ministers from the pulpit, are crying, "Peace and safety," when destruction is fast coming upon them.

Belief in the near coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven will not cause the true Christian to become neglectful and careless of the ordinary business of life. The waiting ones who look for the soon appearing of Christ will not be idle, but diligent in business. Their work will not be done carelessly and dishonestly, but with fidelity, promptness, and thoroughness. Those who flatter themselves that careless inattention to the things of this life is an evidence of their spirituality and of their separation from the world, are under a great deception. Their veracity, faithfulness and integrity are tested and proved in temporal things. If they are faithful in that which is least, they will be faithful in much.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, pp. 306-309.



Progress in Persia

THE work here in Persia is rapidly growing. It is no exaggeration to say that more is being done now in one month than was accomplished in the whole of the first ten years of our work here, with the exception of language study. I have had three baptismal services, baptizing over forty persons and quite a number are still waiting, both here and in other places. Our meetings are still very well attended so that we are at times at a loss to know what to do for room. More than one-half of our members have left Tabriz for other parts of Persia, taking the light with them and now come calls from them for a preacher or teacher to instruct their neighbours.

Ruben Joseph, one of our members, has gone to Urumia and reports that there is a great open door for this message in that district. All the villages around Urumia are calling and begging for teachers and preachers. Many of the largest villages want us to conduct a school for them. In the city of Urumia we ought to have at least three teachers. I almost fear to go over there for I know that I shall be simply deluged with requests, only a small per cent of which I shall be able to grant.

In the autumn of last year we sent Brother Gagik to Maragha with his wife. This is the city in which we lived for two years before the war and there is quite a large colony of Armenians living there, many of them favourable towards the truth. The Armenian priest and a number of the leading men of the place have called on our brother requesting us to open a school and some hundred children have written their names to attend. We think it is a splendid opening and we ought to take advantage of it. They have been calling from there for over a year.

In Sofian there are about eight hundred refugees who have earnestly requested us to send them several teachers. Most of these are from the Salmas region and will doubtless soon return to their former homes. It will mean a great deal to the work to have a beginning among that people, many of whom are Catholics. For years no one was even permitted among them, but now the door is wide open for us.

In the Garadagh mountains there are a couple of dozen Christian villages and they are begging us to open schools among them. Last year I refused them and told them that possibly this year we would be able to, but I have had to refuse them again.

All these are splendid openings and we may never again have such opportunities to preach the message. Now, of course, it has been impossible to turn down all these requests and we have started a few small schools. We have in all about

four or five hundred students. They sit on the floor—we have no desks—and the children sit with one book to two persons, sometimes four. A small blackboard for the teacher is about all they have in the way of school furniture. Last year we started with one dozen children and ended with sixty. During the five months that we had our school the children learned a great deal more than the other school children did during the whole year. At our closing exercises everybody expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the work the children had done. It goes to show what God can do with consecrated teachers.

F. F. OSTER.



Two Pictures

HE drew a disconsolate finger across a spotless pane, and stared moodily out at the driving snow. His five years of summer seemed all buried in an eternal winter; no chance to get out-doors, and nothing to interest him inside.

"That's what you always say, Mother," he complained, "when I ask for a story. You just say, 'We-ell, I can't think of any now.' Seems as though there ought to be lots of stories in the world for little boys that want them. And I'm sick of picture books, and I don't want that old railway, and there isn't anybody to play with."

His mother looked at him with troubled eyes. He was getting such a big boy! He was no longer her baby; and somehow he seemed to be growing out of her ability to please and entertain him, or instruct him. How much longer could she be his leader? Five years were few to make a man of the world. Stories, now! How she did dread being asked to tell stories! The few that she had somehow conjured up and told him he drank in so greedily; but she just didn't know enough stories, and she didn't know how to tell them.

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His brown eyes were shining up into hers as he lay back in her arms. Six winters to the making of a man, and summer's sunshine had somehow entered into winter's gloom.

"O Mother!" he cried, "I'm so glad you joined the Y.M.S. 'cause now when I ask for a story you don't say, 'We-ell, let me see. I can't think of any just now.' 'Stead of that, you always have lots of stories to tell."

His mother smiled back at him. It had made a difference, she said to herself, *the difference*. Her boy was not only happier, but more easily taught and disciplined. Yes, with him, she was glad she had joined the Y.M.S.

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And what is the Y.M.S.? That's short for the Young Mothers' Society, which a thousand mothers entered during its first year. But there are twelve thousand Seventh-Day Adventist mothers in English-speaking countries—mothers of children eight years of age or younger—who should be members, studying the four lines of mother training; story telling, nature study, health, and home culture.

"The child's first teacher is the mother. During the period of greatest susceptibility and most rapid development his education is to a great degree in her hands. To her, first, is given opportunity to mould the character for good or for evil. She should understand the value of her opportunity; and, above every other teacher, should be qualified to use it to the best account. Yet there is no other to whose training so little thought is given. The one whose influence in education is most potent and far-reaching is the one for whose assistance there is the least systematic effort. . . .

"Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the parents' work is fully recognized and they receive a training for its sacred responsibilities."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Education," pages 275, 276.

Send at once for an outline of the Young Mothers' Society for 1924, to the Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. Mothers, come into line with God's purpose! Get a training!

ARTHUR W. SPALDING,
Secretary, Home Commission.



W. J. Young

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- " 6. "The Neglected Art of Asking Good Questions."
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Note the following Sabbath-school goals. Make them live in your experience.

1. Every Sabbath-keeper, baptized or unbaptized, a member of the Sabbath-school.
2. Present and on time every Sabbath.
3. Faithfulness on the part of all in the daily study of the lesson.
4. Every teacher doing personal work for his pupils.
5. Every officer taking the Training Course.
6. More liberal offerings to missions.
7. Increase of membership by soul-winning.

W. J. YOUNG.



the salvation and development of our youth by means of prayer, study and personal missionary effort. "In this lies the church's opportunity." "The work that lies nearest to our church-members is to become interested in our youth."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 196.

In the British Union there is a large number of Seventh-Day Adventist young people. The number definitely enrolled in the sixty-five Missionary Volunteer Societies is 1,057. What might not be done with such an army of youth even as we have in this country if they are properly trained? Great Britain is included in the following testimony:

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"—"Education," p. 271.

Dear church elders, leaders, and young people's leaders, if you would save our young people to this cause form them into societies and give them something to do. Exercise is essential to life. One writer said, "The surest way to petrify a human heart is to awaken feeling and then give it nothing to do."

Our young people have done valiantly during 1923 as the following brief report of work done testifies:

| Societies | 65 |
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| Membership | 1057 |
| No. reporting | 570 |
| Letters written | 3740 |
| Letters received | 2072 |
| Missionary visits | 4984 |
| Bible readings | 1356 |
| Papers sold | 88642 |
| Papers given | 13443 |
| Books sold | 3072 |
| Books given | 2183 |
| Tracts sold | 1057 |
| Tracts given | 33425 |
| Hours Christian help work | 26602 |
| Articles of clothing given away | 1093 |
| Treatments given | 714 |
| Bills distributed | 124513 |
| No. conversions | 55 |
| No. taking Standard of Attainment Course | 163 |
| Offerings (Home Missions) | £8 6 1½ |
| Offerings (Foreign Missions) | 178 5 1 |
| Total Offerings | 186 11 2½ |

Standard of Attainment. 76 students sat for the examination.

Senior.—Bible Doctrines. 30 passed, 4 failed.

" Denominational History. 12 passed.

Junior.—Bible Doctrines. 28 passed, 5 failed.

" Denominational History. 1 passed.

41 of the above students passed with honours. Junior 16, Senior 25.

1924 is Standard of Attainment year. We make this appeal to all missionary volunteers to enter NOW for the Standard of Attainment Course. Send all names in to your local office.

Let me remind you that the goals set for 1924 for our young people are the same as those for 1923, with the exception of the financial goal, which is £200, the missionary volunteers' share towards the erection of a hospital in Kenya Colony where Dr. Madgwick is at present labouring. Young people, do your best.

Yours for success,

W. J. YOUNG.

Our Missionary Volunteers and the Closing Work

"In order that the work of God may go forward, God calls for youthful vigour, zeal and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear minds and execute with courageous hands demands fresh, increasing energies."

"Youthful talent, well organized and well trained is needed in our churches. The youth will do something with their overflowing energies, unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used in a way that will hurt their own spirituality and prove an injury to those with whom they associate."—"Gospel Workers."

The above quotations reveal not only the call of the youth to the service of the King of kings, but also the responsibility that rests upon the church in training and developing them for service.

The primary objective of the Young People's Societies is



Alfred E. Bacon.

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J. E. Bell

Baptism in North England

AFTER a good meeting with the Newcastle Church on Wednesday evening, February 13th, also a very interesting service with the interested ones in West Hartlepool on Thursday, the 14th, we arrived at Stockton-on-Tees on Friday, the 15th, for a baptismal service and the organization of the company of believers there. After examination of the candidates in their usual meeting place, we went to the Wellington Road Baptist Chapel, kindly loaned us for the occasion, and there we buried eight dear souls in the watery grave (two males and six females). With the three who were already members, and one received in by vote, these eight souls were formed into the Stockton Company. Sabbath was spent with the members at Middlesboro'.

Praying God's richest blessing to rest on His work in the North England Conference, and believing 1924 will be a year of progress in every department. Yours in His service,

ALFRED E. BACON.



3,000 People "Listen-in" to the Message in North England

EVERY fortnight the latest news concerning the message flashes across space or speeds along the "iron roads," is received by willing hands, and placed in the homes of approximately 3,000 waiting people who eagerly "listen-in" to the good news of salvation. These are the regular subscribers to this wonderful system of communication. In addition to that number we have about 9,000 others who more or less often have the privilege of learning of this life-giving message. If this grand total of 12,000 is multiplied by four—that being the average number of persons in each home—we have an audience of something like 50,000 people with a 12,000 reading list of those who have passed in their names for literature.

This wonderful system of broadcasting the message has been brought into operation under the counsel of Heaven. The broadcasting station is The Stanborough Press, the means of communication our excellent missionary magazine, "Present Truth," and a noble army of workers from among our church-members are the distributors.

Through the efforts of these lively members, the 12,000 on the reading list are regularly visited and gradually become interested. Bible studies are frequently given and in course of time the fruit appears. Last year more than fifty souls were introduced to this message through the activities of lay members and were received into church fellowship, some by baptism, others by vote. Quite a number of these were first interested through the regular visits of our "pioneer of the message"—"Present Truth."

The outlook for 1924 is even brighter still. Last Sabbath morning a lady, interested through the regular visits of one of our part-time workers, came into the meeting, said she felt quite at home, and thought we were like one great family. She is rejoicing in the truth so far received and we are hoping shortly to receive her into membership.

Think of the possibilities if we could double our force of workers from among our members! We have now approximately 100 part-time workers and possibly 400 others who take a few copies of "Present Truth" each issue. We are desirous of greatly increasing this number and would like to see at least 1,000 of our members in North England take several copies of this splendid paper and thus help to broadcast the message of truth.

Will you render some assistance in this good work? It may be only a little you can do, but "little is much when God is in it." He will bless your efforts and will watch over the seed sown. In due season you also shall reap, if you faint not.

There is wonderful joy in service. Do not hesitate! Order your papers at once and begin right away to do something for Christ. Your heart will thrill with joy, souls will rejoice in the message and there will be "joy in heaven over one sinner that repented."

Remember that "the humblest worker, moved upon by the Spirit of God, will touch invisible chords whose vibrations will ring to the ends of the earth and make melody throughout the eternal ages."

It is worth while! We are counting on you—will you help?

Yours for success,
FRED W. GOODALL.



Hull

ON Sunday evening, January 27th, a very interesting programme in two parts was given by the children and young people of our church with the object of raising money for the Church Building Fund.

The first part was rendered by the children. Recitations, solos, songs, duets and a violin solo were well rendered; one little tot of some four years, mounted upon a table, sang sweetly, "You in your small corner, and I in mine." After a recitation entitled, "Workers and Shirkers," given by the children's leader, the collection was taken, thus closing the first part of the programme.

The second part was also well rendered. The young people gave some good recitations. One of the most impressive was "The Last Hymn," given by a sister, while a young brother, to the accompaniment of his violin, sang "Jesu, Lover of my soul." Songs, duets and solos were given by several of the young sisters and a violin solo closed the evening's entertainment.

H. LAWES, Church Clerk.



Good News from Bearwood

THE WORKER family will be pleased to hear of a revival of activity amongst the members of the above church.

The following report has come to hand for the month of January :

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| Bible readings | 6 |
| Missionary visits | 82 |
| Letters written | 18 |
| Papers sold or given | 133 |
| Tracts given | 30 |
| Donations for home missionary work | 16/6 |

Thus another unit is reunited with "the great army of God, comprised of our churchmembership." May "a tide of spiritual life continue to flow forth to refresh a dying world." We hope for good results.

F. W. GOODALL.



Missionary Volunteers at Kettering

THIS junior society, organized January 1st, has made a splendid start for the year. There are at present eight members, their ages ranging from five to thirteen years. Each one has reported for the month.

In a letter received from the leader we learn that the children are eager to hand in their reports. What an example

to some of our older members! We hope they will follow the lead given by these youthful enthusiasts.

Note the interesting account of work done :—

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| Papers given | 35 |
| Bills delivered | 80 |
| Tracts distributed | 397 |
| Visits to sick | 9 |
| Bunches of flowers given | 4 |
| Hours of Christian help work | 71 |
| Value of food given | 3/- |
| Articles of clothing given | 1 |
| Missionary letters | 1 |
| Standard of Attainment | 2 |

F. W. GOODALL.



Northampton

IT may be of interest to readers of the MISSIONARY WORKER to know of the progress of the work in Northampton. Since Brother Spencer Maxwell and Sister Brooks left no aggressive work has been carried on, but Sister Buckman has kept the scattered members together by her cheery visits and helpful studies. Now a new era is dawning for this industrial centre. We have with us a brother and sister recently removed from Kettering, and they are launching a vigorous health campaign. We have also a colporteur and his wife. This opens to us the opportunity to follow up the interest aroused by our books. Brother Bacon was with us a few weeks ago and organized our members here into a company; we hope ere long to be a church.

Our Sabbath-school work is very encouraging; already we have seven staunch members. Last Sabbath week two strange little girls were attracted by our singing and accepted an invitation to come to Sabbath-school. Last Sabbath they came again and brought nine other little friends with them! To help us in our work here, we would be very glad to have old copies of "Our Little Friend" or "Youth's Instructor." Please send any you may have to 90 Semilong Road.

For the information of any who may visit Northampton we would state that our Sabbath-school begins at 10.45 a.m. and the afternoon meeting is at 3 p.m. in the Rechabite Hall, Pytchley Street, St. Edmund's Road. Our Wednesday evening Bible study is held at the home of Brother Scarr, 79 St. Leonard's Road.

We are grateful to God for His goodness and glad to be able to do something in this corner of His vineyard.

E. A. VICK, *Missionary Leader.*



Stockton-on-Tees

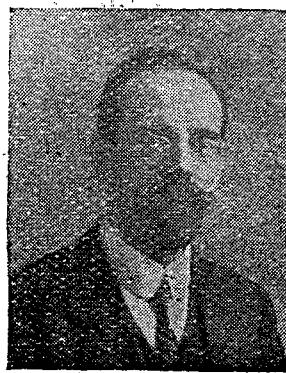
ON Friday, February 15th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Baptist Tabernacle, Wellington Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Pastor Bacon baptized eight souls, two of whom were only about twelve years of age. After the rite had been administered in the presence of friends and interested spectators, the right hand of fellowship was extended to those who had been buried with their Lord in baptism and they were added to the newly formed company of believers. The three faithful ones who had been "holding the fort" in Stockton for so long were greatly encouraged as they witnessed the ceremony and saw their numbers augmented. We trust that the little company of twelve will be successful in their future missionary activities and that very soon their numbers will be increased.

Interest in the Sunday evening meetings which Brother Cheseborough conducts in the Adult School, Dovecote Street, has increased of late, while the meetings on Friday evenings and Sabbath afternoons are well attended by our faithful members.

We trust that the WORKER family will continue to pray for us as we labour for the Lord in this portion of His vineyard.

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North London Effort

THE effort at North London continues to be the greatest success in evangelism that these Isles have ever witnessed. The stories from America have repeatedly made us gasp with astonishment, but the North London effort is bidding well to equal anything of which we have yet heard. Surely it is just one more sign of the rapidity with which this message will go in the days ahead.

You have already heard how the attendance at our first meeting exceeded our most optimistic expectations. The fire that was kindled on that night has spread week by week with increasing force. The newspapers—unbeknown and uninspired by us—have heralded our movements all over London. Some have taken nearly a whole column in each issue to tell the theme, enthusiasm and success of each meeting. Here is one cutting, we give it because it is the shortest :

Pastor Barras at Finsbury Park

Drawn by the eloquence of Pastor Barras a huge crowd filled the Rink Cinema last Sunday evening.

People who came a few minutes late could find standing room only, whilst only those who came half an hour before the commencement could get anywhere near the platform.

Before the meeting began a voluntary was given on the organ, whilst Madam Ella Trace sang religious solos with deep feeling in her rich contralto voice.

Throughout Pastor Barras' address there was hardly a movement amongst the crowd, whilst the silence was almost electrifying, an occasional cough coming as a relief in the acute stillness.

The Pastor spoke about the topsy-turvy state of the world, and said that just as England has had a new Government, so will the world, and the world's government will be the kingdom of God.

The next mass meeting will be to-morrow at 7 p.m., the title of the address being "Beyond the Tomb—What?"—"Daily Gazette," February 15, 1924.

How we wish all our people could read everything that has been written, then would any doubt of the final success of God's work be for ever banished.

Our collections for the four Sunday nights amounted to £64!

Our attendance is still beyond anything yet witnessed in this great city. Our attendance on the fourth night equalled our first night victory! The cinema owners are astonished, they can't understand it. They have repeatedly told us that they cannot persuade the people to come and see their pictures; during the past few weeks their hall has never been more than half full. And this is the best cinema in North London.

Two hours before our meeting commences the crowd begins to collect outside the cinema. Waiting, patiently waiting, with that tense hunger and thirst for the Gospel which spells salvation.

The owner of a confectionery business, disturbed by this "queueing up," sent the following to the manager of the cinema :

February 10th.

The Manager,

Dear Sir, I regret to have to complain of the inconvenience caused to our business through the lining up of people for the Sunday meetings. You must arrange to line up the other side of your own building.

Faithfully yours,

M. P.

That is the only complaint we have received—but it is the kind of complaint that gladdens the heart.

Our Bible-workers have been handling close on 300 names each. We are glad our cry for help has been heard, and

several more young ladies from Watford are coming to our assistance.

Our force of workers—including our faithful "billers" and part-time workers—now numbers twenty, besides a whole host of willing helpers on the night of the meeting. This means work, hard work, and many hours of anxious planning for some of us. These are busy days, with scarcely time to eat! But they are happy days, we rejoice to see the magnitude of God's work.

Fill in the gaps we have been forced to make in the picture we have drawn. If only we could take space to tell of the grand interest we meet at almost every door, and the plans for the continued conducting of the work! But we cannot. Let your heart swell with gratitude that you belong to a God and a people who are doing such a grand work in this old world and then pray hard that God will give the souls we long to see prepared for His kingdom.

S. G. JOYCE, Organizing Secretary.



Church School Department

What Shall We Teach? (Continued)

7. *Home Duties*.—"In the home school the children should be taught how to perform the practical duties of everyday life. While they are still young, the mother should give them some simple task to do each day. . . . Let her remember that the home is a school in which she is the head teacher. It is hers to teach her children how to perform the duties of the household quickly and skilfully. As early in life as possible they should be trained to share the burdens of the home. From childhood boys and girls should be taught to bear heavier and still heavier burdens, intelligently helping in the work of the family firm."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 122.*

8. *Gardening*.—"If possible, the home should be out of the city, where the children can have ground to cultivate. Let them each have a piece of ground of their own; and as you teach them how to make a garden, how to prepare the soil for seed, and the importance of keeping all the weeds pulled out, teach them also how important it is to keep unsightly, injurious practices out of the life. Teach them to keep down wrong habits as they keep down the weeds in their gardens."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 124.*

9. *Cooking*.—"Do not neglect to teach your children how to prepare wholesome food. In giving them these lessons . . . you are inculcating principles which are needful elements in their religious life."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 127.*

10. *Use of Tools*.—"When children reach a suitable age, they should be provided with tools. They will be found to be apt pupils. If the father is a carpenter, he should give his boys lessons in carpentry."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 122.*

11. *Sewing*.—"Young girls should have been instructed to manufacture wearing apparel, to cut, make, and mend garments, and thus become educated for the practical duties of life."

12. *Missionary Work*.—"Upon parents rests the responsibility of developing in their children those capabilities which will enable them to do good service for God. . . . Parents, help your children to fulfil God's purpose for them. In the home they are to be trained to do missionary work that will prepare them for wider spheres of usefulness."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 130.*

13. *Right Habits*.—"Parents, guard the principles and habits of your children as the apple of the eye."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 120.*

"God designs that the perversities natural to childhood shall be rooted out before they become habits."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 123.*

"Parents and teachers should work for . . . the formation of right character."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 148.*

"From the mother the children are to learn habits of neatness, thoroughness and dispatch."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 122.*

"Children should be trained to amuse themselves, to exercise their own *ingenuity* and *skill*. Thus they will learn to be *content* with simple pleasures. They should be taught to bear bravely their little *disappointments* and *trials*. . . . Study how to teach the children to be *thoughtful* of others. The youth should be early accustomed to *submission*, self-denial, and a regard for others' happiness. They should be taught to *subdue* the *hasty temper*, to withhold the passionate word, to manifest unvarying *kindness*, *courtesy* and *self-control*."—*"Counsels to Teachers," pp. 123, 124.*

"At home and in the school, by precept and example, the children and youth should be taught to be *truthful*, *unselfish*, *industrious*."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 148.*

"The little ones should be educated in childhood in *child-like simplicity*. They should be trained to be *obedient*, *upright* and *practical*."—See *"Special Testimonies," pp. 69, 70.* "Their minds should be trained to think, their memories taxed to remember their appointed work."—*"Special Testimonies," p. 223.* Parents should require their children to respect and obey rightful authority. See *"Christian Education," p. 244.*

14. *Children to be Christians*.—"The little children may be Christians, having an experience in accordance with their years. . . . They need to be educated in spiritual things; and parents are to give them every advantage that they may form characters after the similitude of Christ's lovely character."—*"Special Testimonies," p. 71.*

Promises to the Faithful Parents.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14. Jesus loves the little ones, and He is watching to see how parents are doing their work. In whatever else we may fail, let us be thorough in the work for our children. If they go forth from the home training pure and virtuous, if they fill the least and lowest places in God's great plan of good for the world, our life work can never be called a failure.

"Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:24, 25.

MRS. H. H. HOWARD.

News from Our Mission Fields

FROM all parts of the field comes the encouraging word of new believers uniting with the people of God. It is fruitage in souls won for the kingdom of heaven that brings true joy and blessing to the hearts of our missionaries. This is true, also, in the home fields for there is no joy to be compared with that of being instrumental in leading souls to the feet of Jesus.

Brother Spencer Maxwell, from the Pare district of Tanganyika, reports a recent baptism of twelve. In the Mwanza district of the same territory, Brother W. Cuthbert says that recently fifty-one united with them by baptism. From the old land of Persia the news has just reached us that F. F. Oster has baptized no less than forty and organized the first church in that country. From far-away Mauritius, M. Raspal reports that twenty have just gone forward in this sacred ordinance. G. Gudmundsen, who is located at Asmara in Eritrea, on the north-east coast of Africa, has just written to say that he has baptized five. D. E. Delhove, in the Ruanda section of the Belgian Congo, has just gathered in the firstfruits of earnest, diligent labour. Five, including his eldest daughter, have been buried with their Lord in the watery grave. From Iceland we learn of splendid results from a recent effort conducted by O. J. Olsen. He expects in the course of a few weeks to have a baptism of not less than thirty converts.

In two months' time J. McGeachy, who has spent a few years in Egypt, will leave for Mesopotamia. He will locate at Mosul, the site of ancient Nineveh. We have a church of

eight members there at the present time. This church was organized by Brother Ising on his recent visit to that land which figured so largely in Old Testament days. E. Grün, who has been connected with the work in Switzerland for some time, has accepted a call to Constantinople. We learn that he and his family have arrived there safely, and he is now becoming acquainted with the problems of our work in the Near East.

In a recent letter received from Ruanda, we learn that A. Matter and Henri Monnier, with their families, returning from furlough, have arrived safely at their mission stations. They were given a royal welcome by the people of the villages. The natives kept singing and dancing until very late at night.

Practically all our mission fields are co-operating with us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year. It is a little too early to record anything as to results, but we hope soon to be able to pass on encouraging word as to what our workers in the mission fields have been able to accomplish. The Faroe Islands, with a membership of but eighteen, expect to raise the sum of 1,000 Danish kroner. A letter received last week tells that they have already gathered 600 kroner. In Iceland they are entering into this work for the first time this year. They set their goal at 2,000 kroner, and there is every hope that they will go well beyond this figure.

We have just heard from R. S. Greaves, of Greece, and he reports that they have been successful in securing very suitable permanent quarters for our Near East orphanage. You will recall that last March the young people were brought over from Constantinople and accommodated temporarily in wooden barracks. At the summer council of the European Division committee it was decided to secure a suitable permanent building for our orphanage and training school.

Truly the Lord is going before us in the regions beyond. Many are the calls that are pressing in upon us to-day. May God help us to be faithful in our individual experience, in our service, and in our gifts to His cause.

W. E. READ.

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Colporteurs' Institute

FORTY regular colporteurs, and as many students from the College, took part in the Institute held at Watford, February 22nd-28th.

Pastor S. Joyce, union field missionary secretary, was the chairman. All of the presidents in the British Union Conference assisted in making the work helpful and interesting.

Pastor J. C. Raft, of the European Division, and J. A. P. Green, of the Latin Union, bore heavy burdens. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Something more than regular institute work was done. The technique of salesmanship was treated, but the spiritual phase of the work was made most prominent. Real searching of hearts and motives resulted in a decided stand in favour of deepening the spiritual tone of our publishing work.

Renewed consecrations were made by all present. Five of the workers felt the need of a fresh experience in the things of God, and were lead anew to accept the Saviour as their leader and counsellor.

With such an army of strong spiritual men and women as are engaged in evangelistic colporteur work in Britain, we are confident that great things will be accomplished in the future, even as they have been in the past.

G.L.G.

Important Notice to Tract Society Secretaries and Churchmembers

In accordance with the recommendations of the General Conference Publishing Department of which the Stanborough Press, Ltd., is a part, all secretaries will each month be required to make a complete settlement for goods received during the previous month. Orders received from societies whose accounts are not paid by the 10th day of each month, will not be filled hereafter. Churchmembers should

note this and in future pay prompt cash for all supplies in harmony with paragraph 6, page 19, of the Publishing Department's Recommendations. Circulating Dept.

At Rest

ELLIS.—On February 4th an aged Sabbath-keeper, Sister Ellis, sen., passed away. For some months our sister had been a believer in the third angel's message which brought joy to her heart and her association with us brought joy to God's people in this city. We only reaped what her sincere son Ernest had sown. On Thursday, February 7th, we laid her to rest in the Hill Top Cemetery. We have this confidence, that when the risen Saviour shall call our sister will answer. Our hearts go out to those who feel this great loss. The writer praises God for the beautiful associations he has had with our aged mother in Israel during the past eighteen months.

E. E. CRAVEN.

WOODHEAD.—At the age of 69 Brother David Woodhead died suddenly of heart failure. He and his family first heard the Sabbath truth through the faithful labours of our aged Sister Bond at Paignton, Devon. The tracts and the talks given by this venerable worker were blessed of God; so that when Brother and Sister Woodhead removed to Southport they became baptized members during Brother Maudsley's effort in that northern seaside town. Later they removed to Liverpool, where for some time our brother had been acting local elder of the Selwyn St. Church. In this capacity he laboured most faithfully until his death. His quiet, unassuming devotion to the work of the church endeared him to all those who were privileged to labour with him. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters to mourn their loss. Along with the blessed dead who die in the Lord, he awaits the call to immortality. Meanwhile his works do follow him.

H. F. DE'ATH.

CONNOLLY.—For some years Brother Connolly of the South Manchester Church had been more or less confined to his bed with heart trouble and other complications, to which he at last succumbed at the age of 61. The message of truth reached him through the labours of a sister in the same church who was then working regularly with "Present Truth." He was a vigorous and able defender of the advent message and died in faith, believing that at the coming of his Master he would answer the call to a never-ending life. He leaves three sons to mourn their loss.

H. F. DE'ATH.

BROWN.—On Monday, February 18th, Sister Annie Hayward Brown passed away at the age of 55 years. She accepted the third angel's message during the year 1919 under the labours of Pastor J. West and Brother F. Powell and since that time has been a faithful member of the Dorchester company of believers. She has occupied several offices, including that of local leader, and her faithful services will be much missed. On Thursday, February 21st, after words of comfort had been spoken by the writer, she was laid to rest in the Dorchester Cemetery. A husband and two daughters mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for they are assured that she is sleeping in Jesus and will hear the voice of the Life-giver at the first resurrection.

T. H. COOPER.

Advertisements

TO LET.—Furnished bedroom. Use of piano and organ. Homely people. 25/- per week including full board. Also furnished bedroom, 5/- per week. Apply: Mrs. Evans, 34 Hatham Road, S. Wimbledon, London, S.W.19.

Disengaged until March 16th.—Nurse Iris C. Hull, surgical, medical, maternity, c/o Mrs. Captain Kelly, Salutary Mount, Heavetree, Exeter, Devonshire.

LAD of 15 requires situation as farm hand or assistant boot repairer, where Sabbath can be kept. Apply: E. Watts, 10 Tredegar Terrace, Pontymister, Mon.

FOR SALE.—"Economic" motor-cycle in good condition. Bargain, £17. 10s. Apply: Swinford, Leavesden, Nr. Watford.

Where to stay in London.—"Restholme," 31 Lorne Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.

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Forward, Youthful Workers

Tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

FORWARD, youthful workers,
With a truth that's broad,
With a message thrilling :
Coming of the Lord.
Christ, our King, is coming—
Sun, and Morning Star,
Sound it to all nations,
Send the news afar.

Chorus

Forward, youthful workers,
With a truth that's broad,
With a message thrilling :
Coming of the Lord.

Morning watch and evening,
Voices lift in prayer ;
Angels strong and mighty,
Round us everywhere.
Forward then, ye workers,
Forward volunteers,
Send the advent message
O'er the hemispheres.

Generations perish,
Passing soon away,
But earth's King is coming,
Coming in *our day*.
Love to Him constrains us
Volunteers to be,
All the world shall hear us,
All the world shall see.

Like the rush of waters,
Like the wind that blows,
Silently it may be,
Yet it onward goes.
On it sweeps, straight onward,
On to every land.
God is in this movement,
Naught can stay His hand.

By and by the glory,
And the time not long.
Oh, the holy rapture
Of redeeming song.
Jesus, Jesus coming,
Sweet the sound to hear,
Come, yes, come, oh, quickly,
Jesus, Jesus, dear !

—Eliza H. Morton.

[To be used on Young People's Rally Day, March 15th.]



WORD comes from one of our workers in China that General Wu, a military official, has recently donated two thousand Mexican dollars (about £250) to our work over there. Congratulations!

Picture Rolls in the Mission Fields

"I AM glad to say that we have been receiving picture rolls from some of the schools in the homeland. It is very difficult sometimes to tell where a roll comes from, as the sender's name is almost obliterated by the time the parcel reaches us.

"Special care should be taken to make the address as indelible as possible, for after arriving at Cape Town our mail has a journey of well over two thousand miles by rail, and then is carried on the heads of natives for three hundred miles more, before it reaches our post office, from which we are thirty-five miles distant. The jog, jog of the carriers tumbles the parcels, papers and books one against the other so continually, that poorly wrapped packages get broken or destroyed. The parcels should be plainly marked '*Religious Literature, Duty Free*', as a little while ago I had to pay excess charges owing to the above having been omitted.

"The pictures are a great boon and help to us. Our work is among very raw natives who have not seen much of European civilization. We are only three or four days' walk from where Dr. Livingstone's heart was buried. I was talking to few days ago to an old native who remembers seeing him. This man is a regular attendant at Sabbath-school and church services, though he is old and grey-headed, and has to walk at least four miles each way to and from the mission. He loves to see the pictures and have them explained.

"Some of the pictures strongly appeal to them, as, for instance, the one showing Sarah grinding flour between stones outside the tent. The women in this part even to-day grind their flour in the selfsame way.

"For the past two or three months the attendance has not been so good, because this being the sowing season with us, the native people have been in their gardens. Two Sabbaths ago we had over eighty again present. In order that those who had not been attending of late should get the benefit of what had gone before, I reviewed the lessons for several weeks, using the pictures as I went along. Of course this took longer than the ten minutes allotted in home churches for the review, but the telling of the story of Jacob's journey into Egypt, and on past Joseph's death kept them all so interested that they did not want me to stop. One young man said quite loudly, 'Is that all; is there no more?' and with great reluctance they divided for their classes.

"I do not know what we should do without the Sabbath-school. Though there is very little of the Old Testament translated into this language (Chibemba) and very few can read what there is (which makes it necessary for me to teach the lesson to the teachers before they in turn can impart it to their classes), I feel that without the Sabbath-school we would be far more handicapped in our work than we are.

H. J. HURLOW."

Any school desiring to help in this good work of passing on old picture rolls to mission fields should send to the conference Sabbath-school secretary for the name and address of a missionary. A complete list of the names of schools sending rolls and the names of missionaries desiring rolls is kept at headquarters.

GENERAL CONFERENCE S.S. DEPT.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

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