



# God's Call to Holiness of Life

*"Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16.*

THIS is God's desire for His people. In that remarkable prayer to His Father, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of the gospel of John, Jesus pleads that His disciples be kept from the evil that is in the world. He does not request that they be taken out of the world, but that they be preserved from the wickedness and impurity which abounds. They are to be in the world, yet not of the world. Uncleanliness, sensuality, and immorality are in the order of the day, and God calls His own children to live above the atmosphere of filth and moral degradation of this time. The highway for the redeemed is called "the way of holiness," and we need ever to remember that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. All those who name the name of Jesus are to be examples in purity. "Abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." 1 Thess. 4:3, 4.

The prophecies of the Word of God indicate very clearly that one of the prevailing sins of the last days will be an utter disregard of the laws of purity. The apostle Paul mentions that men will be "incontinent." 2 Tim. 3:3. Jesus, in describing the days just before His glorious appearing, prophesied that they would be like the days before the flood. Then the marriage vows were disregarded, and it will be the same in the last days. The record reads that "they were marrying and giving in marriage." Matt. 24:38. Not that there was anything wrong in following God's plan in the establishment of a Christian home, but in those days they were guilty of vile promiscuity for "they took them wives of all which they chose." Gen. 6:2. It is upon the question of sensuality that Satan has ever sought to tempt the people of God. He did it in the early days of Israel's history. When Balaam failed in his attempt to curse the descendants of Abraham, he gave counsel which wrought terrible moral defilement in the entire camp of the chosen people of Jehovah. (See Numbers 25.) This experience contains an important lesson for us in these closing days of earth's history.

"Satan well knows the material with which he has to deal in the human heart. He knows—for he has studied with fiendish intensity for thousands of years—the points most easily assailed in every character; and through successive generations he has wrought to overthrow the strongest men, princes in Israel, by the same temptations that were so successful at Baal-peor. All along through the ages there are strewn wrecks of character that have been stranded upon the rocks of sensual indulgence. As we approach the close of time, as the people of God stand upon the borders of the heavenly Canaan, Satan will, as of old, redouble his efforts to prevent them from entering the goodly land. He lays his snares for every soul. It is not the ignorant and uncultured merely that need to be guarded; he will prepare his temptations for those in the highest positions, in the most holy office; if he can lead them to pollute their souls, he can through them destroy many. And he employs the same agents now as he employed three thousand years ago. By worldly friendships, by the charms of beauty, by pleasure-seeking, mirth, feasting, or the wine-cup he tempts to the violation of the seventh commandment."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* pages 457, 458.

"Satan is using every means to make crime and debasing vice popular. We cannot walk the streets of our cities without encountering flaring notices of crime presented in some novel, or to be acted at some theatre. The mind is educated to familiarity with sin. The course pursued by the base and vile is kept before the people in the periodicals of the day, and everything that can excite passion is brought before them in exciting stories. They hear and read so much of debasing crime, that the once tender conscience, which would have recoiled with horror from such scenes, becomes hardened, and they dwell upon these things with greedy interest."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* page 459.

At the time of the Winter Council of the Northern European Division held at Riga near the close of 1931, a statement was prepared and sent to all our young people, pointing out the dangers of this time. The following are a few of the paragraphs:

"Inventors of evil things have assisted the enemy of souls to convert modern life into one huge snare. In the picture palaces, on the hoardings, in shop-windows, and popular magazines, are displayed to the eye every kind of incitement to unclean lust. Books and papers abound with sexual temptation. The radio is ready to bring into almost every home the allurements of the theatre and the music hall. Dress fashions destroy modesty. Modern society sneers at virtue. Even science stands ready to break down characters

by teaching men and women how to sin against their own bodies with comparative safety. Innocence and virgin purity are the objects of Satan's attack.

"Where are you standing, dear young people—in a world so fouled by the tempter's hellish labours? Are you keeping the heart pure and the will strong by faith and prayer? Or are you being drawn into the slime and rottenness that are engulfing so many, physically, mentally, and morally?"

"We appeal to you most earnestly to live the white life, and stand on the side of purity, not only for your own sake, but also for the sake of others, perhaps younger and weaker than yourselves—it may be, your own brothers and sisters—to whom you may become true friends, real helpers. We need your full, unspoiled strength in giving to the world by voice and conduct, the living Advent message that makes its receivers pure, 'even as He is pure.'

"Rank yourselves decidedly under the banner of the Lord Jesus; unite yourselves with your fellow missionary volunteers in strong, unselfish efforts to rescue the young people of this corrupt age. Boys and girls all around you are selling themselves to be the slaves of evil. Save them. We who are older look to you to link your youthful enthusiasm with our efforts to fill the whole world with the message. We ask you, by the Saviour's indwelling presence, to be the winning, venturesome, ardent crusaders that God meant you to be, that you and we may rejoice together in one Leader, one task, one victory."

In view of the peculiar conditions obtaining in our time the Union committee at its meeting held during the month of May of this year expressed itself in the following statement:

WHEREAS there is urgent need for putting forth of special effort to counteract the influences which are corrupting the social life in these days, and

WHEREAS God has ordained that both the home and the church should constitute strong bulwarks against this tide of evil, therefore

*Resolved*, That parents and guardians of the youth do their utmost by timely instruction and counsel, together with the use of suitable literature, to bring home to the hearts of our young people, and to safeguard them against the sin of social impurity, and

That in order to maintain the high standards held by the denomination and keep our church life pure, the church, in cases where the conduct of members is such as involves a breach of the seventh commandment, take disciplinary measures by disfellowshipping the individuals concerned until such time as true repentance and reformation are demonstrated.

How we need to live near to the Lord in order that we may be kept pure and holy! He has given us the blessed truth of the Saviour's soon appearing. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3.

Let us prize the truth of God and not only know it in our minds, but know its power in our hearts. Yielding day by day to the word of Jehovah, and diligently obeying the truth of God will mean that our souls will be purified. (1 Peter 1:22.)

May God help us fully to surrender ourselves to Him that His life of purity and holiness may be wrought out in us.

W. E. READ.

## The Payment of Pledges

THROUGH all the years many in our church have made pledges for various religious and philanthropic purposes. When the great needs of the mission fields have been presented and an appeal made for support, pledges have been made to be paid in the near future. I am in sympathy with the practice. It is estimated that fully seventy-five per cent of these pledges are paid. I know that those who have been true to their pledged word have received a rich blessing, but I wonder how it is with the twenty-five per cent who have failed to meet their solemn promises to the Lord and to their brethren.

Probably some have been unable to fulfil their promises because of circumstances that have arisen; sickness may have entered the home, the wage earner may have been taken away by death. For these my heart goes out in great sympathy. But I must believe that there are others included in this twenty-five per cent who have failed through indifference or negligence to render to God that which they have solemnly pledged. This is indeed unfortunate. It would have been far better for them not to have pledged at all than to have vowed and failed to pay. This is the statement of divine revelation:

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." Eccles. 5:4, 5.

I am led to these observations by a letter which was passed to me by one of our workers recently. It came from a woman who is not a member of our church, but who attended the last General Conference. She was greatly impressed with what she saw there. The spirit of Christian giving and sacrifice took possession of her heart, and she felt called upon to make a pledge for the advancement of our mission work. Months have gone on, but this woman still held this pledge sacred, and although her attention was never called to it by the church or any of its officers, or by the one to whom she entrusted her pledge, she ever bore the obligation in mind, and her conscience prompted her to the payment of the obligation. We quote from her letter:

"I am ashamed of not having paid it before. To any one but a Seventh-Day Adventist I could say I just didn't have it before; but that sounds too weak to say to those who sacrifice until they do have it. I would send it in to some one else to escape your criticism; but I do not know just whom to send it to. . . . How different that is from most organizations—religious or otherwise—to leave the individual to his own conscience for payment! It is truly very wonderful, and it is with real pleasure and the knowledge that even this amount will be put to good use that I send it to you now. I will never forget that spirit of giving that was in that wonderful auditorium gathering. This may seem a small amount to you to give, but it is the largest single amount I ever gave to any church, and I am glad to give it where I know so much about how it is to be spent."

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for the third quarter?**

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unpaid pledges may not be awakened, and they be led by the Spirit of God to do even as this woman has done. I believe that in so doing they will receive the commendation of their own conscience, and above all, the consciousness of God's approval.—*F. M. Wilcox, in the "Review and Herald," October 1, 1931.*

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## Newbold Missionary College

*Principal: W. G. C. Murdoch, B.A.  
Address: Nr Rugby, Warwickshire*

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### Young People Please Note!

AGAIN we are making an appeal to all our young people to lay plans to attend Newbold Missionary College this year. The College will open on August 22nd and already quite a number have sent in their application forms.

To those who are not fully decided, we would say that now is the time for you to obtain a Christian education. Newbold Missionary College offers a well-balanced training that will fit a young man or woman for a successful career. Our faculty is composed of men and women of sterling character and sound education. Many a youth has had his character moulded and has found his calling in life while attending the college. All our young people should have the privilege of such an education so that they may discover their latent capabilities.

An education lies within the reach of everyone, and it is our duty to avail ourselves of these opportunities. We trust that the elders of the churches and the leaders in the young people's societies will do all they can to direct the young people under their care to the "city of refuge" and the "gateway to service."

The calendar for 1933-1934 is now ready. Send for a copy and we shall be pleased to communicate with you. Come and talk with us at the annual meeting!

W. G. MURDOCH.

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## South England Conference

*President: Pastor H. W. Lowe  
Office Address: 395 Holloway Road, London, N 7*

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### Notes from the President

A MOST happy occasion called us together on June 23rd and 24th at Tottenham. One year ago Pastor R. A. Anderson commenced a campaign in a large theatre in this northern section of London where we had practically no members. A few months later, in the providence of God, a small hall became available for regular worship, the owner now being a member with us. It was in this hall that a church of twenty-six members was organized on the occasion referred to. This number will probably be over forty after a baptism to be held on the Sunday night of our forthcoming Conference session. God has greatly blessed the labours of Pastor Anderson and his staff both here and in Stoke Newington,

Wood Green, etc. We were glad for the presence and messages of our Union president during the organization services. May the Tottenham Church become a pillar of truth and loyalty in the Advent message.

"THOU SHALT KEEP THE FEAST"

GOOD things await us all at the Conference session in North London, July 20th to 23rd. God never disappoints His expectant people. Programmes are ready and may be obtained now on application, if desired.

One of the largest baptisms held in London for some years is planned for the closing night of our Conference, Sunday, July 23rd. If plans materialize, a Welsh singing-evangelist of international repute will sing on this occasion in the Wood Green Empire. You must not miss it!

We hope to arrange for Dr. Nelson to be available for consultations with our members at Conference during Friday, July 21st. This is a unique and valuable opportunity that should not be missed by those needing expert advice.

Come to the feast!

Explicit applications for apartments should be sent to Pastor H. W. McCrow at the conference office.

#### GOOD NEWS ABOUT EVANGELISM

THE conference committee recently made plans for some distinctly progressive evangelism.

Pastor C. A. Reeves, who has laboured successfully with Pastor R. A. Anderson for some years, is to open up a South-west London Advent Mission this autumn.

Pastor F. S. Jackson will open a campaign in Bournemouth, after some years of faithful service in Plymouth.

Brother L. A. Watson assumes charge of evangelistic interests in South Devon, locating probably in Plymouth. He has laboured with success for some time in Salisbury.

Pastor A. E. Bacon, who has led out in Bristol and district for over four years, under the blessing of God, is appointed to the charge of the work in Southsea and some adjacent places.

Pastor J. B. West, who has now been working faithfully for over three years in Portsmouth, has been asked to take over Pastor H. W. McCrow's work in Southall, West London, and High Wycombe.

Bristol and district will be Pastor H. W. McCrow's new field of labour after he leaves the locality referred to in a previous paragraph.

Brother W. J. Cannon, at present recuperating after an illness, hopes to open an effort in Worthing this autumn.

Pastors R. S. Joyce and J. G. Bevan are continuing their present interests at Yarmouth and Gloucester respectively, and baptisms are anticipated in these places later this year.

Brother J. Howard is in the midst of his second tent effort and is holding another baptism in the Walthamstow Church just before our Conference session.

Brother B. Hardy joins the North London Advent Mission staff for service from July 1st.

Pastor S. F. Tonks, who has an interest he is caring for in Kilburn, as well as supervising the work in Reading, is taking up self-supporting work, and while still continuing to live in Reading hopes to raise up more members in that district. We wish him the continued blessing of God in all his ways.

Several other workers are yet to be located for autumn work. All the above efforts are planned subject to funds being available. Let us not fail in the greatest need of the home field—prayerfully created funds for evangelism in our neglected cities.

Members will greatly oblige by seeing that the Evangelistic Blessing Boxes are duly handed in to the church treasurers at the close of this month. Isolated believers should open their boxes and forward the contents to the conference treasurer. The need of the hour is an aggressive, Spirit-empowered evangelism. Do not fail to support this endeavour by both funds and prayer! H. W. LOWE.



### A Blessed Experience in West London

SABBATH morning, June 10th, saw the sun make its usual splash of gold upon the lofty cross of St. Paul's Cathedral. It saw the usual mad rush of traffic past the gates of our little and lesser known church at Stamford Brook. Within the latter, however, Sabbath morning saw something quite unusual, for God came near to us in a very special way.

Those of our many friends who know Brother Willett would have enjoyed his many experiences and words of encouragement. This aged brother, travelling alone from Essex in spite of approaching blindness, had reached us safely and in good time.

Brother J. Heide, whom we had to thank for the occasion, was also with us, and the several old members present served to make the reunion complete.

Words cannot convey the impression that we received. In an age when youth is the cry, even among our own people, it is good to be reminded that in God's casket of precious jewels, there are the aged and insignificant, but in whom His witness is as true as steel. Such a father in Israel is Brother Willett. Small of stature, hair white, voice almost broken, sight failing, and tried much for his devotion to the message he loves, this brother is a stirring testimony to the power and grace of God.

After a hymn, Brother Willett, with an open Bible before him, recited by heart the one hundred and third psalm. Much that he has learned of the message is dear to him now that reading is no longer possible.

Speaking in simple language our brother drew a stirring word-picture of God's dealings with His people through the ages, and we observed with interest his frequent appeals to the Spirit of prophecy. It is remarkable how much becomes plain when age-old themes are discussed in the light of experimental religion and a knowledge of the *Testimonies*.

In the afternoon Brother Willett gave a further address, which brought great help and encouragement to those present. Since his arrival home he says in a letter to a brother: "Our people are the

best in the world; there are none to compare." What a high calling is ours. He also described his experience as a "joyful day."

The incident is worthy of the notice of the WORKER family because it serves to remind us that in spite of trials and thorns in the flesh, men and women can still endure hardship by His grace and do so without a murmur of complaint. To our isolated members this may also convey a word of encouragement, for God surely has His people ready sometimes in obscurity, but when He needs them He knows them all by name.

May we who are young take a lesson from this dear brother and in a time of difficulty, doubt, and perplexity determine to love Jesus and this blessed truth the more dearly. ROBERT WILSON.

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## North England Conference

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### Baptism at Leicester

TEN souls have united with the Advent movement as the firstfruits of a tent effort in Loughborough and hall meetings in Leicester.

To conduct a tent campaign and endure the vagaries of an English summer is equal to weathering the uncertainties of a voyage at sea. At least such was our experience in Loughborough during the tent season of 1932.

We started in beautiful summer weather to pitch our tent in the small town of Loughborough, near Leicester. This, however, provided only the lull before the storm, for many of our services were conducted under most unfavourable circumstances—rain and wind prevailing at times to such an extent that it was almost impossible to hold a service. But even worse than the weather was the indifference of the people to the appeal of the message. Our attendances were quite small, but such as came manifested a remarkable keenness in the truth, insomuch that we have been able to continue three services each week since closing the tent meetings.

Brother B. Walton acted as tent master and gave quite a little assistance at the organ. His many sacred solos were highly appreciated and he did good work among the people of the neighbourhood by visiting and holding Bible studies. Sister H. Bull did the work as Bible-worker for a while, visiting the people in their homes and faithfully distributing literature. She was later succeeded by Miss Brown, who continues the good work. A number of our lay brethren and sisters came over from Leicester to help in giving out the handbills.

When we turned our attention to Leicester we were faced with many obstacles. No central hall suitable for a city campaign could be obtained owing to the council refusing us permission to open such on Sundays. Our only alternative was to take a hall (rather obscure) in the suburbs. Here again our attendances were small for such an important city

and the advertising facilities much too expensive for our limited budget. Nevertheless we have succeeded in obtaining an interest and the prospects are still promising.

During the winter months we have also conducted a cottage meeting in the village of Kirby, just outside Leicester, at the home of one of our sisters. Here quite a nice interest is being developed. Good work has been done among the young people of the church in Leicester, a number of whom have nobly responded to the call of the Saviour to give their young lives to Him—our youngest son being among them, thus completing the family circle.

The Spirit of God was undoubtedly present when the baptismal service was conducted on Sabbath afternoon, July 1st, in the Stoneygate Baptist Church, kindly lent for the occasion. This service we believe will be favoured by similar ones when others of our interested friends hear the call of the Master and follow in His steps.

W. MAUDSLEY.



### Wakefield

WE are very grateful for the response of our members throughout the field in sending us old copies of the *Advent Hymnal*. We have no hymn-books and cannot afford the new ones just yet. Most of our friends have, however, sent music editions. We are very grateful indeed. Will some of our churches send some of the "words" edition to E. E. Craven, 107 Waterton Road, Lupset, Wakefield. Thanks in anticipation.

E. E. CRAVEN.

## SCOTTISH MISSION

*Superintendent:* Pastor L. Murdoch.

*Office Address:* Broomage House, Larbert, Stirling-shire.

### Aberdeen

IN July of last year Pastor S. G. Joyce commenced the tent campaign here in Aberdeen. Every Sunday the tent was filled. People sat on the sides of the platform, stood in the aisles, and overflowed into the road. This was especially gratifying as the tent site was in very poor surroundings and followed another tent that had not been too popular. It was the only ground obtainable. Other tents also operated in the town. The attendances at the week-night meetings never fell below seventy. About seventy names were received, but as Aberdeen is a seaside holiday resort a number of these names were those of people just here on holiday.

At the beginning of September the campaign moved away over to a hall in another part of the town. But the people still came. The hall was filled! It is larger than the tent. There is a large notice at the side of the hall and a smaller one over the door, announcing the services. A well-filled literature table is on the right as you enter and across the aisle a plate with a notice requesting special gifts for the mission. Along the back of the plat-

form is a large cloth "streamer," nine feet by three feet, and on it in large black and red letters the words, "Back to the Bible Campaign." Down either side of the hall is a similar sized "streamer," one telling of our Lord's return and the other giving the words of Jesus concerning the law of God. Along the top of the piano is another bright notice inviting all to sing unto the Lord. This gives a very attractive appearance and "warms" up an otherwise large, cold hall.

Brother S. Standen was the tent master. He erected and lowered the large tent with the assistance of only two others. He left soon after the tent was taken down.

Sister A. McRorie was the Bible-worker. She was taken seriously ill some months ago and had to return to her home in Perth. We trust that she will have a good recovery to health and strength. She will not be returning to Aberdeen as we understand she is under appointment to Dundee.

Pastor Joyce is thus the only worker here. The dozen churchmembers are doing all they can to aid and support. So few in number and comparatively new to this glorious truth, we cannot do all that a larger church would, but we are all happy in the service we can give and rejoice at the continued progress. Sister Wilson brings the flowers each week and attends to the special music that is given before the service starts. A new Sabbath-keeper, Sister Reid, is the faithful pianist. Sister Joyce is the soloist. The writer acts as usher, prepares the hall before each service, and generally assists.

Over twenty of those who attended the tent meetings are endeavouring to be obedient to the message; others are following their example. But for the fact that Pastor Joyce has been so long without help the baptism would have taken place. Every one of the new Sabbath-keepers is taking *Present Truth* regularly, and over forty take *Good Health* each issue.

The Sabbath-school naturally is increasing and the young people's society is my special charge since Miss McRorie left. We loyally support foreign missions. Aberdeen led the Scottish Mission last year in the Harvest Ingathering. With a total of £78 we had the large sum of £6 per member! All of this was collected by the people of Aberdeen and only £10 was collected outside Aberdeenshire.

We have been visited by Pastors Read, Maxwell, Keough, and Murdoch, from whom we received

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some very inspiring addresses, and as they say in Aberdeen, we cry, "Hist ye back again."

There has been steady opposition to the work of Pastor Joyce, the organized churches sending "spies" to the services to report if any of their members were attending. These "offending" members are taken before the elders of their church and severely admonished. Groups will meet the "straying" ones and escort them from our meetings. One prominent leader, a Dr. Anderson, endeavoured to address one meeting after Pastor Joyce had finished. After a few minutes he was courteously prevented from proceeding by our pastor. He then gathered a crowd around him in the roadway. This is all a sign that we are making headway.

A number tell us that they have learnt more about their Bibles since coming to our services than they did in all their lives before. This has become a common remark, and this in the land of Scotland, noted for its religious teaching!

Please do not forget the work here in your prayers. This is the most northerly outpost we have in the British Isles. The people cling hard to their established views and customs. Principal Jefferies, of the Four-square Gospel, came here in January. He had the best hall in the whole city and was supported by a corps of splendid helpers and money seemed plentiful. But he could not rouse the people of this city to come and hear him. His phenomenal success, wherever else he has been, is well known. One night imitating Pilate of old, he pretended to wash his hands before the small audience, telling them that Aberdeen's blood must be on its own head for its failure to respond to his pleas! This will give you some idea of how hard it is to move the Aberdonian. And yet we fully believe that the grace of our Lord and Saviour will find the honest in heart and save them for the kingdom of heaven. We surely need all the help that God has promised.

DAVID C. McRAE.

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be expected. There is a power that goes with the Gospel, even the power of God.

If no mighty upheavals followed the preaching of the Gospel, the sceptic would have the strongest argument in the world that the Gospel is a lifeless theory. So instead of its proving an indictment of the Christian missionary, this fact of the disturbance of old pagan ways that follows the Gospel is the best proof of the divine vitality of the Gospel.

WIDESPREAD ATTACK

This sort of attack on missions and missionaries comes to-day not simply from the cynical non-churchman, but from many who profess to be Christians, who even hold high places in the church. When it comes from such sources, it is a strong sign of the times, a powerful proof of the falling away of the churches from the true vision of what the saving message for the world should be.

Our own people who will be going out within the next few weeks to appeal for Harvest Ingathering support from the public will find just this sort of objection raised, and raised more frequently and vigorously than ever before; for the leaven of apostate Christianity is fast making itself felt upon the masses of the public.

When such an objection is presented to us, we are afforded an excellent opportunity to bear witness to what is the real reason for missions—the bringing to others who know it not the good news of Christ and His salvation. F. D. NICHOL.



Corrections to Church Directory

THE full list of services at the Brighton and Hove Church is as follows: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Services, 11 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.; Sunday, 6.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m.; Friday, Y.P.S., 7.30 p.m.

THE address of the Bolton Church is Spinners' Hall, St Georges Road, Bolton, not Georges Street

Advertisements

NOTE—The charge for advertisements in this paper is one penny per word. This applies to all advertisements except requests for employment sent in by members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Advertisers are requested to send cash with their advertisements, otherwise they may have to be held over until the following issue.

WANTED.—One copy each of *The Cross and Its Shadow*, by S. N. Haskell; *Early Writings*, by Mrs. E. G. White; and *Christ Our Saviour*. Reply to Mrs. Ludgate, Crosby, Isle of Man.

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ADVENTIST lady would like to get into touch with elderly Adventist sister in good health with small pension to share two-roomed cottage at Trevelias, Nr Perranporth and St. Agnes, Cornwall. Reply in first instance to Pastor F. S. Jackson, 1 Burleigh Park Road, Plymouth.

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**“A Dietetic Idyll”**

ONE afternoon early in the month of May, we were entertained by a little piece of deliberate banditry enacted in the bird kingdom. It might, for a title, have the heading, “Brain v. Brawn,” or “Virtuous Zeal v. Laziness Personified,” or even, “Beggar my Neighbour by Daylight Robbery.” There were two actors, or more truly, actresses, one a sleek starling, the other a hen sparrow, who was obviously “cut along modern lines,” for she was the acme of graceful slinness.

The scene was set on the lawn. The rain had ceased, the sun was shining, and the brightness enlivened the place. The starling flew down, and with her strong, suitable beak, began fetching worms out of the ground. When she had as many as she could carry, she flew off to feed her young.

The nest was near and she made frequent journeys. The sparrow in the laurel hedge watched her, and planned her method of attack. As soon as the starling had her beak full, she dived down and stole a tit-bit. The starling couldn't ward off the sparrow, as she would have dropped the other worms, so she flew off with what she had. The first trial being successful, the robbery became more flagrant. The sparrow just kept within five inches of the starling, waited her time, and darted in and stole a worm. Once the starling, after a struggle, managed to get up a rather larger and longer worm than was usual. The sparrow, trembling with excitement, immediately seized the dangling end, and I watched a sad and gluttonous struggle for the worm. The two birds, fluttering just off the ground, played at tug-o'-war with a poor and wholly innocent worm. The end was sad—the “rope” broke.

The strange thing about this story is that it bears a startling resemblance to what takes place in the everyday life of thousands of human beings. The thinkers and doers are the starlings, the sparrows are those who consider that whatever is good enough for the starlings is good enough for them, and they accept all their conclusions. They indulge in a type of laziness and usually pay the penalty, for often the “starlings” make some bad blunders.

Applying this method of analysis to the food question, it is appalling to find how many human “sparrows” there are. The “starlings” clamourously say, “Such and such a food is good, you follow my lead.” The “sparrows” do, and this boasted civilization of ours, as a result, has to talk food reform in a very big sense, because the “starlings” have given them so many wrong leadings in regard to food that something has to be done about it.

Nation-wide advertising has made of a certain beef extract a household word, but the following quotation will show, in just one instance, how far the human “sparrows” are spoon-fed by the “starlings.”

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# Facts for Ingatherers

## A Common Objection to Missions Answered

A BUSINESS man who had spent long years in China fell to discussing with another seasoned traveller the question of missions. With vigour he exploded, "It's an impertinence for us to send missionaries over here to try to change their religion."

The second man happened to be a missionary, but he urged the business man to go on with his indictment. It covered the usual range: missionaries break down the old family system that gave such great stability to Chinese society; the education the young Chinese receive from missionaries creates discontent in them and a desire for democracy. And to give a sweeping conclusion to his remarks, the business man declared, "Then anyway we have no right to impose our religion on them if they don't want it."

According to the *Christian Century*, which relates the incident, the missionary replied, "If you will stay away, I will."

The business man, puzzled, inquired, "What do you mean?"

Explained the missionary: "Why, you sell the Chinese engines and rolling stock and build railways for them, and so fill their heads with new ideas. You cut across superstitions and religious notions. You cause the young people to leave their homes and settle in railway towns. You encourage the development of factories, and cause the shifting of whole populations. You destroy old ways of making a living, and leave whole localities in poverty. You undermine the customs of ages, and cramp the style of the devotee when he bows down to the old mud idol."

The railway man was thoughtful. "Perhaps you're right," he said. "I had never looked at it in just that way."

This was a good answer, as far as it went, and perhaps it went far enough for the particular situation that confronted that missionary. Viewed simply on the plane with the promotion activities of big business and of any other movement in the world, missionaries surely have as much right, and are as fully justified as any one, in endeavouring to promote their views and to obtain support for their activities.

### WE DO NOT COMPEL THE HEATHEN

There is less ground for the hackneyed charge about *imposing* our religion upon other races than for almost any other of the accusations brought against missionaries. Impose implies force or compulsion. There are numerous instances where trade and business agreements have been imposed on pagan peoples by the nations of Europe. In fact, most of the relationships of Europe to pagan countries have been built upon some element of force, so that the word "imposed" might very accurately be used.

It is in the realm of missions that we find the one

shining exception to this grim policy of imposition. The story of missions is a story of lone men and women going out without the strength of a government behind them, generally without even the moral support of the whole church; for too often has the Christian church been lukewarm in its missionary programme. These missionaries have gone out with nothing more compelling than a Book, and the story contained in that Book. So far from being able to dominate pagan peoples and compel them to accept these new beliefs, missionaries too often had to live in terror of their lives, indeed, not infrequently to sacrifice their lives. They went out, not to compel the heathen to accept new views, but, in the words of Paul, to "persuade men." They were constrained by the love of Christ to go forth as ambassadors for Him, to beseech men to be reconciled to God.

### SHARING A BLESSING

How foreign is this to the idea of imposing some view on men! The Christian missionary goes out, not in an attempt to force others to believe as he does, but to share with them a belief and a hope and a new life that have come to him. He is in the position of one who, having come upon some great good fortune, feels that he cannot selfishly keep it to himself, but must let others enjoy it with him. The missionary is one who, having received freedom from the guilt of sin and the divine promise of everlasting life, feels an irresistible longing to bring the story of pardon to others, that they also may walk in newness of life.

The missionary is one who, having learned the wonderful story that Christ died and rose again and now sits at the right hand of God to make intercession for us, feels compelled in his own heart to tell others this most glorious news. The missionary goes forth, not to impose alien ideas upon heathen people, but to broadcast news, the good news of salvation, which good news is alien to no land. The Gospel deals with sin, and sin is a world-wide malady.

That the proclaiming of such news should shake to the very foundations many social and national institutions and practices of pagan lands is only to  
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