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Our Church Schools

By E. R. WARLAND

As we draw toward the close of the year we are led to praise God for the way He has blessed our church schools during the past twelve months, and to ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that they may be an even greater means of blessing in the year now ahead of us. Though we have at present only three church schools, at Stanborough Park, Walthamstow, and Plymouth, we thank God for these institutions where the children may receive a thorough Christian education without being exposed to the subtle dangers which often surround our young people in outside schools.

Sometimes we are asked if the standard of education compares favourably with that of other schools. We unhesitatingly say that it does, and record with pleasure the successes gained by our pupils in external examinations, and the many appreciative letters our teachers receive from satisfied parents.

In any case, we remember the vital question asked by the servant of God in *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 194: "Would it not be better for the youth to grow up in a degree of

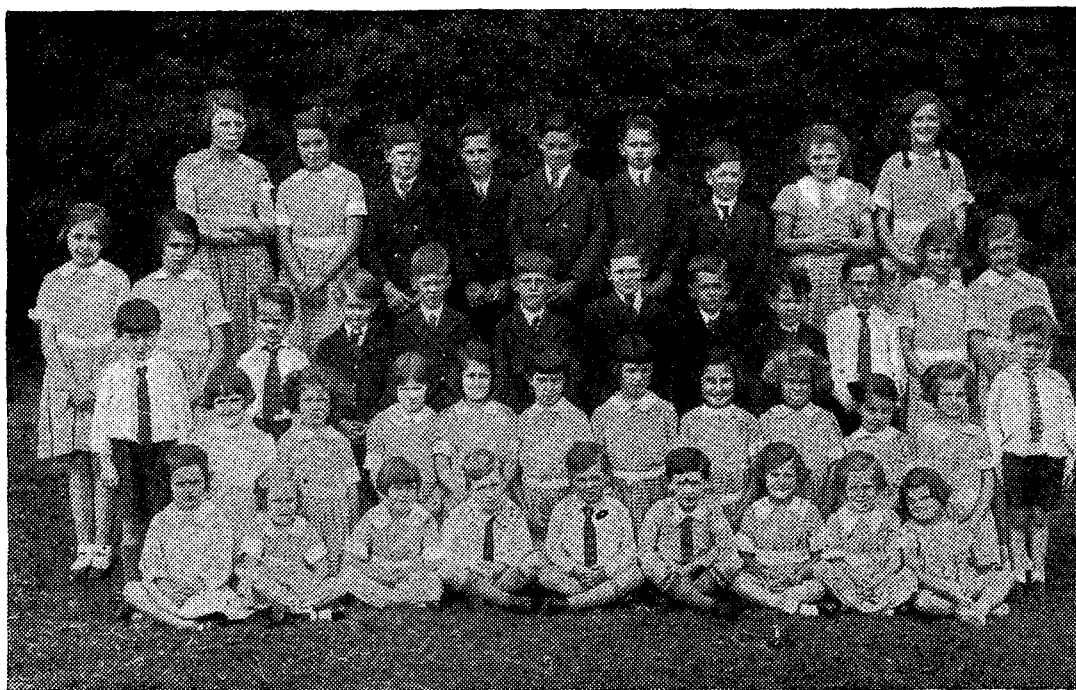
ignorance as to what is commonly accepted as education than for them to become careless in regard to the truth of God?"

That the church schools prove to be invaluable in binding our youth to this movement is clearly evidenced by an investigation made in America a few years ago. This showed that a very large percentage of youth not educated in our schools apostatized, whereas most of those who had been attending our schools remained faithful to the truth. Though we have, at present, only three schools in the British Isles, they have furnished through the years a good number of students for Newbold College. If we wish to bind the youth to the truth there is no better agency than

the church school. No wonder, then, that we are told that: "This is the work to be done in America, in Australia, in Europe, and wherever companies are brought to the truth. . . . The schoolroom is needed just as much as is the church building."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 109.

We are glad to report increased enrolment at both Stanborough Park and Walthamstow schools. At Plymouth the standard of work is also high, and the loyal support of the church is indicated by the fact that every child of Adventist parents is enrolled in the school. We are told in *Testimonies*, Volume 6, page 199, to maintain the church school even "if there are no more than six children to attend." We are glad to say that Plymouth has over twenty pupils,

Walthamstow over thirty, and Stanborough Park over forty. In view of the increasing attendance at the last-named school we have added to our staff there. Sister Osborne's good help is much appreciated. We hope that financial support will enable us to maintain this added staff, and to provide the same in due course for Walthamstow.



Pupils of the Stanborough Park Church School, Watford

We are glad to have in our schools a good number of children from non-Adventist homes. This indicates the satisfactory nature of the education given, and also provides a good field for missionary work of the highest order. "Youth from the world, some even whose minds have been depraved, will connect with these schools, and there they will be converted. . . . I am instructed to say that this kind of missionary work will have a telling influence in diffusing light

and knowledge."—*Id.*, Vol. 6, page 203.

Brethren and sisters, we ask your prayers and support for our church schools, as well as for their teachers and pupils. Pray that our schools may grow and improve, yearly providing a higher education till they become an even more definite link between the Adventist home and Newbold College which furnishes workers for this field and the regions beyond.

Attending Church Services

By C. L. VORIES

"Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation." Lev. 23:3. The Sabbath is not only a day when secular work is laid aside and we rest from the cares of everyday life; but it is a day when God's people are to assemble in public worship, for the meaning of the word "convocation" is "a calling together," and is used in the Bible with reference to meetings of a religious character.

While many of our churchmembers are deeply interested in the church service, and are nearly always present, there is not a small number who seem to have little regard for it, if we can judge by irregular attendance. No doubt many of these members who are so frequently absent would be more often present if they only realized the loss sustained by habitually missing the preaching service.

Some who have been invalids for years, some who are ill, and still others who are isolated members and are prevented from attending church services for these reasons, will read this article and feel that an exception should be made for these cases. I can sympathize with these, and believe that God will bless them if they are faithful, despite the fact that it is impossible for them to go to church. But it is not easy to sympathize with those who willingly deny themselves of church privileges.

Most announcements are made

at the time of the church service; therefore the members who voluntarily miss the church service, often for months at a time, are more than likely to know but little about the activities of their local church as well as about our work in general.

If a person cannot understand much of the sermon, the church atmosphere alone should prove beneficial. A few years ago, while holding an evangelistic effort, my wife and I called many times to take to meeting a dear old German sister who could understand scarcely a word of my sermon. Although she could not understand the English language, she wanted to be at the meeting, and was probably helped by the influence.

The education received in college is not all derived from books and from professors' lectures in the classroom. The association with students and teachers forms a part of that which moulds the student's character and prepares him for life's work. Gathering with the churchmembers week after week may have a similar effect.

Occasionally someone says, "Because of discouragement, I have stopped going to church." This is one of the greatest mistakes a person could make, for he has deliberately taken himself from the channel wherein he is most likely to be blessed. Discouraged soul, start frequenting the house of worship, and prove the truth of this statement for yourself.

Habitual church attendance is plainly taught by our great Example. In Luke 4:16 we read: "He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Paul followed His example, for Acts 17:2 informs us that he, "as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures."

Testimonies, Vol. 5, page 491, says, "To the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven." Indifference toward, and non-attendance at, the various church services by those who could attend, reveal a lack of interest; and a lack of interest in this movement and message opens the door to the avenue of apostasy. Since "the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven," should we not be often found in the "gate of heaven" rather than in the door which opens the way to apostasy?

If something could be done throughout our entire ranks to get these delinquent ones to be more regular in attendance, many weak, disheartened, discouraged members would be given new hope, love, and zeal. No doubt hundreds of pounds would flow into the Lord's treasury which would otherwise be lost to His cause. New members would be won, old members would be better established, and the Lord's work would be strengthened.

We should make it a practice to come together for public worship in response to God's call; and as world troubles loom before, crying out to us that the great day of God's wrath is fast approaching, we should try harder than ever before to meet often with God's people assembled in public worship, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

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PRAYER and meditation will teach us much that we cannot learn in any other way. If we cannot find God, it is perhaps because He is at home, while we are abroad; He is ready for us, while we are too busy to attend to Him.—*Dean Inge*.

Young People, Attention!

Be a "Master Comrade"

A MASTER Comrade is a trained leader. The question of leadership is one of the most vital questions facing us to-day. It is the key to the situation concerning the well-being of our youth. This problem must be faced with courage and a resolute purpose. Pastor C. Lester Bond expresses himself in this way:

"It is supremely important for those who would be leaders of the youth to seize every opportunity for practical training, that they might know how to guide those whom they lead. . . . One of the greatest responsibilities of the church is the conservation of its resources of young people."

The Missionary Volunteer Department endeavours to reach our children and young people wherever they are, to lead them to Christ, help to fix their ideals, and give them training in Christian service.

Saving the youth is the first work of the church, and a responsibility which rests upon every member. It is the right of every child of Adventist parentage to have the benefits of all that is provided by the denomination for his encouragement and training. He will not be saved by placing about him a solid wall of "don'ts" and "stops." He must be directed and given something to do that will not only interest him, but keep him busy.

The real objective of the M.V. Progressive Courses is to establish, in the life of juniors, ideals and habits that will help them in their all-round development for Christian service.

The responsibility and the privilege of helping the children and youth rests upon every leader as well as upon the parents. To lead out in this work, you must know how. You should therefore begin at once the special studies required for leadership.

We give a complete list of these requirements as they apply for a

Master Comrade. For further information see the *Junior M.V. Handbook* (1/-).

Check up on the following and see how you stand.

Requirements for Master Comrade:

1. Be a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church—and at least sixteen years of age.

2. Complete the Friend, Companion, and Comrade requirements as follow:

(a) Know and keep:

(1) Junior Pledge.

(2) Junior Law.

(b) Memory work. Know and explain:

Psalm 23.

Lord's Promise (John 14:1-3).

Ten Commandments (Exod. 20:2-17).

Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13).

Books of Bible, in order.

Beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12).

Three Angels' Messages (Rev. 14:6-12).

Psalm 19.

1 Corinthians 13.

Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-14.

Matthew 5.

(c) Tie ten of the following knots, including all those in capitals: Overhand, granny, SQUARE, surgeon's, SLIP, BOWLINE, DOUBLE BOW, SHEET BEND, sheep-shank, fisherman's, TWO HALF HITCHES, CLOVE HITCH, Blackwell hitch, timber hitch splice.

(d) Know the eight general directions without the aid of a compass.

(e) Name and identify:

3 planets

5 stars

5 constellations

10 birds

10 flowers

10 trees

5 poisonous plants

(f) Track or trail one-half mile in twenty-five minutes, or satisfactorily describe two out of three shop windows after two minutes' observation.

(g) Raise a successful garden or garden box.

(h) Swim fifty yards. (Substitute allowed. See pages 81, 63 in *Junior M.V. Handbook*.)

(i) Pass test in map-making.

(j) Have £1 in savings bank or in some other paying enterprise.

(k) Special requirements:

(1) Added requirements for boys:

(a) Be able to cook satisfactorily a stew, camp bread, eggs, and roast potatoes.

(b) Produce an article of carpentry or joinery or metal work made by himself.

(c) Splice a rope and pitch and strike a tent.

(2) Added requirements for girls:

(a) Cook satisfactorily a four-dish dinner.

(b) Hem a towel, darn a pair of stockings, put on a neat patch, cut out a pattern, and make an apron.

(c) Describe or show how to bathe, dress, feed, and care for a baby under one year of age.

(3) Have the following certificates:

(a) Study and Service League.

(1) Pass examination in Bible Doctrines.

(2) Pass examination in Denominational History.

(3) Read *Fishers of Men*.

(4) Give five Bible studies.

(b) Senior Bible Year.

(c) Current Senior Reading Course.

(d) Current Junior Reading Course.

(4) Read two books on child study:

(a) *Growing Boys and Girls*, A. W. Spalding (required).

(b) One elective (see page 127 of *Junior M.V. Handbook*).

(5) Lead a group of boys and girls in working out Friend requirements.

(6) Vocational Honours (four required):

(a) Required:

Health and Healing, Christian Storytelling, Two Honours in Nature Study.

(b) Complete list of Vocational Honours (see *Junior M.V. Handbook*, pages 89-120):

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MECHANICS

Motor-car Repairing, Bookbinding, Carpentry, Electricity, Printing,

Radio, Shoe Repairing, Woodworking, Leather Craft.

ARTS

Drawing and Painting, Lettering and Poster-Making, Music, Photography, Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping.

RECREATIONAL PURSUITS

Campcraft, Cycling, Hiking, Life-saving, Study of Postage Stamps, Physical Culture, Swimming.

Who will be the first in the British Union to qualify for the Master-Comrade Badge?

F. W. GOODALL.

is going to be a very interesting time for all our young people's leaders, and for the parents, too.

Copies of these requirement forms may be obtained from your local conference secretary.

Now, check up on these requirements for the Class of Friends.

F. W. GOODALL.



“Willing to Make Any Sacrifice”

IN a letter just received from one ambitious young man, these words occur: “I wish to assure you that I am willing to make any sacrifice to obtain a Christian education.” The young man is wise in feeling that a Christian education is the one thing of outstanding importance. In the Bible we read of education: “She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.”

The one thing that thousands of young men and women need to-day to fit them for places of usefulness in our organized work is a good education, one which will develop their mental and spiritual powers. The Home Study Institute has had marked success in preparing young men and women, who for various reasons are not able to attend one of our schools, for positions as stenographers, typists, bookkeepers, and Bible-workers. We have also trained men who have become successful salesmen, and are now making good as field missionary secretaries in a number of our conferences.

The long winter evenings are with us once more. May we not hear from hundreds and thousands of ambitious young people who desire to invest their spare moments in something very much worth while.

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You will have already heard of the Junior M.V. Handbook and the interesting studies which have been arranged for the juniors. Quite a number of these handbooks are already in circulation, but if you do not have a copy, you should order one at once from your local conference office. The price of this book is 1/-, but there is a possibility of an increase in price in the New Year.

We are now able to give you more definite word concerning the first list of requirements. There are four sections, the first one being the Class of Friends; the second, the Class of Companions; the third, the Class of Comrades; and the fourth, the Master Comrades. For each of these classes there is a special badge, to be worn by those who have passed the

test, and a special scarf that may be worn at the junior meetings. For instance, the Class of Friends will wear a blue scarf, the Class of Companions, red, the Class of Comrades, gold, and the Master Comrades, gold with blue and red lines.

We hope that quite a number of our juniors will qualify in these special courses. We wonder how many will be first to get their “Friend” badge. We are sure that parents and leaders of the juniors will, themselves, qualify and help the juniors.

Will the young people's leaders remember that, in order for them to qualify as Master Comrades, they must have trained a group of juniors to meet the requirements of the Class of Friends.

Now, we can imagine that this

MY FRIEND RECORD

Requirements

Name

1. Be a Junior Society member at least ten years of age.
Date verified Supt.
2. Know and keep the Junior M.V. Pledge and Law.
Test passed (date) Supt.
3. Repeat and explain: (a) The ten commandments, (b) The twenty-third psalm, (c) The Lord's prayer, (d) The Lord's promise. (John 14:1-3.)
Test passed (date) Supt.
4. Have a current Junior R.C. certificate. Date issued
5. Have a Home Efficiency certificate. Date issued
6. Have a Health Habit certificate. Date issued
7. Tie ten of the following knots, including all those in capitals: Overhand, granny, SQUARE, surgeon's, SLIP, BOWLINE, DOUBLE BOW, SHEET BEND, sheepshank, fisherman's, TWO HALF HITCHES, CLOVE HITCH, Blackwell hitch, timber hitch, splice.
Test passed (date) Supt.
8. Know the eight general directions without aid of compass.
Test passed (date) Supt.

FRIEND TEST COMPLETED (date)
Supt.

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Harvest Thanksgiving at Aberdeen

ON Sunday, October 3rd, the first Harvest Thanksgiving service took place here in the Aberdeen church. On Saturday night and Sunday forenoon many willing workers set to work putting everything in place, the church being very nicely decorated with flowers, fruits, and vegetables. It spoke for itself of how the Lord had touched the hearts of the people who willingly responded to this cause.

Brother Kennedy opened the service with a few very encouraging words to us. Then Sister Archibald gave the harvest address

in which we were reminded that the only way we can obtain salvation is by giving ourselves to the Lord. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

We indeed reaped a blessing in the knowledge that all the labour of preparation was in honour of the One who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. We also enjoyed the harvest songs rendered by the young people.

The hall was well filled by both members and friends on this occasion, and during the following week the gifts were distributed among the sick members of the church and in the local hospital.

CHURCH CLERK.

Your Evangelistic Prayer List 1937-38

THE accompanying list shows centres of public evangelism in the British Isles, together with the evangelists engaged. So far as we know this is the complete list of campaigns conducted by the conference workers. To this should be added the soul-saving activities of our lay-brethren, also those of our conference workers who are not supplied with funds for this purpose, and the soul-winning work of our colporteurs and missionaries—and there will be a large prayer list to keep before us during the year.

A. K. Armstrong	Portsmouth
F. C. Bailey	Beckenham
G. R. Bell	Parkstone
C. R. Bonney	Reading
L. G. Hardinge	Paignton
J. M. Howard	Colchester
A. J. Mustard	Ipswich
C. A. Reeves	Ilford

B. E. Sparrow	Folkestone
D. M. Swaine	Cheltenham
A. G. Tapping	Eastbourne
L. D. Vince	Kilburn
L. A. Watson	Beccles
W. Maudsley	Chester
S. G. Joyce	Darlington
W. M. Lennox	York
J. A. McMillan	Hull
W. J. Cannon	Manchester
J. C. French	Leeds
F. Edwards	North Shields
J. R. Lewis	Kidderminster
S. G. Hyde	Cardiff
F. S. Jackson	Swansea
E. E. Craven	Belfast
L. Murdoch	Musselburgh
D. Morrison	Aberdeen
H. McCrow	Arbroath
F. Wilmhurst	Greenock
J. G. Bevan	Londonderry
W. G. Nicholson	Lisburn

We suggest that twice or thrice daily we take this list before the Lord, or at least at such regular times as may be possible.

H. W. LOWE

North England Conference

Another Baptism at Darlington

ON December 4th a further baptism was held in Darlington. Forty-six new members have been received by baptism and vote this year. It was a bitterly cold day, snowing hard, so five candidates failed to appear. If all had been able to attend, the total would have been over fifty. Many others are preparing. There is now another new church awaiting organization. Thanks and praise be unto God.

S. G. JOYCE.

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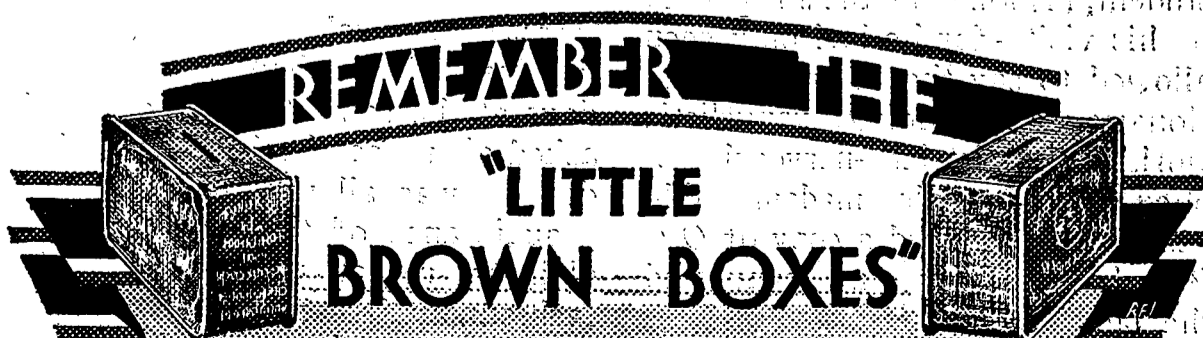
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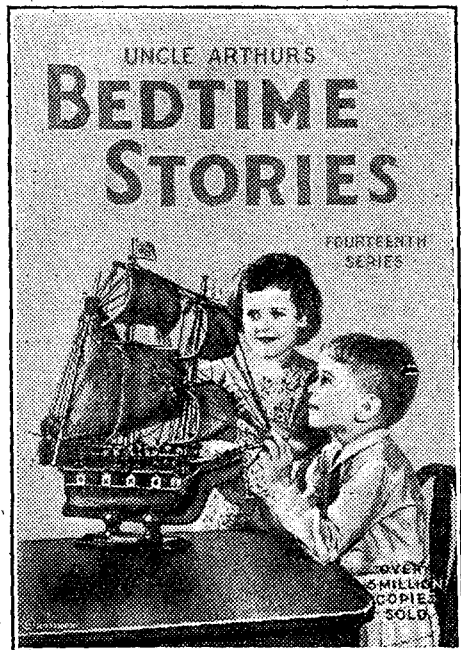
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On the Open Road with God

ON May 10th two students left Newbold College for a small Yorkshire town. Neither had done any colporteur work before, but the words of Paul in Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" gave them confidence in their pilgrimage.

On arriving at their destination, they found the town gaily decorated for the Coronation celebrations. The townspeople did not know they were going to shelter two young men who were heralding the crowning of the King of kings by the distribution of the literature which they had brought with them.

They were welcomed into the home of a typical Yorkshire couple who had their interests at heart. It was a haven of rest and a harbour of refuge. May God's richest benediction rest upon that home, for words fail to express appreciation for their kindness.

Ten days after their arrival, sickness compelled one to return home. The other decided to travel the path alone. He prayed, asking that he might be cleansed from all unrighteousness and strengthened for the work he had undertaken to do. The Lord answered. Two brethren from the North England Conference visited him and gave of their labours.

One morning this student intended to visit a certain Congregational minister, but found that the church had had no resident minister for four years. A co-operative stores butcher introduced him to a churchmember, who hurriedly took him to the church secretary, who asked for his credentials. The student, mystified by the stir caused by his visit—for he had only been allowed to say that he was a missionary student doing evangelistic work in the district—nervously replied, "Credentials, madam? Oh, yes!" and produced a copy of *Our Wonderful Bible* and canvassed the lady.

"What an excellently illustrated book! Have you seen our Sunday-school secretary? Yes, I will have one."

"What colour, please?"

"Blue."

From this sale, eighteen orders followed. One was from the local president of the Free Church Council, two from well-known solicitors, two from business men, one of whom introduced the student to his family and asked him to remain to supper, another from a lady who recommended him to prominent townspeople, and the rest were from churchmembers and local residents. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He supplies the needs of all who trust Him.

Another afternoon the student called on a devout member of the Church of England, who examined the prospectus carefully. Ill-health had reduced them to straitened circumstances.

"I would love one for Mary, but cannot afford one."

The colporteur suggested they take the matter to the Lord. After prayer he asked permission to call again before he left the district, which was approximately two months. This was granted. The day before his departure he called and found the woman waiting for a copy of *Our Wonderful Bible* to give as a surprise gift to her daughter who was away on holiday, being absent from home for the first time. May the contents of its pages bring that family into the full knowledge of the truth.

Another day whilst canvassing, the Lord directed him to a large house. On inquiring after the mistress, he was told that she was indisposed. He called on her two days at the same time of day and asked about her health. The third day he was allowed to make the acquaintance of the lady and explain the reason of his visit. This fashionably-dressed woman ex-

plained that they did not attend any church, but had a daughter who was going to college and whom she wanted to be a Christian.

"This book, madam, will show the way." She purchased one without hesitation.

Through its pages may there shine a light brighter than the noon-day sun.

During the town's holiday week the student had to leave his abode and seek refuge in a very small aristocratic town. Before doing so he wrote to the Wesleyan church caretaker with reference to accommodation, and was recommended to a member of that church, whom he visited upon arriving. At his new home he found the occupant lived alone and was an invalid. The atmosphere was dreary. He became despondent. After attending Methodist services on the Sunday he felt encouraged and told the landlady the reason of his visit. On the Monday morning while having breakfast, she gave him a list of names which secured in the week fifteen orders.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

One Sunday morning, whilst canvassing *Present Truth*, it became known to the student that a certain clerical gentleman had stated that he was spreading a false doctrine. After the evening service he challenged the accuser, who later became a friend; and on the morning of his departure they knelt in prayer together.

The devil has subtle ways of raising obstacles in the path of those who serve the Lord, but the mighty power of God clears them all out of the way.

During his stay in the canvassing field, this student visited five hundred homes, exclusive of big book work, and on Sundays he preached the Word, prayed with the sick, comforted the sorrowing. Nonconformist ministers welcomed him into their midst. An Anglican clergyman gripped his hand in fellowship. Strangers who bought his book invited him into their homes. Little children greeted him with a smile.

He had entered that town a

stranger, but left it a man with many friends.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

HENRY VIGORS.

A Sure Reward for All Who "Tarry By the Stuff"

She never preached: she seldom taught;

*She made no public prayers;
But oft I found her on her knees
A-cleaning floors and stairs.*

*She was no pillar in the church;
No class was in her care;
But she upheld a sister's house,
And shouldered burdens there.*

*She wore no badge, no uniform,
But she could nurse the sick,
And tend the little ones, although
She'd neither child nor chick.*

*She read but little, knew not much
Of what the world calls lore;
But of unfailing sympathy
She had a wondrous store.*

*She did not highly rate her worth;
No rich rewards were given;
But I surmise a great surprise
Awaits such folks in heaven.*

MISS A. V. MIDDLETON.

*Dedicated to Miss K. Pepperell, who
fell asleep November 4, 1937.*

At Rest

SPAVEN.—Our dear Sister Spaven passed away very peacefully in her eightieth year on September 15, 1937, and the interment took place at Lawnswood Cemetery on Sept 18th. Sister Spaven accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor E. E. Craven in Leeds, and was baptized on June 9, 1928. During the last nine years of her life she resided at Worksop with her niece, who feels the loss acutely, as they were much attached to each other. Our hearts go out to her dear ones in their loss. We look forward to meeting our sister again on the resurrection morning. MRS. M. VAUGHAN, *Church Clerk.*

PEPPERELL.—On November 4, 1937, Kate Pepperell passed to her rest in Jesus, aged sixty-seven years. She first learned the truth under the labours of the late Pastor C. H. Keslake, the first Seventh-Day Adventist minister to visit Plymouth, and was baptized by the late Pastor H. E. Robinson on September 6, 1896. She was loyal to the truth which she loved, and was faithful to the end, ever living in the certain and sure hope of the soon-coming Saviour. She sleeps to-day in the little country cemetery of Loddiswell, beside her parents' graves. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor W. J. Young to the mourners at the home of Sister M. E. Bunker, where she lived as friend and helper for nearly thirty years, and at the graveside by L. G. Hardinge. Many relatives and friends are left to mourn their sad loss. J. PUGH, *Church Clerk.*

TUCKER.—Plymouth suffered a further loss on Monday, November 8, 1937, when our dear brother, W. H. Tucker, fell asleep in Jesus after many months of a painful illness. For many years he was a faithful member of the church, being baptized on July 6, 1918. He now rests free from all sorrow and suffering. Words of sympathy and comfort were addressed to the mourners gathered in the old cemetery chapel by Pastor W. J. Young. He leaves a brother and sister to mourn their loss. The church will miss him, but we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. J. PUGH, *Church Clerk.*



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Mercy-Drops Falling

By K. F. NOLTZE

IN one of those restless tropical nights, a drop of mercy fell from heaven on the heart of an honest negro, living far in the woods of Liberia. It produced a longing for more knowledge about the gospel of Christ. Travellers had brought a little now and then to his home town, but none could give him satisfaction. Our friend Baa and his brother Soma talked this matter over and over, but could not find any better way than to leave home and families, fathers and mothers, and go to somebody somewhere who could tell what they wanted to know. But then the grumbling began among their wives and children, and the other members of the clan made known that they would not support those they left behind. There was no other way than to take all along with them. Was it possible to find help in this village, where devil-dances and other secret-society affairs were continually carried out? But to leave home and go to an unknown region with children and wives, sheep and goats and hens, to establish a new home, to convert new forest-covered land to good farming-ground, was not an easy undertaking for poor natives. In former days they were taught to saw lumber and they planned to earn the means by this way.

So they took their wives and children, together with some other young men, and travelled about 100 km. seeking place for a better home near a mission or somebody who could teach them. It so happened that wherever they wanted to remain permanently, it was not possible to get permission for building a new village. Finally they settled in a high forest region, near the Kono River, but the next mission was two days' journey. Soma was then appointed to be the preacher to them, and every evening they held their worship. The living drops of mercy watered the little seed and gave it chance to root deeply. Temptations crept into their homes by palm-wine, and other alcoholic drinks, but the seed of salvation did nevertheless not die. Soma had a little Bible

Primer, out of which most of the pages were torn, and this he used when conducting service. He could neither read nor write, but he could preach. Some weeks ago Soma told me the whole story. In those days their daily prayers were filled with earnest wishes to get a mission near to them. They prayed and waited.

Searching for a suitable spot to establish our Liberian main station last year, it was my plan that it should be located somewhere near the terminus of the main motor-road through Liberia. When I

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came to this end, the workmen were just building the road right before the village of Baa and Soma. It had grown to a nice little home, with about ten huts and some shelters. I lived in their home for quite a few days while searching. We had our morning and evening prayers with them, and also invited them to our Sabbath-school services that we held with our workmen. Those villagers surprised us with their fine songs, but none of them gave me any hint about their year-long expectations from God. They simply watched what was going to happen. In that same village a messenger brought to me the brief news of the destruction of our home farther up country at our Liiwa Station. Witch- and medicine-doctors had put fire to it in our absence. Baa and Soma and their people heard all and observed us yet more carefully.

Having about five spots in mind, I finally decided to take the one

right before this little village. Baa was once leading me for a full day to find a suitable spot, but nevertheless did not say a word to have us here. But when I had decided and we began to survey and build, then their hearts opened their secret, and joyfully it came from their lips how deeply they were impressed that God has heard their long prayers and has answered them in such a wonderful manner. Baa and some of his friends are now ready for baptism, and their children are attending our newly-opened school here at the Kono.

Yes, "mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the SHOWERS we plead."

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Dec. 24th	3.54	3.53	4.09	3.42	4.03

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