



Studies in the Life of the Church

WHEN the early Seventh-Day Adventists had settled the question of the necessity of some simple form of church organization, their one concern still was that the utmost urgency and efficiency should attend their witness to the great truths they had espoused, especially the second advent and the Sabbath.

The state, or local, conference first took shape, but along with it went the fundamental activities which developed into what we now call our departments.

There was, for instance, intense activity in printing and circulating message-filled literature. This grew enormously and ultimately was organized in 1902 into what we now call the Publishing department. It arose, not because of any need to employ colporteurs, but because of the inward urge the believers felt to scatter the truth. It was in that sense evangelistic.

From the very beginning, the study of the Bible by individuals and groups was an Adventist habit which grew till lessons for all the world became a universal habit Sabbath by Sabbath. The present Sabbath-school department was organized in 1902, but it was with the movement from its infancy—born of the believers' love of the Word. It catered for children, youth, and adults and we shall never know how many have been saved by this another evangelistic department.

The habit of holding Bible studies, cottage meetings, the

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practice of methodical neighbourhood visitation with tracts, was also with the founders of this movement as an integral, insuppressible part of their Spirit-filled energies. In course of time the laity added to their activities all kinds of preaching, paper, and book work, Dorcas societies, welfare work for the poor, and, latterly, Harvest Ingathering for Foreign Missions. Again we see that a department grew from a spiritual urge and was therefore true evangelism.

The youth and children's work is not something of recent origin. It was borne of the burden in the hearts of the early members to see their children soundly converted and built into lively faith in the truth. It certainly long antedates the organization of our present Missionary Volunteer department in 1918. Its methods have changed, but not its evangelistic fervour.

The point to remember is that all the departments are the outworking of the church's evangelistic zeal. If we always keep them on that basis they will be the joyful, fruitful expression of the spiritual vitality of the denomination. They will represent

the spiritual life of people preparing to welcome the soon-coming Saviour.

This brings us to the leaders in these departments. The Home Missionary leader should be above all himself an active missionary worker, an organizer, an inspiring spiritual leader. Normally, the elder makes good in such an office. By all means, we should avoid a leader who loves to exhort but who does not himself set a noble example of his precepts. He should be given a Home Missionary secretary who is business-like, energetic, and who will give time to ordering the numerous supplies, organizing campaigns, collecting payments, and the numerous details involved in this department.

The Sabbath-school superintendent has it in his power to build up and hold the fullest and most interesting service of the church. He must, with his Sabbath-school committee (which should meet monthly to discuss new plans and ideas), select the best possible teachers (this is where so many schools fall flat), hold a regular weekly teachers' meeting (which should be neither a preaching service nor a prayer meeting), provide for all grades of children's and youth's classes required, and plan bright programmes a month ahead. He should avoid the sin of leaving preparation till a week, or a day or two, before the programme date, and he should seek to bring variety into his services.

A Sabbath-school secretary should be appointed whose duties are (1) to assist the superintendent in all agreed plans, (2) to arrange and collect weekly class records and offerings, (3) to contribute ideas regarding goal charts, and plans to strengthen the Sabbath-school, (4) to keep in touch with absent members and non-attenders, (5) to report regularly to the conference Sabbath-school secretary, (6) to prepare each week in a provided record book a report of the previous week's Sabbath-school which he or she should read clearly and intelligently to the school. This report should be brief. It should leave out the weather, and, generally, the hymns and a repetition of the order of service. It should pick out a few high points such as attendance, study numbers, offerings, lesson subject, etc. In reality this item lends itself to great variation from week to week in the hands of an ingenious, imaginative, live secretary.

The Missionary Volunteer leader should be one of the finest and most able characters in the church. Not too old, nor too young, vivid, well educated, a lover of youth, hard working, with a scent for good, inspiring material that appeals to youth, and able to harness and direct their energies to the work of the church. By all means avoid giving this office to a person who is flat and uninspiring, or who cannot draw the youth into ready co-operation. The Missionary Volunteer secretary needs much the same potential qualities but may be younger and less mature. But both must be all out for youth and God.

In fine, all department officers must typify all that is best in the evangelistic energies of the Advent church. Then the department meetings will be soul-winners all along the line, and the members will have heaps of interesting things to relate to God's glory in private, in testimony meetings, and prayer services.

References of help in these matters in the *British Church Manual* may be found as follows:

On Missionary Volunteer Societies, Senior and Junior: pages 46; 90-92.

On Home Missionary Organi-

zation and Meetings: pages 39-43; 93-95.

On Sabbath-School Work: pages 43-45; 89, 90.

Notes from the Union President

WORD FROM EUROPE

MISS HAZEL OLSON, the daughter of the president of the Southern European Division, in a personal letter recently passed on this paragraph about the work in these difficult lands:

"Over here in the Southern European Division there are shadows aplenty, stormy clouds and even storms. But there is sunshine, too. The colporteur work is very prosperous, but the problem is to get books and papers in sufficiency. In most places tithes and offerings are increasing a lot, and souls are being won to the truth. Here in Berne, during the past two years, between sixty and seventy persons have been added to our church. Now our pastor and evangelist have moved to Basel, where he and four helpers are to undertake an especially big effort. There will be a similar effort in Geneva, in the lovely Victoria Hall. May God bless both! Our school has just opened its doors at Collonges, and we think the place will be well filled this year. Other institutions are doing well. Unfortunately, in some places there is persecution, but God is not forgetting His children even there. Good reports come from our mission fields. We are thankful to God for the health He is granting our missionaries. All should have come home on furlough ere this."

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

A LETTER recently received from A. E. Farrow, whose ship was bombed on the way to Africa, contains the following:

"You probably have been informed that we were bombed. It seems a long time ago now, but just to-day I was thinking how these experiences are often for our own good and for our schooling. It seems that we are in the midst of perils in this area at Ikot Ekpene. We have a man here to-night seeking shelter because his life was attempted to-night. And so to have faced dangers before is sometimes helpful. This was for-

merly the mission station of Brother Gillett and thieves were constantly troubling him. So the days of dangers for missionaries are not passed as some people think. By the grace of God, however, we hope to see great changes in the lives of these wild people.

"Mrs. Farrow is teaching in the Girls' School at Aba, and will relieve Miss Nukka when she goes on furlough. So we will be living some twenty odd miles apart.

"We have had great difficulty in getting certain essential things for household use, but everyone has been most kind and helpful. However we will have to wait until our furlough to fully re-equip ourselves."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER, DECEMBER 4TH-11TH.

A LIMITED number of Week of Prayer Readings is available for use among our churches, and we hope that definite plans are now being laid for as many meetings as possible during this important period.

It sounds commonplace for Adventists to say that there never was a time when we needed to pray more, yet the commonplace must not be allowed to hide from our minds the fact that no body of Adventist people ever had more evidence of the truth of their beliefs than we have. By all the signs 1944 is likely to be grim and dark and bloody. On the other hand, signs indicate that as a result of this war the greatest populated sections of the earth will be open more than ever to the Word and the Advent message.

We should therefore pray, on the one hand for the liberation of the enslaved, and particularly of the Lord's people, and on the other hand for a great spiritual awakening that will finish the Lord's work for mankind.

Could not both the Sabbaths of the Week of Prayer become days of fasting and prayer in which all whose hearts are right toward the Lord could join a great prayer circle in behalf of a great spiritual awakening throughout our land and the world?

Could we not also express the depth of our gratitude and devotion to God by making our annual thank offering to missions larger than ever before? It would be strange if we should fall back in this expression of gratitude.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEES

WE hope all the reports of nominating committees will be finished and presented to the churches before the Week of Prayer begins.

This is the place in which we should express to the officers who have served the church well during 1943 our sincere thanks for their valued service to the cause of God. Laymen and women were never busier, and the time they give to church work is a real contribution to the progress of this message.

This also is the time to make up our minds that we will loyally stand behind those officers who may be elected for 1944. The unity and spirit of an army are the all important things, no less in God's work than in man's.

CORRECTION

IN our notes of October 8th on the work of our College departments, we indicated that all the departments had made operating gains, with the exception of the textile. This was an error, and we should like to state that all the departments made operating gains, with the exception that there was a small loss on the Packwood garden department.

FURTHER WARNING

SINCE the warning in our last issue, still more people have been deceived into lending money and clothes to a coloured man, who then disappears and who is wanted by the police in many places. He has companions who are following in his footsteps.

However plausible the story do not be deceived into encouraging this kind of crime. Workers and members should on no account pass on names and addresses of other members to such people.

H. W. LOWE.

FORGET the sins that lie behind. If you fail anywhere, don't be discouraged, don't give up, don't brood over the sin. Confess it instantly. (1 John 1:9.) Believe the sin is forgiven; forget it; press on. Satan beguiles many a poor soul here. He keeps us brooding over our failures and sins. He even makes us think this is humility, as if it were not believing the sin is forgiven and put away, when He says it is.—R. A. Torrey.

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"Social to Save"

OPPORTUNITIES should be made for our young people to become better acquainted with one another through outdoor activities and well-organized socials. Local Missionary Volunteer committees should arrange for such gatherings during the coming months. As we are not planning a general Reunion Social in London this year, we suggest that local societies extend invitations to Adventist friends in other places.

Churchmembers can often help to make acceptance of such invitations possible by extending the hospitality of their homes to visiting youth who may come from a distance. If the social is arranged in conjunction with special weekend services, such an occasion may be more than a double blessing to all concerned.

Few meetings need more careful planning than a social which is to be an occasion of blessing and true enjoyment. We would, therefore, like to recommend that every society obtain a copy of the new book published by the General Conference M.V. Department, entitled, "Recreational Plans." It is obtainable from the United States through the Stanborough Press, Ltd., price 1/3.

We are glad that some of our societies are giving careful study to this need. The following brief account of a recent London social, by Brother L. M. Davison, one of our progressive youth leaders, may be helpful to others:

"It was the practice of the West London Young People's Societies to hold one social evening a month during last winter in the back room of our Chiswick church, and because of their success and popularity it was decided to do the same this winter.

"The first one this season was held after Sabbath, October 30th, when about thirty young people and their friends gathered to-

gether for what proved to be a very happy evening. Quite a number of games were played, some of a competitive nature.

"Two different members are chosen for each social to act as M.C's.; and refreshments, which are provided for all, are in the charge of two of the young ladies.

"We pray that, as a result of these gatherings, some other young people will come to know Jesus as their Friend, for it is our aim to be 'Social to Save!'"

E. R. WARLAND.

Stanborough Park J.M.V. Society

STANBOROUGH Park church was full—even to the gallery—and this was on a cold Friday night. A glance at the platform gave the reason, for there behind a tasteful display of autumn flowers were rows of happy excited children. It was the J.M.V. night, when no grown-up would dare to intrude into juvenile proceedings and when the service from first to last was conducted by the children themselves.

Children of all ages were there, from the kindergarten toddlers to proud, recently long-trousered boys. All joined to offer an anthem of praise precisely at the appointed hour, and though it was a strictly junior performance, many an adult heart grew young and joined in silent praise.

Prayer fittingly followed praise—an entirely extempore prayer, and a prayer which remembered above all the far-off missionaries.

"Beautiful Things" a poem which refreshingly reminded us that God still supplies beauty even in this sin-wracked world, was beautifully recited.

There was a pause, then a stir from the front row, which meant that the night's high light was about to shine. Into the centre of the platform toddled the very little ones with eight unabashed smiling faces, and eight little voices chanted, perhaps not quite in strict time, but clearly and distinctly, that "The Lord God made all things bright and beautiful." Certainly those were eight charming specimens of His wondrous handiwork.

The strains of their praises—

and of their recitations—were soon taken up as the other children sang of "Scattering Sunbeams" and three of the girls recited of God's great treasures.

The psalmist's praises were echoed as in chorus and response all joined to repeat his lays. One of the girls asked a question, searching in its simplicity, as she recited of "Sweet Communion." Did we stop to pray on rising in the morning? Truly a little child was leading many to heart-searching. From a junior cantata again swelled praise in a chorus, "The Sound of Many Waters."

The mission of the church, preaching to all the world, was for the remainder of the evening the outstanding theme. Youthful voices sang first of "The Children of India," and the awful tragedy of India's child widows in their Christless rejection and agony was brought home to each heart as a little maid clearly related in verse their woeful plight.

From India the song again swelled up to tell of the "Children of Africa," and this time three children continued the story in verse of the land of darkness.

Once more the chorus of child-voices sang of the "Children of China"—poor tortured China; and in dialogue we heard how even a missionary loses heart, but is encouraged to plod on again by unexpected fruit.

Finally the song swelled forth remembering the "Millions of Children" and again dialogue told of mission lands, this time of "The Land of Fire" in South America, whence comes one of our own British pastors. Four Companions sweetly sang to us that:

"The darkness shall turn to the dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright.
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of peace and light."

For that blest day we joined the juniors in praying; and who could resist contributing to the evening's bumper offering, when four cleverly apparelled children, representing but four of the millions in darkness, brought round the plates.

The service closed in true adult style with hymn and prayer. The impression one received was that the church of to-morrow will truly eclipse our own poor efforts if these young zealots are trained aright. A. J. WOODFIELD.

America Calls!

WE all thought that title very appropriate as the Y.P.S. service opened at Cheltenham on Sabbath afternoon, October 30th—for on the platform were two American brethren; Brother Jensen who acted as chairman and Brother Cheever who supported him with the Scripture reading and a beautifully sincere prayer. Grouped in the two front rows were five more members of the U.S. Army, all Seventh-Day Adventists, who were to take part in the programme.

Hymn No. 549, which is so well known on both sides of the Atlantic was sung followed by the reading of Psalm 91 and prayer. An unusual but enjoyable item followed when Brother Meier played Schumann's "Reverie" as a trumpet solo. Brother Frank, who, in civil life, is a teacher, came next with a short word-picture of college life in Walla Walla. Fascinating and vivid it was, too!

The whole essence of colporteurism was presented in an intimate and appealing talk by Brother Cameron. We heard how a seed planted in hard and difficult times had now blossomed into a beautiful church.

We learned from Brother Staley just how hard it is for a man who has a "conscience-that-works" to get a job in the army where he can do the King's business as the King wishes it to be done.

Brother R. Robinson's was the fourth and last talk—on missionary work both inside and outside the United States. His personal knowledge of Mexico made attentive listeners still more keenly interested. His father had actually had the joy of handling some of our Sabbath-school overflow of several quarters ago, and now we know what we are supporting. Our chairman inspired us in the reading of a deeply devotional poem and before pronouncing the benediction he asked us to heartily unite our voices in that great Ad-

vent hymn, No. 610 in our hymnal.

"America Calls" had ended, but the influence of that service will never leave us, for are we not all brothers and sisters the wide world over? Cheltenham Y.P.S. says: "Thank you, American brothers." WILFRED HARVEY.

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Notes from the President

HERE is some excellent news! As we have consistently maintained, large evangelistic campaigns can still be conducted although we are living in the fifth year of the war. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick has just reported to me by 'phone that 900 people attended his first Sunday afternoon meeting in a new town and that 301 handed in their names to show their genuine interest. He is assisted by E. Cleary and L. Gardner. We thank God and pray that He will water the seed that has been and will be sown. This is the first of the four special campaigns. Let us pray that the other three will also have auspicious openings. By the way, Mrs. Madgwick, who underwent a major operation about twelve months ago, helped with the bill distribution. That is the spirit that gains the blessing of God.

PROGRESSIVE MOVES IN NOVEMBER

- W. Maudsley from Lancaster to new area.
- S. H. Parkin from Scarborough to Lancaster.
- D. J. Clarke from Nottingham to Scarborough.
- W. J. Cannon from Bradford to Nottingham.
- D. A. Conroy from Hull to Bradford.
- R. D. Vine from Grimsby to Hull.
- A. F. Clarke from Kettering to Hull.

ORDINATION SABBATH

A BIRMINGHAM theatre was filled last Sabbath for the special

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ordination services when Brother J. C. French was ordained and welcomed into the ordained ministry. It was called to mind that he has won fifty-eight souls for the Master, successfully opened the work in an unentered town, and that he will conduct another baptism this year.

LAY EVANGELISM

OUR call for lay-preachers to volunteer to give their time to conduct lay-evangelistic campaigns is receiving a ready response. The list of names is steadily increasing, but we want at least sufficient to open every church or hall where we have an organized church or company. If you volunteer, not only because you like preaching, but because you are determined to save souls, God will bless you with results and you can count on our help in all the details of organization, subjects, etc.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

THE following should be true of every member in North England:

"In Brazil, a short time ago, it was reported that in one place the priest became alarmed for his work in that section. One day he met the leader of our company of believers on the street and stopped him. After salutations had been exchanged, the priest asked, 'How many preachers have the Seventh-Day Adventists in this town anyway? Wherever I go I find Seventh-Day Adventist literature in the homes of the people, or one of your preachers there visiting.' The leader of the missionary band said, 'We are seventy in number in our church, and every one of us is a preacher.'

"This number surprised the priest, but it should not surprise us, for every true Seventh-Day Adventist in the world should teach, preach, and do good to all men."

UNITED FAMILIES

WE often hear wives say that they wish their husbands would take their stand for the truth. Obviously they mean what they say and are longing for their homes to be united in the Lord. The following incident received in a letter will show how to achieve this objective:

A husband who has com-

menced to keep the Sabbath, finally made up his mind to be obedient when his wife said to him, "I would sooner go out charring every day, more than that, I would sooner starve, than see you break another Sabbath." Are you prepared to sacrifice everything, even life itself, if only your husband will get ready to meet the Lord? As dark as the future might appear, those who make up their minds to follow *all* the way will live to testify with David, "I have been young and now am old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging bread."

TRAVELLING ON SABBATH

WE are often asked, "Is it right to travel on Sabbath?" It is right to travel: a. to the *nearest* church to worship God; b. to keep a preaching appointment; c. to attend an Annual or District Meeting. It is not right to travel to visit friends, or for a holiday. Let us *remember* the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

HEALTH REFORM AND CINEMAS

THE attitude of the denomination has not changed in regard to clean meats, tea and coffee, and places of amusement.

SABBATH-SCHOOL

DID you attend Sabbath-school last week? If you stayed away you missed a blessing. Why not study your lesson daily this coming week and attend Sabbath-school next week? You will be encouraged and you will cheer your superintendent and teacher.

FINANCES TO DATE

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| Tithe | Increase | £1,741 |
| Offerings | " | 632 |
| Ingathering | " | 1,322 |
| Literature sales | " | 1,881 |

The per capita position is excellent and the number of tithe-payers is steadily increasing. We need *your* tithe to help to carry the expense of the campaigns now running and planned for the immediate future.

WEEK OF PRAYER

WE hope a full series of well-attended meetings will be held wherever we have an organized church and company. Remember

that it is a *Week* of Prayer. It is not sufficient simply to get all the readings in. The cumulative effect of holding a prayer meeting every day is most valuable. The present condition of the world demands the best Week of Prayer we have ever held in the ninety-nine years' history of our work. *Remember the children.* Every minister has been invited to conduct one meeting each day and two on Sabbath. The Office brethren will not be able to attend to correspondence as they will spend the full week conducting services in the following districts: R. S. Joyce—The Merseyside. F. D. Buckle—Greater Manchester.

B. Belton—The Tees.

B. E. Sparrow—The Kettering Area.

Treasurers and workers will greatly assist F. D. Buckle to prepare for this special week if they kindly post their reports as follows:

Treasurers: Last post on Sunday, November 28th.

Workers: Early Monday, November 29th.

EVANGELISTS

THE work of God will finish sooner if in your private devotions you remember the evangelists every day. At the last meeting of your Executive Committee the brethren voted that they would pray every mid-day especially for those who have been called to give their full time to saving souls. Why not join the committee in prayer at the same hour? Prayer never fails.

R. S. JOYCE.

Investiture Service in Bury

It will soon be a year since we started our meetings for the children in Bury. From the beginning the children entered into the programmes with enthusiasm; it has truly been a joy to us as workers to watch their development week by week, and we believe that the precious seed that is being sown in their young hearts will some day produce a lovely harvest for Jesus.

About Easter we felt that the time had come when we could introduce more fully to them our

Progressive Courses, and so we started toward our first achievement—we wanted to become “Friends.”

How we have studied to memorize all the precious passages of Scripture that were allotted—and then came those intriguing knots; knots that we thought we knew so well, but found to our dismay that we did not—especially the “bowline!” However, we practised and practised until we felt that we were ready for our special service! We had mastered our Pledge—Law—Health Rules—Scripture Memory work—Knots—had read the books of the Reading Course—yes, and even felt that should we ever be lost in a wood and we happened to have a watch in our possession we should be able to get our bearings!!

Thus, on Monday evening, October 25th, we met in the home of Pastor and Mrs. French. Brother Sparrow, too, was with us—and in the happy little service which followed we assured him of the earnest work we had done. How pleased we all were when later we received our “Friends” emblem in the form of a badge.

Two of our children had not reached the required age to become “Friends”—so they were invested as “Helpers” and good little “Helpers” they have been in their respective homes and in the work of our Junior Society. Well done! Mary and David.

A special feature in our Investiture programme was the singing of a health song by the children—one verse of which asked us:

“Did you brush your teeth this morning?

Did you scrub your finger nails,
Under which the wriggly microbes
Like to wag and switch their
tails?

Did you wash your face this morning,

And your hands and neck and
ears?

Then for every sturdy pupil

Now let's give three rousing
cheers.”

We shall all be sure from henceforth to wash away the “wriggly microbes from underneath our finger nails!”

Our meeting ended, promises

were made to “go forward” to our next achievement, “good-byes” were said, and our happy children returned to their homes.

IRENE HIMSWORTH,
M.V. Leader.

Presenting the Change of the Sabbath by Jury Trial

As evangelists we have for many years used the “Reward Offer of £200” to advertise our meetings when presenting the Sabbath. We are, however, always on the look out for better methods, and so in the present campaign in Birmingham on two successive Sunday evenings in October we presented “The Sabbath by Jury Trial.” This created a great interest, and the church was completely filled on both occasions.

We invited four ladies and five gentlemen, who were attending our meetings, to act as jurors. This they readily agreed to do and took their places on the platform, while Brother F. Edwards and the writer presented the case.

When all the evidence had been presented the jurors withdrew to the vestry, while the congregation engaged in community singing and eagerly awaited their verdict, which was as follows:

“Friends, Advocates Murdoch and Edwards, we the members of the jury have considered the evidence, both scriptural and historical, which has been built up against a Sunday Sabbath, and we are unanimous in our verdict that Sunday is not the Sabbath. It is also the considered opinion of the jury that you have proved that the seventh-day Sabbath, as instituted at creation and observed by Christ and His disciples, is undoubtedly the only day which has any scriptural authority. And we have further agreed that Sunday is the ‘hallmark’ of the power spoken of in Daniel 7:25, which is entirely antagonistic to God, His law, and requirements. That is, we the jury are satisfied that the Roman Catholic Church alone enforced the change.”

The jury was comprised of two ladies belonging to the Church of Scotland, one lady to the Church of England, and one to the Brethren, while one gentleman was a member of the Church of

England, one a Methodist, and three with no particular church connection.

A preacher who was present to hear the trial was so impressed with the evidence that he suggested we should write it up to let the audience have copies for reference. This we hope to do through the medium of *Present Truth*. Within the past few years the wireless has done much to popularize jury trials and quite a public interest has been created in this direction. We believe this is a good way to bring the importance of the Sabbath effectively before the public.

In the Spirit of prophecy we are told that we have to use extraordinary methods to bring our message before the people in these days.

L. MURDOCH.

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Harvest Festival at Londonderry

“COME, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.” This note of praise was raised by a goodly number of voices at our young people’s service on Friday, October 22nd.

Yes, we had every reason to thank God for the bountiful harvest which He had given us. As one gazed round the church at the collection of fruit and vegetables and colourful flowers—even in time of war and suffering—we could not help but join in praises and thanksgiving to our God. Not only were we grateful to God for all the blessings of nature, but also for all the young people and loyal children who have attended our Y.P.S. meetings each week. They had not only helped to decorate the church with flowers and fruits, but had also worked with paint and distemper so that God’s house in Londonderry might be a more beautiful and solemn place for Him to meet with His children.

We were especially glad at these services to welcome some of our Adventist friends from England

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and Belfast. Many of the young people enjoyed the service and the singing so much that they were back again to our Sabbath service the following day.

The climax to our week-end Harvest Festival came on Sunday night when our meeting place was packed to capacity. At this service Pastor E. Zins spoke to the congregation about "Thankfulness." Miss Madge Ellis from Belfast sang to us, "God is Love."

We pray that through these services many good friends will return to our Saviour, the love which He expects from His children for all His goodness to them.

A. STEWART.
Y.P.S. Leader.

Ministry of Literature

They All Wanted One

WHILST out on a visit a few days ago to one of my customers I heard a call from some one which caused me to stop and get off my cycle. It was the very person that I was going to see. She paid me for the book I was taking to her and said, "I have another order for you" and she gave me the address to go to. During our conversation the lady had been joined by some six or seven other ladies whom I naturally told of my work. Result, orders for eight copies of *Christ Our Saviour* and five bound *Bedtime Stories*.

One of the ladies said, "I dare not order one of those books." I should be afraid to have it in my house I am so wicked."

What an opportunity and privilege to be able to tell her that Christ came to save sinners. "Where," I asked, "would any of us be if He came only for the righteous?"

I received an invitation to her home, where I had a long talk with her, her husband, and daughter and was able to give a Bible study to them. I am to call again next week. I trust this opening will be the means of turning these souls from darkness to marvellous light.

W. JONES.

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Didn't Work on Sabbath

It was Sabbath evening. Father and Mother looked up at the clock. Sabbath had been in for half an hour.

"It's time our boy was home, isn't it?" said Mother. "Something unusual has happened. He wouldn't work on Sabbath."

Ronald is a fourteen-year-old boy and delivers bread around the countryside with his employer.

Just then there was a knock. Yes, it was Ronald, home at last.

"You see, Dad," he explained, when he came into the room, "we were held up on certain roads which had been made impassable through enemy action.

"When Sabbath came in, there was still more bread to deliver. I wondered what I should do. The master, knowing I was an Adventist and guessing my thoughts,

said, 'Well, you're not forced to work. I admire you for sticking to your principle.'"

On arriving back at the shop another temptation faced Ronald. His employer handed him his money, but Ronald refused it, saying, "I will take it to-morrow night."

No wonder his father and mother admired him for his courage.

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory.

E. HAMMOND.

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Providences in the Ivory Coast

DURING the two years that followed the fall of France, we had no news of our believers in the Ivory Coast. A young worker, Felix Donkor, a native of the Ivory Coast who was being trained in the Gold Coast at the time, volunteered to go over to the Ivory Coast to help our members there as soon as he had finished his training. It is almost two years since he went across the border, and he has now returned with an encouraging report of how God cared for our believers during those troubled days.

On his way across the border he was many times stopped by sentries, but at one place they were satisfied as to his identity and allowed him to pass, after taking "their share" of his cash and goods. At another point the lorry on which he was travelling broke down, and all the efforts of the driver to repair it proved in vain, yet next morning the lorry started off without difficulty, and they passed through a frontier town without question. Later, when he tried to obtain a permit to visit our most distant members at Agbawu, the government officer to whom he applied became suspicious, and charged him with being a spy. But providentially he was again identified and after some delay was allowed to resume his journey.

At Agbawu the members told him of God's providential care for them at a time of great difficulty. Under the local law, they were forbidden to preach without a licence, for uncontrolled native churches were often a source of trouble to the authorities. There are four churches in the town, two under European leadership, and two, including our own church, without it, and the chief sent a complaint against these two churches to the French Commandant.

Our members told how at the time of the Commandant's visit the fourth, a Nyanka group of Christians, went with white robes and singing to meet the Commandant as he drew near to the town. When all the people were gathered before him the Commandant asked these people to come forward and produce their permit.

When they were unable to do so he investigated their beliefs and practices and then told them that though their robes were white their hearts were not clean, so he publicly disgraced the leader and sent him to gaol for eighteen months. At this the rest of this group fled.

It was next the turn of our members to be called, and when the leader Peter Adinkra, came forward he was questioned and admitted that he had brought this church to that village but that he had no licence to preach. He produced a French *Bible Readings* and other literature that we had obtained from France for them in times of peace, and said that though he could not read, it was the instruction in these books that he was imparting to the members. The Commandant and his staff studied the books, and asked some questions of the members as to whether they kept the Sabbath, abstained from unclean meats, etc., which they answered. He then, to the chief's surprise, said, "I shall not do anything against this church," but rather he wrote down the names of all the members, until he came to one who had two wives. He told this man that he could not belong to the Adventist church, for the Adventist church was a pure church, and he admonished him to put away one of his wives or his name would be crossed out. The man promised to dismiss one immediately and he did so. The Commandant next reproved Peter for not instructing his members in the right way, but Peter replied that the members did not always pay heed to the things he taught them. The Commandant himself then called our members together and urged them to follow the principles of the Bible and added that everyone should be holy.

Since this experience the people in that district believe that our church is the true church, embodying the faith of our Lord Jesus. We have now been able to arrange with the French Consul that Felix shall have more liberty to travel and instruct our members, but we long for the time when French-speaking mission-

aries can settle in that land and carry forward the work which he has begun in such a promising way.
J. CLIFFORD.



HAWLEY.—On August 3, 1943, the Stoke church lost one of its oldest members when Sister Hawley fell asleep at the age of seventy-nine years. Brother Bird conducted the funeral service. Although Sister Hawley leaves no family of her own, the church family at Stoke will greatly miss this old and faithful sister.
MRS. E. NORRIS,
Church Clerk.

MARSHALL.—On October 12, 1943, our dear Sister Marshall of Greenock passed away after four and a half months' illness. She was in her eighty-third year, and was a faithful member of the Greenock company. In Sydney, Australia, she met Brother Hay, who gave her the first knowledge of the Sabbath truth in 1927. On returning to Scotland she attended lectures conducted by Brother F. J. Wilmshurst in Greenock and was one of his first members to be baptized and admitted to the membership of that church. She attended almost every service since despite her age. She never tired of telling her friends of the true Sabbath. Her last words were, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." She was laid to rest in Port-Glasgow Cemetery on the Firth of Clyde. Pastor J. A. McMillan conducted an impressive service in the home and also at the graveside, assisted by the writer. We left her to rest until the resurrection, when we shall meet again. She leaves her husband, three sons and three daughters, all married, with seventeen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren to mourn their loss. Mrs. Law, her daughter, is acting clerk of the Greenock company.

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