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## MY TRIP TO EAST AFRICA

By W. H. MEREDITH

I FEEL that the first thing I should do in writing to the WORKER family should be to express my thanks to all our good people who have, during the past four months, remembered me in prayer. I have a strong conviction that the Lord heard the prayers of His people and brought Brother Raft and myself through our prolonged trip in East Africa without any sickness or hurt.

A long trip such as we were asked to make, involved many and varied experiences, sometimes not always pleasant, at other times very pleasant indeed. The difficulties, however, have long ere this been forgotten in the many pleasures and joys that we entered into.

I desire at the outset to state very definitely that the things we were privileged to see helped to establish our confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the message that He has given to us for this time, and in the mission work that we have

undertaken as a people. I wish all our good people could have seen some of the sights that we saw—hundreds of natives walking in the Christian faith, and revealing such cleanliness of body and strength of character as nothing but the grace of God could have brought about. The marked difference between Christian and heathen natives was very apparent, and we were greatly impressed with the wonderful change that had taken place in the lives of those who were following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Together Brother Raft and I visited Gendia, Kisii, Kamagambo, Kanyadoto, Uganda and Pare. We were separated for two weeks only during our whole trip in East Africa, Brother Raft going into the Belgian Congo to visit Brethren Delhove, Monnier and Matter, and I going with Brother Cuthbert into the Tanganyika territory, visiting the missions at Magala and Ntuso. Through all our



*Group of workers at the Gendia meeting, 1928.*

journeyings we enjoyed good weather, escaping the troublesome rains in most places. We carried out the programme allotted to us by the brethren and did not miss a single appointment. Often it seems to us that the Lord intervened to help us keep our appointments, and His presence with us was very marked both in our meetings with the missionaries themselves and with the natives.

The main purpose, of course, of our visit to East Africa, was to attend the Union workers' meeting, when nearly all the workers of the East African Union were present. Not the least important feature of this wonderful meeting was the ordination of five young men to the Gospel ministry. Four of these are from our own College here, and therefore our own kindred, and the other was Brother Monnier who, while living in London, was called to the mission field. He is Swiss by nationality. This ordination service will, I know, be long remembered by those who were present. We held a meeting with the young men the evening before, and they spoke to us very freely of their own convictions and invited us to give them whatever counsel and help we could. They expressed themselves as willing to give themselves wholeheartedly to the service of God and, if it be His will, to remain in Africa as long as the work continues.

We feel that there is a really good prospect before the work in East Africa, and our churchmembers need not doubt the results of their efforts to raise mission funds. In the glad gathering day God Himself will reveal the wonderful fruitage that has been gathered. Our churchmembers will share with the missionaries the reward of the labours put forth, and if there is one thing I wish to urge at this time it is that our churchmembers throughout the whole Union Conference put forth their best efforts, not only to provide mission funds but by entering wholeheartedly into every campaign that is inaugurated for the advancing of mission work.

I will just give you one little picture and reserve other stories for future articles. When we crossed the gulf from Kisumu Station to Gendia, it was a real pleasure to hear music as we neared the shores of the mission station. We looked towards the place whence the sound came, and we saw two long lines of natives singing heartily Christian hymns. We could not understand the words they sang, though we knew well the familiar tunes. Afterwards we learned that they had planned this welcome themselves without any incentive from the missionaries. When we stepped from the boat we did our best to greet them and they greeted us very heartily, welcoming us to their land.

We could not help but feel that this sight alone well repaid our churchmembers for all the efforts they have put forth in raising mission funds. A

couple of hundred or more people were gathered to welcome us. These were men and women now walking in the ways of the Lord, who only a few years ago had been in darkest heathenism. They came from our schools. They had learned Christian hymns and desired to express their gratitude to us for the work that had been done for them. This sight was repeated again and again on our visits to different stations.

May God inspire us more and more with the missionary spirit that many more of these precious souls may be won for His kingdom.



### The Indian Trader

It was mid-day at the little trading settlement on the shore of Victoria Nyanza, the great lake of East Central Africa. The temperature was 140° in the sun, and there was no breeze. The roads of the settlement were in the form of a cross. On each side of the roads were shops, kept by Indians, most of whom had come from Bombay. I was soliciting funds for the Harvest Ingathering, and at every shop I was given 5/-.

I had just canvassed the last shop-keeper, and turning round to look at his wares I saw an Indian woman reclining on a couch. She looked exceedingly ill, so I inquired about her condition; and this is what I was told by her husband, the shop-keeper. She was mourning for their only child—a boy of nine years—who had been buried just three days before. He had died seemingly from some chest trouble. The nearest medical officer was sixty miles away. Our mission station was only eight miles, but the mission family was on furlough. When the husband had finished the story he said, "If only Mr. Matthews (our missionary) had been here the child would not have died." Sad is the lot of many of these Indian traders in Africa. Happy is the lot of the missionary who can help them in their need.

W. CUTHBERT.



### Reading Our Literature in Times of Adversity

IN *Manual for Canvassers*, page 6, we have the following words: "Some who buy books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlour table and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home and through the truths contained in these books God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins."

This statement has been fulfilled over and over again. On a recent visit to Iceland the writer

learned of the following experience of a lady who had just accepted the truth in one of the public efforts in that northern island.

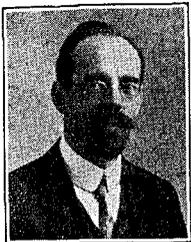
About fourteen years ago, in the very early days of our work in Iceland, one of our workers did some canvassing with Elder Matteson's book *The Prophecies of Jesus*. He sold these books far and wide. A copy fell into the hands of the lady to whom reference has just been made. She bought the book, placed it in her bookcase and it remained unread for nearly fourteen years. About a year ago she became sick and was confined to her bed for several months. She became discouraged and in her quest for help she began reading this book. She kept it under her pillow so that it could be near her. She read it at intervals, and during her

illness read it from cover to cover no less than three times. As she perused its pages the precious truths found an abiding place in her heart and she found the peace and the joy for which she sought. After she got well she saw an announcement of our meetings, and when she had attended several times it struck her that the message proclaimed from the platform was the same as that contained in the book she had been reading. It was not long before she yielded her heart to the message of God. Now she is not only a baptized member but an active worker in the church.

We are encouraged to "cast our bread upon the waters" with the blessed assurance that "we shall find it after many days."

W. E. READ.

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### Portsmouth

WE have just concluded our second series of public lectures in the Scala cinema. Following our first series in 1927 we had much advertisement and became very well known in this city as Seventh-Day Adventists. Each Sunday our lecture was only one of many lectures and entertainments as in all large cities. At most of our services vocal soloists gave us their services free, but this was our only additional item to attract the public and did not always appear.

We opened in February with a fine attendance, increasing until the Sabbath was presented, and closing, in April, with a larger attendance than on our first night. As our literature and ideas became well known in 1927 (over 500 addresses being received last year) only about one quarter of the people attending this year requested literature. About 200 addresses were sent in, representing a much larger number of persons. From this list we are busy gathering a growing number of Sabbath-keepers. Our campaign has cost 50% less than that of 1927. Miss I. Baldwin is our lone Bible-worker.

*Tithe.*—Compared with the first quarter in 1927 our tithe shows an increase of over 50%. During January and February this year we equalled the tithe for the whole of the first quarter of 1927, all of the tithe for March being a gain on last year.

*Sabbath-School.*—There is more than 100% increase in our Sabbath-school offerings over the same period in 1927. Each Sabbath we exceeded

our goal until we more than doubled the figure for 1927. This gives us a big increase over the per capita published for December 31st. Mr. H. Welch is our Sabbath-school superintendent.

*Young People.*—There are now two strong societies in Portsmouth, a senior society meeting every Tuesday and a junior society every Sunday afternoon. All this is a gain on 1927, there being no societies in this city this time last year. Miss I. Baldwin and Mr. S. Combridge are the leaders.

*Home Missionary.*—But for the practical and loyal support of our lay-members this year's work in the large cinema would have been impossible. They attended to all the distribution of handbills, thus saving much money. They are an energetic, progressive group of people, with a love for God's work.

We have no church building to help us in the work we are doing, but we are very grateful for the uninterrupted tenancy of a hired hall, although it is situated in a side street.

It is just fourteen months since we came to Portsmouth. We sincerely request a continued interest in your prayers as our third baptism draws near.

S. G. JOYCE.

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### New Features

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### Young People's Hymns

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### New Hymns by British Adventists

Another welcome feature is the inclusion of some fine original hymns by our own members. You will enjoy these.

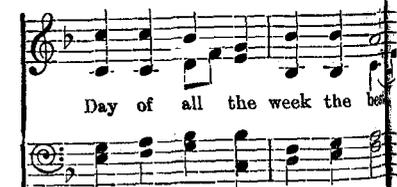
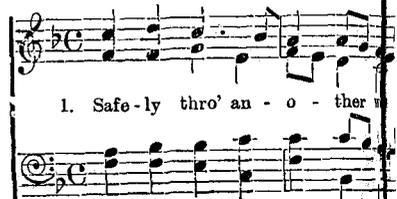
There are several melodies by Pastor Harker, "Safely Through" being one of these. Pastor Spearing contributes "Lord God Omnipotent." Pastor A. K. Armstrong, "One There Came"; Pastor McCrow, "Oh Sabbath Rest"; Dr. Aufranc has five hymns, while Brother A. Warren contributes two. A new melody also comes from Brother E. Halstead.

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# STANBOROUGH COLLEGE

## GRADUATION ADDRESS

By W. H. MEREDITH

Motto: "We Finish to Begin"

Aim: "To the Unfinished Task"

I MUST endeavour to address myself this evening to the motto you have taken and to the aim you have set yourselves, and I will say that your motto is certainly a good one and to me well fitting for the occasion.

Your aim, too, is one of the best that any young people could set themselves.

You say that "We Finish to Begin." You have completed a certain course, and you are about to enter another.

You have taken a few years to learn certain things which are recognized as standards in education, scheduled in prospectus and programme. Now you begin the education of experience, which, though guided by certain principles you may have learned, no one can write or print for you.

It has taken you six or more years to finish this course of education; it will take you your whole life to complete the one beginning.

The one you have largely received from books and teachers; the latter you must dig out by your own endeavour.

You finish a certain course of book study; you begin the opening of your life's work for which your study has prepared you. There have been days of hardship, trial, and disappointment, with no doubt some pleasures. The future is veiled, but you must expect that all these will be multiplied.

However your judgment may have been developed during your College years, you cannot fully picture the future. Leaving behind the days when teaching and discipline were necessary to you, you enter a period when you must prove the things taught, and the value of the discipline enforced. You have no doubt many times strained in the leash and thought you suffered under authority. You may soon be called to make your own decisions and exert your own individuality and sense of judgment. And you may sometimes wish that someone else would take the responsibility. But you are leaving behind your boyhood days, and before you is the right to prove yourselves men. This thought brings me to the aim you have set yourselves—"To the Unfinished Task."

It is a splendid, noble, and magnificent aim. I can think of nothing greater or more appealing. It is the recognition that a task has been given, that there is a work to do: a task planned by Another and accepted by you.

What is that task? And who offers it to you? Is it something that you have set yourselves to accomplish? Is it some ideal that has impressed itself upon your minds? Does it offer you fame, honour, or riches? Or have you felt a power moving you to accept a task offered to you?

First, let me say that your existence here among your fellows sets before you a task, and I trust that this is accepted by you without question. For leaving behind you a certain period of education it is your responsibility to be to the world all for which your education fits you. If there is one great need in this world to-day it is the need of men, and you are here to-day with the unfinished task before you.

Keep this ever in mind, that throughout your whole lives your fellows all around you have the right to ask you to be men; men with purpose, true as steel, men with an aim high above the sordid things of earth, men whose outlook is for the bettering of their fellows, for the lifting up of the downtrodden, and for the saving of the unsaved. If your education these past few years has set before you a vision that calls for your help, your strength and talents, then put forth your mightiest effort to the unfinished task. May you be men indeed, who cannot be bought or bribed, but who will prove true to the trust placed in you, and to the ideal you have set before you.

But there is another unfinished task that appeals to me, and I have the impression that it has also impressed you. The great God of the universe, the Maker of the human race, has been disappointed in that the man He made wandered away from His ideal. But God, Who could not be taken by surprise, planned to redeem man, and to make man worthy to return to his first dominion.

Now, after 6,000 years, we draw near to the time when that task must be finished. It must be finished in every nation, kindred, tongue and people. The Bible, the Word of the living God, reveals to us the work that must be done; it also makes clear to us the time when the task must be finished, and everywhere the signs—which tell us that the time has come—are apparent.

I want to picture to you briefly just what the unfinished task is. God sent His own Son into the world to save the world. He came, a Man among men, that He might reveal the love and mercy of a great God. This Son of God, Who is called the Saviour of the world, after having died and been resurrected from the dead, gave to His disciples a commission, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

This commission still remains the task of the followers of Jesus, and as I read your aim I am impressed that you are ready to take upon yourselves the privilege and duty of carrying out this commission. There is no greater task that a man can set himself. That it is drawing near to its close is

apparent to those who read the Word of God and watch the events in the world. That Word prophesied the time when the messengers of "the everlasting Gospel" would carry it "to every nation under heaven." The message they are to proclaim to the whole world is that "the hour of God's judgment is come," the time for "the finishing of the mystery of God." It is the time for the completion of the task Jesus gave His disciples.

If you are taking upon yourself this task, and I trust you are, I want you to remember the millions yet in darkness—the tribes of this earth which have never yet heard the everlasting Gospel, and who are still in darkness as to tremendous events soon to come upon this earth. They grope in darkness, their standards are low, and they need a helping hand. To you is given the task of lifting men and women out of darkness into light, presenting before them a Saviour, the only Saviour, Jesus the crucified One.

Not only, however, would I call your attention to the unentered territories of dark heathenism, but the thousands here in the homeland who, while professing some knowledge of Christianity, know little or nothing of a real Saviour or a message for this day. They know not that Jesus is coming again; they know not that "the hour of God's judgment is come," and that the end is near. To you is given the task, as much as lies in you, to warn them.

If I could say the word that would inspire you and send you forth with all the powers of your being to rescue your fellows from destruction, I would feel that my address was not in vain.

I would like to picture you working manfully day by day at this unfinished task. I am glad to tell you that you need not venture upon it in your own strength. He Who gave the commission said also, "I am with you always." Having taken upon yourself the work of the unfinished task, you may take with you also Jesus the Son of God, Who will be to you wisdom and strength; He really wants you to be His co-labourer; He desires your help. Take Him with you and continually remember that though the task has been given to you, it is not yours, but His. It is a task that may not bring you honour, fame, or riches in this world; indeed it may bring you trials, many a heartache, and even persecution. As we draw near to the end, it may bring you death. But having taken upon yourself the task, do not look back, be neither discouraged nor dismayed, for "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved," and "to him that overcometh, I will grant to sit with Me upon My throne." Whatever may be the temptations of this world, and you will meet with many, never give up your task, be faithful unto death and your reward is sure.

I look forward with real hope to that day when this work will be finished, and when the faithful men and women who have spent their all in it and given their life for it, will come forth in wonderful triumph, having risen above all the besetments, temptations, and difficulties, and with a song of victory will say to Him Who set "the task," "Here

am I and the children whom Thou hast given me."

I see that wonderful man of Calvary, Who, when He gave up His life said, "It is finished." I see Him coming to greet those who took the task from His hands and who gave themselves to finish it, looking with approval upon them, stretching out His hands to them, and with loving words saying to them, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

I trust that, having set yourselves to the unfinished task, you will prove valiant in the fight, glorious in victory, and having completed the task given you, enter upon the joys of eternity.

In closing let me say to you, keep your aim always before your eyes, let the words "To the Unfinished Task" be written upon the walls of your heart, print them upon the banner you unfurl. So doing, I can tell you, with the authority of Him Who set the task before His people, your faithfulness will be rewarded; triumph and glorious victory will be yours; and "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" shall be the words spoken to you when the task is finished.

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## CIRCULATION DEPT.

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### The Girl in the Cornfield

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THE last graduation exercises to be held in Stanborough College chapel took place on Sunday evening, May 13th. Parents and friends and students crowded the hall to suffocation—and sighed for the larger spaces of next year's ceremony in the beautiful church in the woods.

PASTOR W. H. MEREDITH gave the graduation address, which will be found on page 6 of this issue.

DIPLOMAS were presented by Professor Price to fourteen graduates. There were seven from the Ministerial course:

J. Gordon Davies	Edward Heppenstall
Frederick Edwards	Horace Humphries
W. Leslie Emmerson	Stephen Morley
John Shaw	

One from the Bible-workers' course:

B. Irene Brooks

And six from the Teachers' course:

Vera Ball	H. Le Verne Davies
Gwynedd Clarke	Eva Raitt
Lucy Clarke	Grace Thomas

EARLY Monday morning the colporteurs' institute commenced and the students who are going out canvassing this summer were given two days of strenuous training. We hope that, as a result, a large number of scholarships will be gained.

OWING to sickness Pastor C. E. Weeks was unable to be present at the institute and it is now very doubtful whether he will be able to visit the field this summer as arranged.

AN Educational Commission has been in session at Stanborough Park during the past few days, studying the needs of the College and making plans for further developments. Professor Irwin was present from the General Conference and Brethren Christian, Landeen, and Read from the European Division. Some important decisions were made concerning the enlargement of the College building, which it is hoped will greatly benefit the educational work in this field during the next few years.

ONE change that was made will interest all our people. Professor G. M. Price, who has been with us now nearly four years by courtesy of the General Conference, is to return to the United States. Before doing so, however, he will visit all our larger colleges on the continent in connection with his special work on science and religion. As he leaves this field, we feel sure the good wishes of our people will accompany him.

PASTOR CAVINESS, now acting as Sabbath-school secretary for the European Division, has been invited to act as principal of the College for next year.

As promised, the new hymn book is ready by "the middle of May," and a full announcement will be found in this issue. A cable from Australia brought us the good news that the book is to become the standard hymn book for the Australasian Union and that the Signs Publishing Company of Warburton will commence printing immediately. We have always felt that the work in Australia and in the mother country should be more closely linked together, and what happier way could there be—for a start at least—than to use the same hymn book and sing the same songs? Thank you, Australia!

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June 1st	9.7	9.20	9.47	9.20