

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

London's Day of Fellowship

"Gather yourselves together!" The invitation of inspiration received an enthusiastic response from Advent believers in London, and farther afield, for the special Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, September 5th, the Holloway Baptist church being well filled. The welcome sunshine was a token of the bright beams from the Sun of righteousness which warmed our hearts during every exercise of the convocation, and choicely selected music rendered by the male and mixed choirs from Stanborough Park added inspiration. Children, youth, and adults, all had been considered. Nobody was forgotten.

Ministers of repute occupied the rostrum at each service, and were used of God as they spoke from their rich experience. At Sabbath-school, Pastor W. G. Murdoch, who led us in the recitation of the assigned lesson, reminded us that God was never too busy to hear the cry of those in distress. Injustice, intolerance, and oppression do not escape the surveillance of the Almighty. The increasing prevalence of these bears testimony that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The Lord therefore enjoins His children to exercise patience, which at the coming of the Lord will receive its just reward.

Missionary L. Edmonds, in his impassioned appeal, directed our minds to the Macedonian cry of modern missions, "Come over and help us!" The door stands ajar. A welcome awaits the worker.

By J. H. Bayliss

Alas, the labourers are few! Prevailing prayers, generous gifts and enthusiastic endeavours must flow freely for the fulfilment of the Advent trust.

Pastor H. W. Lowe conducted the service which followed, choosing his text appropriately from Revelation 12:10. The "accuser," wherever we find him in Scripture, is engaged in a fight. He has been defeated in every battle and cast down. The cross is a guarantee that he will be exterminated from the universe. We may take courage in that, as we range ourselves on the side of God, we are on the winning side. The devil has a short time in which to work. He will therefore make his assault more furious. When he works his worst is the time when the church will be endowed with the "power of His Christ" to do her best. We have reached that time now, when "darkness shall cover the earth . . . but . . . His glory shall be seen upon thee." We need, not merely a mental appreciation of the truth, but the power of His Spirit to give us the life and destiny of victory.

The lunch recess was no less appreciated than the inspiring messages of the morning. The fellowship of temporary reunion is sweet when parted relations, friends, and acquaintances, over sandwiches, retie the knots that bind hearts in Christian love.

The resumption of our spiritual exercise was marked by Pastor W. T. Bartlett's Bible study— instructive and bracing. His subject was the supreme sign of Matthew 24:14. Were it not for the preaching of the Gospel, the end would never come. This is more than a sign, it is a programme leading to the end. This plan is visualized in the prophetic forecast of Revelation 14: 6-16, the preaching of the "everlasting Gospel" which produces the "saints" and ripens the world's harvest for the sickle of the Son of Man. The same programme is embraced in Isaiah 9: 2-7. The people of Galilee not only saw a new light, but became converted to it. The "Wonderful . . . Prince of Peace" came to establish His increasing "government" in the hearts of men. (John 3:30.) "His own received Him not," as was graphically portrayed by the prophet Isaiah. (Chapter 5:1-7.) A picture of a disappointed God! All that God could do was done for His vineyard, but instead of wine, the vineyard produced vinegar. Jesus asked, "What will He do unto those husbandmen?" They themselves supplied the answer. "He will miserably destroy those wicked men and will let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render Him the fruits in their seasons." Matt. 21:40, 41.

In direct contrast is the "wine" producing vineyard of Isaiah 27: 2-6, which meets with divine approval, a figure of the Gospel

church which "increaseth with the increase of God." Col. 2:19. She abounds in every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8.) She would "abound more and more." 1 Thess. 4:1. "To the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 3:13.

Our president, Pastor G. D. King, addressed the assembly in the second service of the afternoon. His text, Joel 2:1, as he said, suggested "old stuff, but—grand old stuff!" We need a quickened consciousness that the day is near. Things happening about us assure us of the certainty of the prophetic Word of God. Every event is working according to plan—God's prophetic plan. Events to-day have but one meaning—"the day of the Lord is near." Pastor King pertinently inquired, "To what end is it for you?" Amos 5:18. When we engage in our part of the preparation (Joel 2:1, 12, 13, 16, 17), profession and pretence give place to penitence and prayer. Then God will do His part (Joel 2:18, 21, 26, 32); "do great things," deal "wonderously." In Him "shall be deliverance." Such is our heritage. Before us stands an open door and no man can shut it. (Rev. 3:8.)

A sumptuous spiritual feast was brought to a close with a youth's rally. Our confidence in God's protection and leading was further confirmed as four young men testified of their various experiences in national service. Pastor Murdoch, in brief but bright remarks, set forth the short view chosen by the rich young ruler (Matt. 19:22), as compared with the long view selected by Moses (Heb. 11:24-26). He appealed to the youth in particular to deny themselves of some present pleasure in order to secure some future good.

The feeding of the lambs was entrusted to capable hands. The primary and junior departments were well represented, and they enjoyed the fare prepared for them. A special feature of the Missionary Volunteer meetings was an investiture service in which several were honoured.

All who attended the gathering

were conscious of the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. We returned to our homes with the happy assurance that God's hand is directing the affairs of

His church. We resolve, therefore, to renew our vows of consecration and remain faithful until we hear His voice declare, "Well done!"

A Day of Fellowship in Bristol

"LET Israel rejoice in Him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King." Psa. 149:2.

The time is 9.30 a.m. on Sabbath, September 12th; the place is Arley Chapel, Arley Hill, Bristol.

Who are all these people coming this morning? Don't you know? Why, the Seventh-Day Adventists are having a Day of Fellowship! Not that that is anything new, for you will always find blessed fellowship in the Advent church. But they are having a special day to-day, special inasmuch as all the churches of the south-west and west of England will be joining with the Bristol church this morning. That is why you see so many people coming, and so early too, to Sabbath-school!

We are greatly privileged this morning in two ways. First, we shall have, through the kindness of our Congregational friends, the use of this commodious church; you see our own church would not be large enough for such an occasion. Second, we have coming to take our services the leaders of our work in the Union and South England Conferences, Brethren Lowe, Bartlett, King, and Warland. What a feast of good things we shall have this day!

See how the seats of the church are fast filling in. Soon it will be time for the Sabbath-school to begin. Yes, here come the leaders to open the service. Listen! How they are singing!

"God of our fathers, who of old didst make Thy people free,
And led them forth through
desert wastes and through the
parted sea—

Lord of all hosts, we worship
Thee, through endless years
the same;

We sing the wonders of Thy
ways, the glories of Thy
name."

Such singing can only come

from the experiences of life. It is now 11.35 a.m. Pastor Lowe is to give the feast of great things.

We are thrilled with the messages of greeting which he brings to us from our brethren not only from farther distances of our island home, but also from the brethren of the General Conference. In turn, we send ours to them, and assure them of our loyalty to the cause we love.

As Pastor Lowe addresses us our spirits rise to the heights of higher attainment in the Christian life. There is no self-satisfaction but a firm and keen desire to live, by the grace of God, that holy life, that life of the "Inner Presence," a life lived out in the Holy of Holies, in the very presence of God. We are persuaded that this "inner presence" life is the life for all of us as Adventists. Such a life will truly make us a "peculiar people." Is not this the life of absolute surrender to God?

The hand of the Lord is with us in a marked way as the service closes with a manifestation on the part of all present of the desire to live this "inner presence" life, this victorious life of Christ's.

With keen anticipation we await the 2.30 p.m. service when the ever-welcome Pastor W. T. Bartlett is to give us the Bible study of the day. Neither was the anticipation greater than the realization! That we find as the study unfolds. Is there one present, we feel led to ask, who does not love "His appearing" more as a result of this study of the Word? With the apostle John, our hearts say, "Come Lord Jesus."

We find a "continuing feast" in the following service of the afternoon. Pastor King reminds us that our time is one of "crumbling foundations." Nothing appears certain and sure. Yet in the midst of such conditions God has

laid a "sure foundation" and this foundation "standeth sure."

In pointing out that our movement is built on this "sure foundation" and that the great "fundamental truths that made us Seventh-Day Adventists are the truths that will keep us Seventh-Day Adventists," our president gives us a call to examine our own foundations. We have this confidence, that the closer the examination, the stronger will the foundation appear. That thought, too, is manifest in this statement, "those things which were taught by our pioneers are now being fulfilled before our very eyes."

"In closing," Brother King says, "I feel the statement found in the *Desire of Ages* that the people of God in the last days 'will combine vigilant watching with earnest working' is finding its fulfilment to-day." Amen, our hearts reply.

In the evening we gather again for the Young People's Rally. What will the young people have to offer?

We look, and rightly, to our young people. What a mighty army they are! As we listen to what these young people have to say in their testimonies we feel justifiably proud that our youth is standing in the forefront of the battle. Many and varied are the tests that come but the constant note is: "Our God is able to deliver us." He is "sufficient" for every need.

Brother Lowe's talk to the young people was a fitting close to what we all felt to have been a "perfect day," a day to live in the memory and to be lived over again in the life.

We would here mention the "Investiture Service" which was held during the 2.30 p.m. Bible study period. Ten members of the Missionary Volunteer societies of Bristol and Cheltenham were ready to receive their awards. We rejoice that this side of the Lord's work progresses favourably, and we trust that there will be still more to follow in the steps of these "nobility." LESLIE SHAW.

Spirit if the work is to develop strongly.

MISSION OFFERINGS

INQUIRIES are still being received as to whether mission offerings can be transmitted overseas. We are glad once more to state that there is no difficulty whatever in transmitting mission offerings for which appeals are made in the regular way. We cannot, of course, transmit money to enemy-occupied countries, but our mission work in most parts of the world is still open to our contacts and the receipt of our funds.

Mission offerings belong to the General Conference and every penny collected is used for the purpose for which it is collected. We assure our members that we watch this matter carefully and are prepared to act on any infringements reported to us. Thus Ingathering money cannot be used for any other purpose, nor can Sabbath-school offerings, etc., than for specified foreign mission work.

We are glad to say that our mission offerings throughout the Union are increasing in a very encouraging manner. It is of the utmost importance that we maintain the spirit of missions by our gifts and by our prayers at this extremely difficult time.

H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

OUR College opened September 9th with an enrolment of about 110 students, which is an encouraging figure under war conditions. The same day our Watford Secondary School opened with an enrolment of 180, which is considerably beyond our expectations. Our perplexity with this school is to know how to keep pace with the enrolment. We should keep the educational institutions constantly in mind as worthy of support and in need of constant divine guidance.

LARGER EVANGELISM

THE respective committees are now working out plans for the launching of about half-a-dozen much larger evangelistic campaigns than we have seen for many years in this field. The idea in this project is not the accommodation of certain men's desires or abilities, but the conviction that we should strike hard wherever Providence has indicated open doors in the matter of available halls and reasonable advertis-

ing facilities. If the plan is successful we may try it in other places with other men next year.

Of equal importance with these larger campaigns will be a still larger number of what we have come to look on as "normal" evangelistic campaigns under war conditions, and we should pray earnestly that all the men and women involved in these plans may be especially empowered by God for this very great problem of winning souls to the truth. Our other denominational activities will not grow beyond a certain point unless our membership is growing healthily.

Three things form the basic strength of the Advent movement in any land: there is first, a successful soul-winning programme, second, a strong missionary spirit which involves gifts and workers for overseas activities, and third, a well planned, efficient educational system. The work becomes unbalanced if any one of these is neglected, and, as indicated, they must all go together in the power of God's

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Another Baptism In Southend

JUST a year ago five persons were baptized in Southend. On August 30th of this year, another six who had accepted the risen Saviour in His fullness were buried with Him in baptism. It was a time indeed, when all present felt a quickening of the Spirit, and many determined to live more completely the resurrection life. The service, conducted by Pastor G. D. King, was an impressive one, and several who had been

"counting the cost" decided to throw in their lot with the people of God. These, we hope, will constitute our next baptism in the not far-distant future.

The task has been by no means an easy one. The evacuation of churchmembers and interested ones, has been the order of the day, but recently some have been coming back to their homes. Single-handed, Pastor F. J. Wilmshurst has laboured faithfully—only a life touched by God can successfully give the Bread of Life to hungry souls. Now to Him who "giveth the increase" we ascribe the praise.

We ask for an interest in your prayers, that God will do "great things" here in Southend, for His name's sake.

A. STEWART-JACKS.

Baptism at Plymouth

ON Sabbath morning, June 27th, a baptismal service was conducted in the Plymouth church by Pastor A. K. Armstrong. Five precious souls followed their Lord through the watery grave to rise to walk in newness of life and one other person was accepted by vote.

Four of these new members first came into contact with the message through the work of a colporteur. Brother E. J. Whiting has been busy in Cornwall spreading the printed page, and we rejoice as we witness such results from this labour in God's service.

Although living too far away to join the Plymouth church we follow with interest the experience of these dear ones as they strive to follow their Lord day by day, and pray that God will keep them true until Jesus comes.

GLADYS ANDREWS,
Church Clerk.

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A Company Grows

THEY are taking down the iron railings in front of the houses in this town of Rochdale. And we felt a little regret that this ex-

cellent contribution to our evangelistic work wasn't in full swing six months ago. For then we had to contend with heavy iron gates in our billing, gates which by now are possibly in the melting pot!

Six months ago we decided to launch a spring offensive, the second assault on this northern citadel. Before the opening night of our campaign, bills were circulated extensively inviting the inhabitants to hear the message of a soon-coming Saviour. It might have been because of the poor hall, or because the second assault came so soon after the first, that the attendance was not more than 120. And for five Sunday evenings during which time the Lancashire weather succeeded in establishing a record for variety, the attendance fluctuated accordingly. With our limited budget it had at first seemed presumptuous to hold a cinema campaign. But when these came to an end and we transferred our meetings to the Cloth Hall, where our regular church services are held, we were sure that we had been led to go forth in faith.

The goodly number of non-members whose interest in the truth had been aroused was encouraging to see. Nearly every seat was occupied for our first meeting in our own hall.

The testing truths have one by one thinned out our ranks but we see a solid group of believers whose love for the message continues to grow. One elderly gentleman lives four miles outside Rochdale and comes regularly to the meetings by train.

"I feel drawn to the meetings and cannot stop away," another eagerly said. Yes, the truth has a compelling power. It is the magnet of God.

Twenty years ago the truth was taught in Todmorden on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire. "After many days" the seed sown has begun to germinate. As a result of the cottage meetings held through the winter, at least three souls have been convicted of the truth.

In view of this interest it looks as though Rochdale's slogan, "Our company a church this year," will come true. We are planning and praying to this end.

JOHN C. FRENCH.

A Teacher's Vacation

IT was indeed a privilege to spend a number of weeks with our church in Hull during the summer. Notwithstanding continued air-raids, the courage of the members is very good. Some have had their homes destroyed, and all have suffered more or less from the nerve-shattering aerial attacks, yet there has been a most encouraging readiness to take part in the various activities of our work.

A large number of inquiry cards were given out, from door to door throughout the city, by our lay-people, and some hundred names of people who desire literature have come in as the result. Visiting these has brought contact with many who are desirous of learning from the Bible the meaning of present world conditions, and about twenty welcomed the plan of having weekly studies in the Word.

One experience was somewhat unique. On calling at one address I found that both husband and wife were totally deaf. Fortunately I learned the finger-alphabet as a boy, so I proceeded to "talk" about the truth on my fingers. We met one evening a week, and they invited first one, and later a second, of their friends to join in these novel Bible classes. We pray that these four deaf-and-dumb persons may "see" the light and join God's remnant church.

The Ingathering campaign was enthusiastically entered into by our brethren and sisters. Owing to the desolated state of so much of Hull, we hardly expected to reach the goal set for the church. But by the blessing of God, and the persistent efforts of our faithful members, the goal was passed, and nearly £300 was collected in all.

Quite a proportion of the members in Hull are aged and infirm. One sister has been bed-ridden—almost completely paralysed—for many years. Yet through it all she has maintained her childlike trust in God. It was a refreshing experience to visit her.

The good spirit manifest in this East Riding church augurs well for the consolidation and advance of the cause, and I return

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to College, after a very busy summer, thankful for this insight I have had into the work in the field, its difficulties and its triumphs. May the Lord abundantly bless the labours of Brother and Sister Conroy, and Sister Chase, among these warm-hearted Yorkshire folk.

E. B. PHILLIPS.

Change of Address

THE Lancaster company now meet in the Advent Hall, 18a Penny Street (opposite Woolworth's), Lancaster.

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Superintendent's Notes

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

ON Sabbath, October 3rd, the members of the Welsh Mission are to enjoy a time of refreshing as they seek the Lord together and wait upon Him for blessing and guidance. The need is great and we trust that each member will sense that need for himself and come to the meetings fully expecting that need to be filled.

CHANGE OF VENUE

IN the last MESSENGER we stated that these special meetings would convene in the Methodist church at Pengam. Since then we have learned that consequent upon the curtailed train service and the changes contemplated it would be inadvisable to meet at Pengam.

We have therefore decided—reluctantly, but in the interests of the majority—to make Cardiff the venue, so making it easier for everybody to reach the meetings.

By the courtesy of the minister and officers we shall meet in The Tabernacle, The Hayes, Cardiff. (Near Central Station.)

VISITING BRETHREN

WE are privileged to have two former field leaders of Wales to minister to us at this day of fellowship—Pastor H. W. Lowe, the Union president and Pastor G. D. King, president of the South England Conference. We shall give these brethren a warm Welsh

welcome, I know. In addition, all the workers of Wales will be in attendance to give encouragement, help, and inspiration.

DISTANT MEMBERS

As we shall have no other representative gathering this year, we feel we should invite members even from the more distant parts of our field. We would welcome such, especially those who cannot meet with others of like precious faith, except at such times. Come along and spend the week-end in Cardiff. Send word early if you would like accommodation found for you.

PROGRAMME

PROGRAMMES are being sent to all church leaders and the isolated. But here is a brief outline:

9.15 a.m. Prayer Season
10 a.m. Sabbath-school
11.15 a.m. Morning Service
2.30 p.m. Bible Study
3.30 p.m. Afternoon Service
6 p.m. Special Service

PLAN TO ATTEND THE PRAYER SEASON

THERE was a time when a 7 a.m. prayer meeting was well attended. Could we revive our interests and plan to be early astir on Sabbath morning, October 3rd, so that we can reach Cardiff in time for this very necessary beginning to a full day's programme. And, dear brethren and sisters, pray that the Lord will visit us as we seek Him together and that we may have an outpouring of His Spirit.

BAPTISM AT WREXHAM

WE rejoice with Pastor H. K. Munson that fruitage has come to Wrexham. Three new members now rejoice in the Advent faith and fellowship. It has taken a long time to realize this fruition. The way has been hard and difficult and opposition has been rife. But with this beginning, Pastor Munson looks forward to further fruitage in the near future. Please remember Wrexham in your prayers.

Two others—from Pastor Cooper's district—were baptized at the same time.

A NEW WORKER

MEMBERS will be glad to learn that we have been able to secure another lady Bible-worker to

strengthen our slender force of workers, in the person of Miss Mabel Howlett, of Leicester, a graduate of Newbold. We welcome our sister and wish her happy and successful days in her Welsh Mission association.

S. G. HYDE.

Irish Mission

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Superintendent's Notes

MANY years ago the apostle Paul was perplexed in his evangelism. He could no longer preach in the synagogue, no halls were available. He decided to work from house to house. (Acts 20:20.) That is what we have decided to do here in Ireland. During the past year we have been conducting meetings on the Ormeau Road in the vicinity of the church. On Sunday, August 16th, we had over fifty people present at 3.15 p.m., a very awkward time seeing that the men folk come home from the shipyards at 4 p.m.

However, we have made our plans and we intend to visit all the houses around the church with our church paper. Inside each paper is a slip and on the back of the slip is a statement of our beliefs. As we embark on this plan we would ask for your prayers that God will bless every effort we put forth to extend the knowledge of a soon-coming Saviour. Will you remember Ireland?

Ireland's Plea

*"Angel unto whom 'tis given,
Swiftly by divine command,
Flying through the midst of
heaven
With the Gospel in Thy hand,
Joyful tidings
To proclaim through every land.*

*"In the circuit thou art taking,
Overlook not this Green Isle;
But a pause of mercy making,
Here repose thee for a while—
Close thy pinions;
Gladden Ireland with thy smile.*

"Such the message thou art bringing,

At the first inspiring sound,
 Multitudes of preachers springing
 From all quarters shall be
 found
 To repeat it
 Till it spread the country round.

"England to this land united
 By so strong, so dear a tie,
 Let not Ireland's wants be slighted.
 'Come and help us' is her cry—
 British Christians!
 To your sister's succour fly.

"Ireland, all too long neglected,
 Now demands your speedy aid,
 Every good may be effected,
 By the light of life displayed;
 Glorious day-spring;
 Scatter death's incumbent shade."
 E. E. CRAVEN.



Evangelism in the Argentine

IN the course of a recent letter to Brother Warren, Brother Edgar Brooks well known to many in this country writes:

"We have been having excellent success this year in the public efforts. One of our evangelists, Elder Daniel Hammerly, went to Bahia Blanca with two or three helpers. One of these had formerly been the director of the Municipal Orchestra there, and is a very fine violinist. By his help, Brother Hammerly managed to get the free use for three meetings of the hall of the municipal library. By the regulations of the institution, he was not allowed on these occasions to lecture on frankly religious subjects. He dealt with semi-scientific subjects such as evolution, etc. The first night he got 500 people present, the second, 600, and the third 700. This greatly surprised the authorities, who were accustomed to see first-rate orators from Buenos Aires speak to audiences of about sixty in the same hall.

"From there the meetings were transferred to the hired theatre, where the audiences went up to above 1,000 on Sunday nights. In view of the great interest, the meetings were prolonged for a month or two beyond what had been originally planned, but the brethren thought this was more than justified, and our people have rallied splendidly to the financial support of these meetings.

"Our best orator, as far as

oratory is concerned, was sent to run an effort in La Plata, where I have charge of the local church. He has not the fame as a scientist that Brother Hammerly has, but he is far more of an orator. We had great difficulty in getting a hall. But the meetings have been very well attended, and a nice group of interested people are now ready to be transferred to our own hall, where the meetings will be continued. There are some

very fine people among them, but they will need very careful instruction before they will be ready to join us, and we are praying that the Lord will bless in the follow-up work so that our church membership in La Plata may be doubled.

"The efforts in other places are doing well, and we are looking for one of the best harvests of souls that has been gathered in this field."

DISCUSSION CORNER

Devoted to the discussion of helpful topics, denominational plans, policies, practices, and to answering profitable questions.

No. 7.—Can a man be a good Adventist and habitually stay away from church?

THIS question came from two sources recently. First it came from a person who so dislikes the local church people that she has decided she can be a better believer by staying away from them. Then it came to us through a discussion in the press.

The non-Adventist point of view is well stated by D. R. Davies in his recent book, *Secular Illusion or Christian Realism?*

"It is when we confront such a problem as this [bringing individuals to repentance] that we can see the utter stupidity of the idea that men can be Christians or become Christians in isolation. When we ask ourselves how men and women can be brought to repent, we shall see quickly enough the need for the church. Without her it is concretely impossible for men to come to repentance. In theory there is nothing impossible in people experiencing repentance in isolation from the church—especially in mere modernist theory. In the abstract, I suppose, it is quite possible for the man to whom Sunday, for example, is an opportunity to motor to country or seaside (to refresh the weary titan, etc.) to be stricken dumb with realization. In the abstract, the Brighton road can become another road to Damascus. In the

abstract. But not in the concrete world of hard reality. Things do not happen in that way. In the actual world of men and women, of tradition and history, of multiple influences, men come to the threshold of Christian experience only in the church, in the community which God has specially founded to be the organ of the kingdom of God in history."

"It is in the church that people can be taught the beliefs necessary for repentance. . . . There will be no repentance without a theology.

"In the church, too, can men be trained in the discipline necessary for repentance—and only in the church. . . ."

The biblical point of view is summed up by an appeal based on the approach of the day of Christ's appearing: "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. This is categorical, and makes no allowance for dislike of, or disagreements with the brethren.

The Adventist viewpoint is that non-attendance at church is inadmissible for business reasons (*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 654), or for any other cause (*Ibid.*, Vol. 4, page 539.)

We all need the church and the church needs us, and the principal reason in each case is the spiritual condition of our souls.

H. W. LOWE.



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The March of Missions

THRILLING stories were told at Laymen's Conventions, held in the Inter-American Division this summer. Forty-six lay workers gave definite testimony that they had been instrumental in winning 2,976 persons, of whom 836 are already baptized. One man, writes C. E. Moon in the *Pacific Union Recorder*, "stood up and told of selling bread, with tracts hidden under the bread. He was caught and given twenty-five broadside slashes with a machete until his back was raw. This was done by thirty armed men who determined to stop his work. They then put him in jail. This man is Brother Juan Landeros. Did they stop his

work? No, he is still at it. They tell us that Juan does not even know how to read or write. How many souls has he won? The workers all agree that Juan has won 300 souls."

DURING 1941, Doctor O. Rouhe, Medical Director of the Songa Mission Hospital, South Congo, performed two hundred and fifty major operations. The mission, in addition to a "sick village" for out-patients and a maternity hospital, maintains a leper colony where there are 125 lepers under treatment.

FIVE people have already been baptized as a result of contacts with, and studies given, in a Reading Room established by Seventh-

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Day Adventists in Los Angeles.

EACH time M. I. Fayard, editor of *El Atalaya*, the Spanish *Watchman*, lectured on the Bible and archæology at a conference session of the Uruguay mission, the local wireless station sent its representatives with the needed equipment to broadcast his addresses over the air.

A CATHOLIC priest has been baptized as a result of reading a copy of *Great Controversy*, bought by one of our members at a conference book-stall last year. The member "lent it to a woman," writes F. Newland, "who lent it to a man, who in turn lent it to a Catholic priest, who read the book, became converted, accepted the truth, and is now a member of one of our churches." L.W.N.



HUTCHINSON.—We regret to record the passing of Brother W. Hutchinson, who died July 23, 1942, and was interred on July 26th by Pastor W. Maudsley in the Brookhouse Cemetery, Near Caton. He was eighty-two years old. Our brother accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor A. S. Rodd in Liverpool. He leaves behind a son and daughter. His life and death give us confidence that he sleeps in Jesus until the glorious resurrection. W. MAUDSLEY.

PASTOR B. E. SPARROW has found it impossible to reply to the large number of sympathetic messages received in his sad bereavement. He wishes, however, through the columns of the *Messenger*, to express his gratitude for them all. Ed.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Oct. 9th	6.22	6.24	6.35	6.30	6.42

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God's Programme for Youth

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THE prophecies of God's Word relating to the signs of the times and the work of the Gospel are rapidly fulfilling. Especially is this true of the prophecies pertaining to the remnant church. Seventh-Day Adventists are a people of prophecy, and their part in the closing work of God in this earth is clearly pointed out. "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . your young men shall see visions," said the prophet Joel.

A prophet is a person who delivers divine messages. The *Universal English Dictionary* defines a prophet thus: "A person inspired and directed by God to announce His will to men." According to our text, God has placed this responsibility on the youth of the church to-day. The hour has struck when the young people must step into the lines of God's great army of messengers and help to finish His work quickly.

FOLLOWING THE GREAT MASTER

The youth of the church must catch their vision from the great Master-Teacher. During His ministry Christ was continually buffeted by the enemy to hinder His carrying out the one thing that He came to accomplish. But His consecration to a good cause was deep, and His trust in an all-powerful Father was so strong that none of these things could move Him. He said, in the face of all obstacles, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." What a worthy example for the young man or young woman of to-day. True, we are living in a time when attractions of every description are multiplied, but are not the appeals of worldly pleasure, wealth, and fame, challenges to every young Christian for greater faithfulness and more perseverance in carrying out His heavenly commission? The Master has said to each one, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. This is not the time for loitering. It is not a time for pleasure-seeking. It is not a

time to seek the wealth of the world. No, this is the last hour, and the passion that burned in the life of the Saviour should be the impelling force in all our hearts. The church is counting on the great army of Seventh-Day Adventist youth, and it appeals to them to rally as never before in a great effort to give the Advent message to all the world in this generation. Although God has pointed out the part that youth will have in the finishing of His work, the decisions of each one determine whether or not he will have a part in the fulfilment of that prophecy.

A TIME OF DECISION AND ACTION

Youth time is decision time, and the decisions made in youth determine the life's destiny. In youth the conscience is tender, and it is only by an effort that it

***** WALL CALENDARS

OWING to government restrictions it will not be possible to obtain supplies of the *Christian Home Wall Calendar* this year. We hope, however, to publish the *Morning Watch Calendar* as usual about October 20th.

For Christmas presents—could we suggest a copy of W. L. Emerson's new book, *The Bible Speaks*. Special discounts to members. A. W.

can be stifled. When we are older, we need an effort to arouse it. God wrestles with us in the dawning of the day, the beginning of life. An established proof of all this is that the great majority of religious persons turn to God early in life. To let that season pass without deciding for God is to lose, the time especially designed by Him for us to remember the Creator. Although God will accept us at any age, He seeks us especially in our prime, that our whole life may be blessed of Him and be in turn a blessing in His service.

Early vigour and strong consecration to God work miracles for Him. Older men have their ap-

pointed work and are no less needed than young, but the life force that conquers the world for God is the fresh enthusiasm and strength of youth. Those of years may counsel and stimulate and provide the means, but the hard work must fall mainly on young strength and vigour. When one is genuinely won to God, there is no hesitation or half-hearted service. Youth feels itself only a servant and gives itself up to a worthy cause with unshrinking devotion. Many of the youth of the Advent movement are making such decisions for God, and consequently their devotion and surrender are seen in activities of love and helpfulness wherever they are.

Looking at God's work through the present world emergency, the youth of the church may find the outlook is discouraging; but the tests of life that come during such emergencies, if properly met, strengthen the character and develop greater abilities to carry on successfully for God following the emergencies.

"In view of their high calling, the youth among us should not seek for amusement, or live for selfish gratification. The salvation of souls is to be the motive that inspires them to action. In their God-given strength they are to rise above every enslaving, debasing habit. They are to ponder well the paths of their feet, remembering that where they lead the way, others will follow. . . . The cause of God is constantly progressing, and we must obey the command, Go forward. There is need of young men and women who will not be swayed by circumstances, who walk with God, who pray much, and who put forth earnest efforts to gather all the light they can."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pages 535-537.

Youth of the church, now is the time to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself, that you may become better prepared to do efficient work for the Master. We have not reached the climax of the message. We believe that the crowning days are before us, days when the youth of the church, through their strong efforts for God, will garner a great harvest of souls for the Master. Prepare now to do your part.