

BRITISH ADVENT
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A World Work for a World Need

By J. A. McMillan

ARE you preparing for the Ingathering campaign which begins on April 24th? We still face the challenge of an unfinished task, and we must redouble our efforts to make this the very best campaign in all our history.

To help you in reaching your objective, we have provided the most appealing Ingathering magazine ever printed by the Press. The beautiful coloured cover picture will inspire every collector to go, and every client to give generously.

The inside back page carries an invitation to join the Voice of Prophecy school. Voice of Prophecy contacts made through

Ingathering leaflets yielded seventeen baptisms in 1948.

In addition we have an attractive two-colour leaflet.

To ensure that you do your part faithfully, please get your supplies before the 24th. You will need a badge, certificate, collecting tin, magazines and leaflets, and your territory. Having equipped yourself with all the necessary items, pray and plan to start on the opening day. A good beginning is half the battle.

Utilize every opportunity. Sunday mornings, week-day evenings, correspondence work. Organize a band of workers and do a district systematically. Reserve the business section of cities and towns for those who can solicit large donations. Don't neglect the shops. Don't procrastinate. Prevent that "Monday-morning feeling" by starting in on Sunday. A willing spirit overcomes all obstacles.

Many loose rumours are circulating about this year's Ingathering. Here are the facts. We have the same official authorization to collect this year as before. We have notified the police authority in your district of the campaign. We have no new restrictions to hinder us this year. It is said that money is scarce this year! During 1948, £650,000,000 were spent on gambling alone in Great Britain. Add to this the millions spent on drink, smoking, and amusement,

and that goal of £29,000 seems a mere drop in the bucket. It should be remembered that this goal was actually exceeded by over £3,000 last year. We should not take counsel with our fears—usually inspired by fugitive pessimism. May the spirit of Caleb take possession of all our hearts as we engage in this year's campaign: "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Num. 13: 30. "The indications, yea, the positive revelations of Providence unite in urging us to do quickly the work that is waiting to be done." — "Testimonies" Vol. 9, page 114.

INGATHERING GOALS 1949

(voted B.U.C. Committee, January 12, 1949)

South England	£15,000
North England	10,000
Wales	1,900
Scotland	1,150
N. Ireland	950
British Union	£29,000

INGATHERING DATES TO REMEMBER

Rally Day

Sabbath, April 23rd

Campaign Starts

Sunday, April 24th

First Report to Conference

Monday, April 25th

Union Notes

New Workers for Old Ireland

THIS week marks the beginning of what we hope will be the dawn of a new day for our work in Southern Ireland. New workers have arrived in the Union and will soon be at work in the city of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nix, of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois, have reached Dublin this week and will soon be settling into their work in the treatment rooms and clinic which we are planning to operate in Dublin.

Brother and Sister Nix are graduates in Nursing Science of Madison College, Madison, Tennessee. They are both experienced physiotherapists and are qualified in this work according to well-established denominational standards. They come equipped, also, to do some health education work, and it is hoped their illustrated health talks will prove to be a real blessing to our members and their friends in Southern Ireland.

Another worker to reach England this week is Sister Edith Stephens, recently from Loma Linda, California, where she has been engaged as a Bible Instructor. Sister Stephens is a trained nurse and has also had experience over a number of years in a medical clinic. Her main work will be to associate with our Mission in helping along specialized lines through Bible instruction and by other means, and Sister Stephens will also use her medical training no doubt in connection with her general duties.

We welcome these new workers to our band of labourers in this Union. We feel sure that they will be warmly received in Dublin by our little group of loyal believers in that city. We commend these new workers together with the leader of the field, Pastor A. J. Mustard, to your

prayerful interest, seeking on their behalf a rich measure of God's guidance and blessing.

E. B. RUDGE.

Special Day of Prayer

THE membership throughout the British Union has been invited by the General Conference Committee to join with our believers in North America and in all other parts of the world in setting apart Sabbath, May 14th, as a day of special prayer and intercession.

I invite your careful reading of the announcement under the name of Elder E. D. Dick, setting forth the reasons for this special request. We urge upon our people everywhere the desirability of complying with this earnest request of the General Conference brethren.

E. B. RUDGE.

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Convention at Bristol

A HIGH and holy day for the west country Adventists was Sabbath, February 26th, when the Bristol church was host to the believers from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Bath, Crosscombe, and Winscombe. There were very welcome representatives of churches as far afield as Torquay and Plymouth.

Specially welcome to this gathering were Pastor and Mrs. E. R. Warland. The North Eng-

A Call to Prayer

THE General Conference Committee views with special concern the portentous developments throughout the world field which threaten to retard the proclamation of the third angel's message and bring suffering and loss to our church and our people. Those who are even casually acquainted with the world situation must realize that we have come to most serious times. For good reasons no political or geographical areas should be mentioned. It is well known to all, however, that in some areas our work has been greatly disturbed and our missionaries have had to flee from their posts of duty. Institutions have again been burned and pillaged by invading armies and the work has suffered loss. In other lands the liberties of our people are seriously threatened and many of our people are languishing in miserable prison cells. In still another area, where thousands of our people reside, famine conditions designedly continue with no prospects of improvements, and little hope of ways or means of alleviating the sufferings of our brethren and sisters.

In other lands political and economic conditions prevail which make the proclamation of the message exceedingly difficult.

A candid evaluation of these conditions has led us anew to the realization that "our help is in God," and that it is *only in God*—and that at this time and for the alleviation of these conditions we should, as a church, unitedly implore His help and blessing.

Accordingly, the General Conference Committee has asked that Sabbath, May 14th, be set aside as a day of special prayer on behalf of His work in these lands where chaos and persecution prevail, that these conditions be alleviated, our brethren and sisters be delivered from the miserable plight in which they find themselves, and that the Word of God may go forward again unhindered. We invite all to join earnestly in this special day of intercession on behalf of His cause and His people—

E. D. DICK.

May 14th.

land Conference Sabbath-school department secretary opened the series of services on Friday night, February 25th, with a screen-illustrated translation of an appeal given some years ago in England by an African chief, himself a Seventh-Day Adventist, who was taught in the mission school in East Africa by Pastor Warland many years ago. Here was a real live missions appeal as we saw evidence of the way our mission offerings go to work and to win in Africa.

The following morning saw the Arley Chapel (Congregational), which had been kindly loaned to us for the occasion, comfortably filled with eager and expectant friends from the above-named churches.

While Pastor Warland, in his inimitable way, held the interest of the children in their own separate Sabbath-school, the adult school was held in the main auditorium. The song, "Are you ready for the Judgment Day?" finely rendered by a male quartette, was a fitting prelude to the review and lesson study capably conducted by Brother E. Syme, the minister of the Cheltenham and Gloucester district, and Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, the pastor of the Bristol area. An admittedly difficult lesson for public presentation was brought home to our hearts with great power by Pastor Bainbridge as he showed us all the ramifications and implications of the seventh commandment and made his call for consecration.

The speakers in the church services were Pastor Warland to the adults and Pastor A. C. Vine, the South England Conference Sabbath-school department secretary, to the children. There were present a fine company of children whose interest was maintained in spite of the fact that they varied in age from two to twelve. It does one's heart good to hear children sing, to see their eyes popping out as they listen to the Bible stories, and to hear them draw their own morals from these stories.

Lunch time was a happy season of fellowship as old friends chatted and ate together, and at 2 p.m. we met again for the Forum. Ten members from all over

An Appeal from H.Q.

Dear Fellow-workers and Believers :

Last year's baptisms in every division exceeded all previous records with unprecedented providential Macedonian calls still unfilled. Deeply appreciate your splendid co-operation in Ingathering efforts in past which helped make possible sending out 999 missionaries in last three years as your representatives to lands of need. Present world situation and opportunities call for new dedication of lives in service to this year's Ingathering effort enabling us advance into new territories and strengthen work in now-occupied fields. May God bless your efforts in making this the largest and best Ingathering ever. E. D. DICK.

the district were asked to serve on the Forum, and as they gave their studied replies to many problematical questions so often met in Sabbath-school work, we felt a glow of appreciation for these faithful workers in the great and blessed Sabbath-school. No finer answers have ever been given to the questions that came before us. May God give grace, that in our Sabbath-schools may be put into operation the principles enunciated during this fine Forum.

The final service began at 3 p.m. Pastor Vine spoke on the subject, "The Real Strength," and showed from the Bible that we must have not only all the excellent equipment for service that we can procure and devise, not only a knowledge of the prophecies, not only printing presses, hospitals, colleges, and a large world membership *but the even more necessary strength that comes with secret honesty, moral purity, and the assurance that all is really well between ourselves and our God.*

During this service Sister Bonney beautifully rendered the song, "The Lord is my light and my salvation," giving point to the theme of the hour.

A happy and most profitable day of fellowship and inspiration thus closed, with a prayer in every heart that God would give His grace, that steps decided upon should actually be taken in our lives, in our Sabbath-schools, and in our churches.

I would take this opportunity of personally thanking all who helped to make this day a success.

A. C. VINE.

Camping with the Missionary Volunteers

ITS purpose in the plan of the Advent youth calendar?—What is it? Is it a holiday camp? Yes! but it is surely more than that!

It is a place and time when our youth, both senior and junior, train for better service here and a place in that great camping ground in the hereafter.

It is a special period when we learn to *live* together; to worship together and to play together.

The locations chosen from year to year, are carefully selected so that a maximum of corporate life might be attained with a minimum of outside, everyday influence creeping in. Another consideration is the natural beauty and general amenities for nature study, recreation, and bathing that the site offers, that we might become better acquainted through Nature with nature's God.

A still further consideration is that the site shall be central, thus accessible to places of historical and general interest making our organized outings not only pleasurable but instructional.

The dietary of the campers is also carefully thought out and carefully prepared in harmony with the fundamental principles of the church.

Don't come to camp if you want to be "off" on your own. M.V. camps are not planned as cheap hotels. Another thing, you would not enjoy yourself.

Do come and be prepared to join in the planned activities; to co-operate with the appointed leaders; to appreciate the strenu-

ous work of the catering staff and to do *your* part faithfully, whether it be potato peeling or stoking or any of the hundred and one jobs which make up happy camp life.

It's not too soon to make your plans for August camps!

Come and then go home, a better equipped Missionary Volunteer to "Share your faith" with other young people.

"I have written unto you, young men [and women], because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you."

Write for details to your M.V. secretary. H. T. JOHNSON.

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Rally Day on Tees-Side

Two hours travelling in a bus on a cold and frosty morning is not a welcome journey, but on the morning of February 5th this did not discourage our members from Tyne- and Tees-side.

Their destination was our church in Darlington, and their inspiration, the certainty that God's blessing would be theirs on this very special day. The local members, eager to give their visitors a warm welcome, did so in the traditional way of the North by providing them with hot drinks upon their arrival.

All were feeling much warmer when we united our voices in praise to our heavenly Father with the words, "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring." Reports from the secretaries of the Sabbath-schools represented revealed that there was a keen interest in this important phase of our church life and that progress was being made. We were very pleased to have with us Pastor E. R. Warland, the North England Conference secretary of the Sabbath-school, and we much enjoyed his forceful presentation of the lesson for the day. It seemed appropri-

ate that it should be "Creation's Memorial," a subject so dear to the heart of every true Adventist, and as we sang the closing hymn it was with deep desire that we would be more faithful to God's divine will as revealed by Isaiah: "Not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words."

The morning service was conducted by another very welcome visitor, Brother A. W. Howard who put before us the question, "Why tarriest thou?" Acts 22:16. From the life of Paul and the counsels of the Spirit of prophecy we were given a vision of the great responsibility that God has placed upon every follower in being living witnesses of Him in these momentous days.

Throughout the day special services were provided for the children in our midst under the leadership of Sister F. C. J. Pearse. But before leaving the senior Sabbath-school, two of our local children took up a collection for an equipment fund recently launched. What a thrill as we saw it reach the sum of £1. 5s., for it meant that very soon Darlington will have its own flannel-graphs and many other interesting things similar to those that Pastor Warland used during his visit to

Peak District YOUTH OUTING and Hike

EASTER MONDAY—APRIL 18th
PLAN now to join the Youth of
North England at Castleton.

Rendezvous:

HOPE RAILWAY STATION
at 10.30 a.m.

Guide:

Mr. RONALD A. VINCE

Visits will be made to Mam Tor, Peak Cavern, Blue John Mine, etc. Of the stalactites of the Dream Cave, Treak Cliff Cavern, the anonymous S.T. exclaimed:

"You stand with great amaze
As on the lovely sight you gaze.
You want to touch, to feel,
To see 'if they are really real' "

Return home: Approximately
6.30 p.m.

their meeting room at the hour of the morning service.

The programme for the afternoon took the form of a discussion period and proved a most interesting time. The topic, "Forward with the Word," was introduced by Brethren Warland, Howard, and Musgrave, who in turn presented to us the three ways in which we may have a real part in its advancement. We considered how we may make more effective the Sabbath-school, Home Missionary, and last but by no means least, the Ingathering work. The meeting ended on a very personal note from Pastor Warland and all were keenly interested as he related his unique experience while Ingathering when a young man. That such a timid appeal as "a couple of coppers for the Missions, lady" should achieve such far-reaching results was an encouragement to the most hesitant collector among us.

After a short break of twenty minutes we all returned for the final meeting of the day. By the use of slides shown on the screen, Pastor Warland took us on an imaginary trip "With the Word in East Africa." Upon seeing the transformation that takes place in the lives and homes of those people where the Gospel is preached and accepted, we were convinced that it is worth the very best efforts that we can put forth in the Ingathering work.

So there came to an end another rally day which had been full of interest and much spiritual blessing. As we said our good-byes and began the journey home, our thoughts turned to that greatest of all rally days when they shall come not only from the north but "from the east, and from the west, . . . and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

F. C. J. PEARSE.

Leeds Dorcas Society

THE Leeds Dorcas Society received two anonymous parcels of clothing on February 18th. We wish to thank the sister who sent them, also for the note enclosed with them.

E. PAGE,
Dorcas Society Leader.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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Notes from the Superintendent

APRIL is proving a month of inspiration for Wales! The month has opened with the well-known Missionary Volunteer "Week of Prayer." Our quarterly plan has provided special youth speakers where the youth are in evidence, for Sabbath, April 2nd, and Sabbath April 9th. And on the latter date, as previously announced, a special day of fellowship is planned at Newport.

EASTER SABBATH BAPTISM

ON Sabbath, April 16th, at 3 p.m., we are planning a further baptism in Newport, when candidates from Caerphilly, Newport, and Abergavenny will go forward in this sacred rite. On this occasion we hope to have with us a very welcome visitor and friend of Wales—Pastor W. E. Read. He will address the Cardiff church in the morning and take the Abergavenny Sunday evening service on April 17th.

ANOTHER DAY OF FELLOWSHIP—CARDIFF, APRIL 23RD

THERE is an old saying, "It

never rains but what it pours!" And that applies to blessings, too. South Wales is again to be favoured, Pastor A. G. Stewart and Pastor R. Salau will visit us all the way from the Australian Division. Indeed, from the most fascinating section of that Division—the Solomon Islands.

In the *Sunday Express*, dated March 13th I read: "On his way here to lecture is Pastor Robert Salau, son of a Solomon Island head-hunter." Surely we must give these two brethren a real Welsh welcome when they arrive in Cardiff on Friday, April 22nd. We are hoping that in addition to the Day of Fellowship in Cardiff these brethren will also speak in Newport and Swansea on the Friday and Sunday of that week-end. Pastor J. A. McMillan will also be with us and will take part in the week-end services.

A MONTH OF PERSPIRATION

THEN remember—"May for Missions!" After the inspiration of April comes the perspiration of May! We know that "Gallant little Wales" will not fail. Last year we raised £2,350. Let us aim at least to reach its equal this year. Remember, God is counting on us to obtain this £5 per member goal.

JUNIOR CAMP! JUNE 2ND TO 9TH

WHAT a thrill! The Ingathering over and now, juniors, for the first time in Wales we are holding a camp under canvas for you.

All boys and girls from nine to fifteen years of age are invited and Pastor E. L. Minchin and a staff of helpers plan to make you really happy by the sea.

The camp will be held at Oxwich Bay, on the Gower Peninsula. The guide book says of Oxwich:

"The unspoiled village of Oxwich is at the west end of the bay of that name, considered by many the finest in the peninsula. Undoubtedly the great sweep of sand three miles in length, with its background of woods and bracken-covered hills and distant vista of the great cliffs of Penard, combine to create a magnificent scene."

Mothers! Fathers! Plan to send your children to this first Welsh camp where they can have true relaxation in a Christian atmosphere. Help us to save your children NOW. Write me for further particulars. Any of our juniors living in England are welcome to join us.

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Notes from the Superintendent

THESE notes will appropriately come into your hands on the eve of the Loch Lomond Easter Camp Convention. Word has reached me from Pastor E. L. Minchin relative to a recent London convention. He says that Pastor E. B. Hare has just concluded "one of the most outstanding and helpful weeks we have ever had," and that "he has just thrilled them through and through with his missionary stories." He continues, "I assure you that the young people are in for a wonderful treat. He plans to take a series of camp-fire stories at the camp on "Treasure

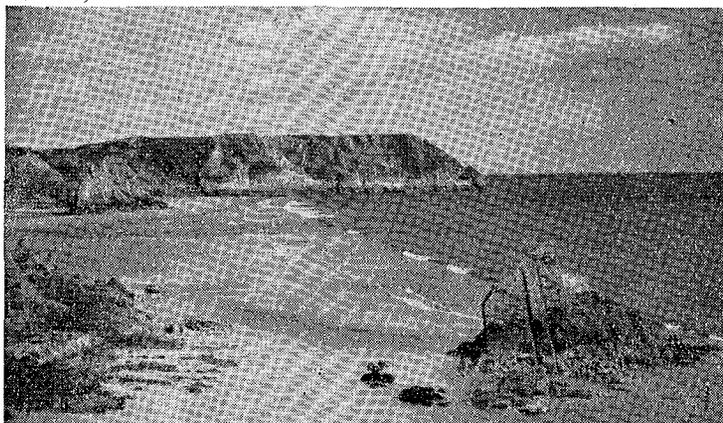


Photo by T Jackson

A delightful scene on the Gower coast near the Oxwich camp site.

from the Haunted Pagoda,'” says Pastor Minchin.

We have registered over seventy for the camp. This figure will be greatly exceeded by rally day. Are there any last-minute enrollees? Campers under eighteen years of age, please remember that your travelling voucher is only valid for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We shall meet you, therefore, on Thursday April 14th in front of the giant indicator of Glasgow Central Station between 3 and 3.30 p.m. Realization will greatly exceed your fondest imagined anticipation.

VISITORS FROM “DOWN UNDER”

FOLLOWING the visit of Pastor Hare, we are to be favoured with the presence of Pastor and Mrs. A. G. Stewart, a veteran missionary from “down under.” Accompanying Pastor Stewart is Pastor Robert Salau a real Solomon Islander. In this brother, we shall see one of the mighty miracles of modern missions—the regenerating efficacy of divine grace. Their itinerary in Scotland will be Aberdeen, April 27th and 28th; Edinburgh, April 29th and 30th; and Glasgow, May 1st and 2nd.

INGATHERING

THESE ministerial visits will bring a fitting prelude of inspiration for the Ingathering campaign during the month of May. Just do your very best again this year. Last year the Mission collected the record total of £1,308. We should easily exceed that amount this year, with the blessing of God. But, most important, while we solicit funds, watch for souls, “as they that must give account.”

EVANGELISM

It gives me great joy to report concerning the operation of God's Spirit in all our Scottish evangelistic centres, where men and women are laying hold of and rejoicing in the truth. Praise God, and offer ceaseless intercessions for the salvation of earnest souls and for the workers.

We are happy to mention that at a recent Union Executive meeting, eighteen students, who graduate from Newbold College in May, received calls to work in

the British Union. We are favoured in this distribution of labour with two excellent young men, Brethren Victor H. Hall and Jack Mahon. We extend a hearty welcome to these potential soul-winners and believe that the Lord will bless them and their ministry in the Scottish Mission.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE Annual meeting will be held in Edinburgh this year on July 1st to 3rd. We suggest that our membership commence to plan for this convocation now. Time flies, and we shall soon find ourselves faced with this annual spiritual feast. Come prepared to receive its blessings!

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

JUST a word of sincere commendation, as we close, to our loyal membership. The tithe last year exceeded that of 1947 by nearly £1,000, and the total for 1948, namely £3,266 was the highest ever for the Scottish Mission. Well done, good and faithful stewards! “The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.”

JOHN H. BAYLISS.



Rally Day in Glasgow

GLASGOW Sabbath-school officers were happy to welcome seventy-four churchmembers and twenty-three friends to the rally held on February 12th, when the theme for the day was, “What Sabbath-School Means to Me.”

A word-picture of the previous week's programme was brought to those assembled, when the secretary, Sister Richardson, read her report, helping everyone to visualize the scene at a typical Sabbath morning's study. As Bible study is, however, only one phase of the Sabbath-school, an outline of its other aims and interests was given and then enlarged upon during the course of the rally.

Pastor T. S. Brash spoke of the Sabbath-school as a whole, showing how essential it is to the church. A healthy Sabbath-school membership, he said, must of necessity produce a healthy church membership. What unity of purpose it encourages! In

widely separated lands we find the members studying similar passages of the Scriptures Sabbath by Sabbath.

A tenor solo, “I know of a Name, a Precious Name, 'tis Jesus,” sung by Brother M. Farrell, inspired our associate superintendent, Sister Baird, in her appeal on behalf of missions, whose welfare the Sabbath-school has at heart. It is the precious name of Jesus which gives power to those who preach the Gospel of the kingdom in all the world. He was the One guiding the two young missionaries whose lives our sister described, showing how they willingly gave all—even life itself—that those who sit in darkness might see a great light, the Light of the world—Christ Jesus.

But what of those who, because of sickness or infirmity or distance, cannot be with us in Sabbath-school? You will find their names on the home department records; and Sister Hart, who looks after their needs, told us how the isolated members are kept in touch with the Sabbath-school. The ideal would be reached, she said, when the need for a home department disappeared, but until then the home study circle would not be forgotten.

Sister Baird and Brother Baildam expressed the aim of every Sabbath-school member in a duet, “Living for Jesus a life that is true,” and with that aim in view Sister M. McKenzie, a teacher in the primary department, spoke for the infants on the value of Sabbath-school to them. It is there that they learn of heroes and heroines of Bible times whose example is worth following.

Brother John Farrell, speaking for the juniors who were asking “What can I do for Jesus?” recommended Sabbath-school as the place for them all. There they would learn of Him and be inspired to, and directed in, service for Him. Brother Farrell added a note of personal testimony, namely, the blessings he had received in the work of teaching a junior class.

If every Sabbath-school member the world round were to give a two-minute testimony, it would take three years and two weeks,

nonstop, day and night, to complete the thanksgiving to God for His divinely appointed Sabbath-school. Sister Baird remarked that could such a testimony meeting take place before God, it would even then only inadequately express the value of Sabbath-school. She then told of the blessings she has personally received from the spirit of prayer and study and fellowship each Sabbath morning.

Other testimonies followed. Sister Bass, a member for forty-five years, told of the value and blessing to her of regular attendance. She has never been absent willingly from Sabbath-school all those years. Brother Wolfe spoke of the part played by the Sabbath-school in passing the truth from generation to generation; he having been acquainted with the grandparents of the present leaders of the school. Brother M. Farrell testified to the great value of systematic Bible study promoted and encouraged by the Sabbath-school.

Yes, Sabbath-school means much to its members and if rosy cheeks were an indication of its vitality, the Glasgow Sabbath-school would have them.

May we take this opportunity of thanking our Sabbath-school members for their enthusiastic support in attendance, and their generosity in the splendid offerings received week by week.

To those churchmembers who are not Sabbath-school members we extend a sincere and warm invitation to join "the church at study" every Sabbath at 10 a.m. We miss you and need your presence and your prayers in the Sabbath-school.

JOHN STEWART,
*Associate Sabbath-school
Superintendent.*

Northern Ireland Mission

Notes from the Superintendent

THERE is a revival of evangelism in Northern Ireland. 1948 was a lean year in baptisms for us, but 1949 promises much better.

APRIL 8, 1949

Last November Brother C. W. Knowlson, with the help of his faithful wife and the active support of a number of Belfast members, began his first effort in the difficult town of Portadown. The results in attendances exceeded our expectations, and we were greatly heartened. Brother Knowlson has presented the message very ably and with due discretion, and he has the satisfaction of an encouraging visiting list. Some have publicly testified to conversion in his meetings. The Sabbath has now been presented, and the test is being applied.

About a month ago, Brother A. H. Cowley began his second effort in the very conservative town of Coleraine. His first one was conducted two years ago. Our brother has met many difficulties and much opposition in attempting to secure suitable halls for his second effort. His opening meetings are being held in the Town Hall, but to enable him to carry the work through to a satisfactory finish, we are making it possible for him to purchase and erect a portable tabernacle on a piece of land in a good position which has been made available to us. Again our hopes have been bettered, for his first meeting brought him an audience five times as large as the first one of two years ago. The interest is maintained to date, and he and his fellow-workers, who include his wife, are being kept very busy.

In Belfast Pastor W. G. Nicholson has met with constant frustration in his efforts to obtain halls for evangelism. That problem is not yet solved. But the work of soul-saving goes on with or without halls. Last year much effort was put forth in Belfast in securing names for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and this work is now bearing fruit. A baptism of six people is planned for April 9th, and we rejoice that Brother Nicholson and his associates are to have this reward for months of effort.

Some changes have been made in the location of our Bible Instructors. Unfortunately, Miss M. Aikenhead, who was to have joined Brother Cowley in Cole-

raine, fell ill and is likely to be absent from the work for a few months. Her place has been taken by Brother L. A. D. Lane, and Miss M. Clements is now helping Brother Nicholson in Belfast. Brother H. D. Howard, our part-time Field Missionary Secretary, is also giving part-time help as a male Bible Instructor in Belfast.

We expect two graduates to join us from Newbold College in the summer and shall welcome them to share in our labours in Northern Ireland. They are needed and their coming is eagerly awaited.

On April 23rd and 24th we are to have a visit from Elder E. B. Hare and our good friend, Pastor E. L. Minchin. The report of good things being enjoyed in other fields under their ministry has reached our ears in Ireland, and we are "licking our lips" in anticipation of a feast of good things when they cross the Irish Sea. Let all our isolated members take note of the date, and plan to spend the two days with us in Belfast. Details of the convention will be sent later.

Brethren, pray for Ireland!

A. J. MUSTARD.

Fire Mission

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Notes from the Superintendent

NEW WORKERS FROM U.S.A.

ON January 1st of this year the separation of the Eire Mission from Northern Ireland, decided upon some months ago, came into effect. Our constituency in Eire numbers twenty-four, of whom twenty-three worship in Dublin. We have one isolated member in Co. Cork. The Eire Mission is probably the smallest organized mission in the world.

As has been previously announced, the worker force in
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Welsh Mission

Barry Dock	24	327	16	4	13	13	2	64	16	4	169	13	0	4	6	6	1	0	6	239	16	4	9	19	10	6	1	0	245	17	4				
Cardiff	50	680	12	2	13	12	3	129	17	3	323	13	8	14	4	3	8	6	0	187	16	8	2	15	0	2	2	8	193	8	2				
Hereford	6	111	14	2	18	12	5	39	17	3	105	13	8	1	4	0	2	1	0	144	12	0	24	0	4	0	2	6	146	8	6				
Newport	86	915	3	1	2	10	12	130	7	10	405	14	10	16	2	6	0	0	11	14	4	599	2	2	6	19	4	8	627	10	10				
North	12	44	11	2	3	14	3	16	1	1	16	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	60	1	9	5	0	2	0	60	13	0				
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Rhyl	47	509	6	9	10	16	9	128	1	7	233	6	5	9	6	6	0	0	4	2	3	382	16	5	5	2	11	0	390	8	0				
Swansea	13	95	15	6	7	7	4	21	0	0	22	4	3	1	2	6	0	0	5	0	0	44	18	9	3	9	2	1	5	9	46	4	6		
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Gelligaer	3	21	18	0	7	14	0	6	19	1	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	27	19	1	10	13	4	0	31	19	1	31	19	1	
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Shrewsbury	13	183	9	7	14	2	3	37	4	7	281	5	9	6	6	2	0	0	2	8	0	253	12	1	5	19	10	7	0	3	4	6	257	1	7
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Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	56	382	0	6	6	16	5	63	5	7	244	19	2	7	18	0	0	3	10	0	319	17	5	5	14	3	9	8	9	329	6	2		
Edinburgh	62	545	14	8	8	16	1	176	0	3	416	16	6	10	18	0	0	0	11	15	0	615	9	9	9	10	6	1	47	5	0	657	14	5
Glasgow	76	1040	4	4	13	13	9	273	5	2	460	10	6	22	19	3	0	0	14	14	10	783	1	10	0	6	1	1	15	0	830	12	5	
Kirkcaldy	4	70	2	10	17	10	9	32	17	10	3	0	0	7	17	0	0	0	1	4	2	46	19	0	11	14	9	0	1	15	0	48	14	0
COMPANIES	14	55	15	7	3	19	8	57	2	5	121	5	0	7	14	0	0	0	14	3	0	200	5	2	14	6	1	13	11	0	213	16	2	
Dumfries	5	25	2	10	18	16	4	6	17	2	4	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	16	3	2	4	11	3	9	0	11	19	11	3
Sterling	61	1147	17	3	5	16	6	45	14	0	55	11	3	30	13	0	0	0	5	0	0	136	18	3	2	4	11	7	13	0	144	11	3	
Isolated	278	3266	18	0	11	15	0	657	2	5	1308	13	5	87	15	3	0	0	50	12	9	2114	7	7	7	12	1	122	7	1	236	14	8	
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Irish Mission

Belfast	57	881	16	1	15	0	5	157	11	2	460	0	4	11	16	6	0	0	9	6	8	652	7	2	11	8	11	20	9	3	672	16	5		
Dublin	24	486	14	6	20	5	7	97	4	10	11	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	6	120	6	4	5	0	3	9	17	0	130	3	4		
COMPANIES	10	91	10	0	9	3	0	9	17	1	43	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	14	0	0	12	8	1	15	14	10	3	15	0	16	3	1		
Kilmoyle	4	34	0	2	8	10	0	17	1	0	330	9	0	1	12	0	0	0	19	0	0	62	19	0	1	4	10	1	0	0	63	19	0		
Larne	20	162	3	2	8	2	2	34	18	2	330	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	8	10	372	2	0	18	12	1	0	0	372	2	0	4	0	
Shankill	62	583	7	4	9	8	2	43	10	11	200	0	4	23	18	1	0	0	2	17	0	270	6	4	4	4	7	2	19	11	0	289	17	4	
Isolated	177	2239	11	1	12	13	1	360	3	2	1033	10	5	51	10	1	0	0	28	9	0	1490	9	8	8	8	5	54	12	3	1445	1	11		
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South England	3431	43014	5	6	12	11	2	7076	14	6	13470	4	6	1190	5	5	153	0	0	0	0	24568	8	8	7	3	6	9	3	0	25521	9	4		
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Scottish Mission	278	3266	18	0	11	15	0	657	2	5	1033	10	5	51	10	1	0	0	50	12	9	2114	7	7	7	12	1	122	7	1	236	14	8		
Irish Mission	177	2239	11	1	12	13	1	360	3	2	1033	10	5	51	10	1	0	0	28	9	0	1490	9	8	8	8	5	54	12	3	1445	1	11		
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Eire Mission

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Eire is being substantially reinforced. A few days ago the writer had the very happy privilege of welcoming Brother and Sister Nix and two-year-old Mary Frances, as they landed from the s.s. *America* at Cobh. Brother and Sister Nix are from the Hinsdale Sanitarium, and are to operate the new Treatment Rooms in Dublin. Work on this property is proceeding. A few

months must yet pass before the institution will be ready for work. We have faith that the health work and message will provide us with a much-needed "entering wedge" into the homes of this Roman Catholic community.

Also expected in Dublin in a few days time is Mrs. E. N. Stephens from the U.S.A. to work as Bible Instructor with the writer. She arrives in time to help in the launching of the Christian Culture Correspondence School, which will conduct

a Bible Course suitably prepared for Roman Catholics.

We are very glad to receive these new workers, and extend to them a warm welcome as they join hands with us in soul-saving work. Together we face a large and difficult task—to evangelize, by any means possible, the people of this priest-ridden land. We are conscious of our limitations and of our helplessness apart from God, and we seek the prayerful interest of God's people. A J. MUSTARD.

Child Evangelism Institute

and Sabbath-School Council

at Holloway Church, N. London, March 12—19, 1949.

"A Feast Indeed"

By Ernest Cox

ON Sabbath morning, March 12th, a large number of our members from the London district crowded into the Upper Holloway Baptist church to begin a week-long Child Evangelism Institute and Sabbath-school Council. We were privileged to have, as the special and principal speaker for the period, one of whom most of us had heard, but had never seen, Pastor Eric B. Hare, Associate Sabbath-school Secretary of the General Conference.

The Sabbath-school, under the able superintendency of Pastor A. C. Vine, was pursuing its accustomed course, but to-day Pastor Hare soon interposed with his fluent address and dynamic personality. In a forceful and persuasive missions appeal, Brother Hare told us how our gifts would help to establish a desperately-needed dispensary in stricken Hiroshima, together with suitable mission headquarters on the island of Guam. He told us also a touching story of how, in the recent war, two uniformed Japanese soldiers appeared and demanded admission at one of our

little Chinese Sabbath-schools. Naturally, our simple Chinese believers were fearful of admitting the enemy soldiers, but the timely production of lesson quarterlies proved a happy passport to mutual good-will, and after the "invaders" had been welcomed, they became in turn the protectors of the little gathering from less well-intentioned visitors. Thus does the Sabbath-school supersede all national barriers and animosities and unites all men in a common devotion to God and His Word.

Pastor T. J. Bradley, in true evangelistic style, rapidly but clearly reviewed the main points of the previous lesson, following which, our College Bible teacher, Pastor E. W. Marter, conducted the lesson for the day.

Brother Marter reminded us again of the wonderful powers and responsibilities of speech. Alone of the animal creation, we are able to transmit comprehensive and well-defined thoughts to one another. How important then, that our speech should be essentially and consistently truthful. In our mouths must be

found "no guile" if we are to stand at last before the throne of God.

During the following service, our Union president, Pastor E. B. Rudge, spoke with feeling of Brother Hare and his family's early Adventist associations. Elder



Pastor E. B. Hare,

Associate Sabbath-School Secretary
of the General Conference

Hare has known evangelistic activities in Australia and has had extensive missionary experience, covering some twenty years, among the degraded devil-worshippers of Burma. He is now a specialist in Sabbath-school work generally, and particularly in the delicate but important field of child evangelism.

Pastor Hare then told us, in his own absorbing and occasionally humorous style, something of his very eventful career as a missionary. One of his early trials was a twenty-mile walk at night through the very midst of a tropical cloud-burst. Most of the time he walked ankle-deep in mud and water, and sometimes was even submerged to the shoulders in swirling rice-field floods. Toward the dawn on this memorable night, when his strength was ebbing fast, the floods being still deep and wide and his life in real danger, Brother Hare declared that the most welcome words he has ever heard suddenly rang in his ears. His companion shouted, at last, "Look! there are the coco-nut trees! *We are nearly home!*"

Surely that can be the glad cry of every Adventist now, as he sees the desperate conditions to-day. "*We are nearly home!*" Our redemption indeed draweth nigh. People on every hand are turning instinctively to Adventists for an explanation of world events.

Some time ago a man wrote from the wild interior of Brazil to "The Church of the Bible, Rio de Janeiro." The letter was eventually delivered to our mission superintendent in Rio, who sent the man a Bible and literature. Three months later, when our minister was able to visit the interior, he found there an organized Sabbath-school of thirteen members.

That letter, though vaguely addressed, was accurately delivered. For Seventh-Day Adventists can, with justification, claim to be the People and Church of the Bible. Our message enables the Word of God to come fully into its own. Our message must go forth with Elijah-like power, reconciling children to parents and parents

to children in this "unnatural" age, and preparing both for the kingdom of God.

In the afternoon, Pastor Hare described at length the dangers and vicissitudes of his long "retreat" from Burma. It was a thrilling story of undoubted providential deliverances.

Helped by two other missionaries, Brother Hare succeeded in evacuating our churchmembers from the threatened Rangoon. Then, with three rather "ancient" cars, burdened with far too much luggage and charged with far too little petrol, the three missionaries set out for the comparative safety of India, a thousand miles distant.

The epic of their adventurous journey has to be heard from Brother Hare's own lips to be really appreciated. The Japanese were only seventy miles behind them, and were advancing steadily thirty-five miles a day. Time and again the missionaries suffered a set-back which threatened seriously to decrease their lead over the oncoming enemy. A broken hub, a burned-out clutch, a dearth of mechanics, an even greater dearth of petrol, swollen rivers and indifferent boatmen, all made their hazardous journey really a succession of divine deliverances—a thou-

sand-mile cavalcade of "miracles" as the Lord again and again intervened swiftly and surely on their behalf.

A man whom the Lord has brought a thousand miles through dangers and difficulties which few of us are called upon to face, may well speak with authority when it comes to courage and confidence in God. We all felt that to be so, as Brother Hare finally urged upon us the need of a deeper and more steadfast faith in God that we may as successfully endure to the end of life's greater journey:

As we left the church, one aged member, who has seen many, many conferences and "special days" was heard gratefully to exclaim, "Well, this has been a feast indeed!"

With that we would all agree. The supporting music had been of the highest order—Brother L. Meredith at the great organ, Sister Watson, and the Stanborough Male Choir—singing with their usual competence and feeling. The less familiar, but the none-the-less skilful renderings of the Ladies' Choir were a delight to hear.

The inspiring ministry of the Word and the sweet ministry of song effectively combined to make the day truly "a feast indeed."

The Heart of the Church

Report of the Sabbath-school Officer's Council,
March 13, 1949.

By Edgar A. Warren

No member of the Holloway church, however loyal he might be, would claim that the seats in that church compare with those in a railway carriage for comfort. But those Sabbath-school officers, teachers, and members who were privileged to attend the Sabbath-school Officers' Council held there on Sunday afternoon completely forgot this obvious shortcoming, and also the fact that most of them were very cold, in the enjoyment of an excellent and well-planned programme.

To those "in the know" the reason was simple—Pastor E. B.

Hare was in charge. No other explanation is necessary or adequate.

"Nothing," Pastor Hare asserted in introducing the afternoon's programme, "nothing can destroy the Sabbath-school." And to illustrate, he recounted some of his experiences during the air raids on Rangoon, when, as happened so often in this country during the war, members who had spent long hours in shelters during the Friday night, all came punctually to Sabbath-school the next morning.

But he qualified his state-

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ment. "Nothing can destroy the Sabbath-school—except indifference."

Non-attenders who really could come to Sabbath-school if they wanted to, constitute a danger signal to the church. This kind of indifference is often the first step on the tragic road that leads to apostasy.

To illustrate a new idea for checking up on such church-members, Brother Hare (as "Brother Vision") assumed the rôle of the superintendent, and Brother E. L. Minchin (as "Brother Trusworthy") acted the part of the secretary of an imaginary Sabbath-school.

Together they went through the church roll, entering the name of every member on coloured cards; white for members of both church and Sabbath-school, red for non-attenders, and green for those on the Home Department, and so on.

The names of the members on this "church roll" stimulated great interest and many smiles. Who will ever forget "Miss Ing," or the three "Iser" brothers, "Scandal," "Critiss," and "Sermon," or their more commendable sister, "Organ"? The financial matters of this interesting school were obviously well looked-after by the capable Brother "F. I. Nancer," though Brother "Long Winded" came in for some criticism. It is doubtful if he will be invited to conduct the review again until he has learned—perhaps by the kindly and timely intervention of the superintendent at the expiration of the allotted eight minutes—to confine his review to the main points of the lesson.

This Sabbath-school was very fortunate, on the other hand, in having Sister "Lovechild" to look after the juniors. She certainly needed all her tact and love in dealing with these young people, especially as one of her boys was another member of the "Iser" family, "Pulver," by name!

One important secret of Sister "Lovechild's" success in her task was that she was a regular subscriber to that excellent monthly, *The Sabbath-School Worker*.

This paper is now enjoyed by 34,000 officers and members—6,000 more than two years ago.

The next part of the programme was a discussion. Brother Hare invited Sabbath-school officers who were present to come forward and take a slip of paper from his hand on which was typed a question relating to Sabbath-school work. After the individual had opened the discussion, others joined in and Brother Hare filled in the gaps with many helpful suggestions. In this way he introduced and explained the new book, *Teaching Teachers to Teach*, which is the textbook for the Teacher's Training Course.

Sabbath-school offerings came into the discussion, too. Compared with the tithe from the

world field the offerings show a decrease; from 33 per cent in the "depression" years to 17.9 per cent at the present time. This is a matter for serious consideration by every Sabbath-school officer and member.

Finally Brother Hare appealed for greater accuracy in the reports sent in by secretaries to the Conference office. He showed some examples of the kind of report *not* to send in!

It was a meeting of unusual interest, and all went home with a renewed love for the "heart of the church," and a stronger determination to make the Sabbath-school all that God intends it shall be to His children in these closing hours of this earth's history.

Child Evangelism Institute

(Part I)

By One Who was There

"GIVE light, O Lord, that we may learn, the way that leads to Thee," was the prayer of our opening hymn at the first meeting of the Institute, and surely God answered abundantly.

In introducing the first subject, Pastor E. L. Minchin read that the "supreme object of the Sabbath-school is the ingathering of souls." "If the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure." "Never rest till every child in your class is brought to the saving knowledge of Christ."—*Counsels on Sabbath-school Work*, pages 61, 125.

"If we paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we should now be living in a jungle of weeds."—*Luther Burbank*.

Pastor E. B. Hare then began to explain why the training of the very young is so important. He told the story of the child who easily assembled a jig-saw puzzle of a world map when she found the picture of a man on the back. When the man was put together correctly, the world was in shape. "The man cannot be put together right until the

boy is put together right, and the boy cannot be put together right until parents and teachers are trained to know how to put the child together right."—*Lessons for Child Evangelism Institutes*, page 42.

There are three fundamental laws of Junior Evangelism.

1. A knowledge of Christ gives power to win souls.

2. A knowledge of the Bible enables us to speak with authority.

3. A knowledge of the pupil enables us to apply the lesson to his life.

The studies given throughout this Institute were based on this last law, "Know your Children."

Parents and teachers, did you realize that in order to know your children you should study psychology? Psychology dry? Not in the least, if you study *Lessons for Child Evangelism Institutes*, with Pastor Hare as your teacher.

Parents and teachers, do you know why baby cannot sit still for more than two minutes together? Why the adolescent is so erratic and emotional? Why Sonny suddenly dislikes Sabbath-

school? Why young Mary will not sit next to Master John?

All these questions, and many more, were answered as, with a simple graph upon the blackboard Pastor Hare showed the relation of physical and mental growth from birth to old age, and compared the natural phenomena of the different age groups. Following Pastor Hare's lesson, Mrs. Durbin gave a demonstration of how to interest the very young as they learn in song the wonderful truth that Jesus loves them. Something to hold, something at which to look and point, and you have no trouble with little wrigglers!

Introducing the subject for Sunday night, Pastor A. C. Vine read extracts from the Spirit of prophecy, showing Jesus, the Lover of children, the One who warned us against neglecting them and commanded us, "Feed My lambs."

Pastor Hare commenced his lesson with the story of a pit-boy who, terrified at the thought of having to pass a dangerous crossing saw his father holding a light that he might get safely by. Every child has the right to expect parents and teachers to hold the light at the dangerous crossings of life, and we were there to learn how to hold the light, and to know how to lead boys and girls into kindness, purity, and truth, and thus to Jesus.

By studying the "art of temptation" we can adapt it for our purpose in tempting young folk to be good. Using a simple diagram on the blackboard, Pastor Hare gave us a wonderful lesson on how, by the avenues of the five senses, ideas enter the threshold of the understanding; and how, "by continually recalling passive ideas to the focus of the understanding, not only do they become active, but in the process there is created an irresistible urge to imitate."—"Lessons," page 57.

Pastor Hare illustrated the process of temptation by his own hard-earned experience in teaching his little deaf girl to speak.

He then showed how similar, disparate, and contrary ideas combine; and of the last he said:

"Coldness cannot be cast out except by warmth. Evil cannot be cast out except by good. Satan cannot be cast out except by Jesus." Negative correction will not do it. "Do" is better than "Don't." As Paul says, "Overcome evil with good;" it is the only way.

"Mrs. Durbin gave a splendid demonstration of devices to tempt children to be regular and punctual at Sabbath-school. Shall we ever forget her practical demonstration of teaching a little girl how much Jesus loves her? What a hush throughout that crowded church, as we heard the response, "Jesus loves little Margaret." . . . "Thank You, Jesus."

Pastor Minchin's introduction to the third lesson, showing that the first five years are the most important, can be summed up in the words of Warden Lawes of Sing Sing Penitentiary: "When we get to the place where we pay more attention to the high chair, we will have less need of the electric chair."

By the apt use of an attention device as he continued the theme of the power of contrary ideas, Pastor Hare showed how good will overcome evil, and how the powers of the Word in the heart can make us hate evil. If anyone doubted the need of our own schools, Pastor Hare's graphic account of educating his little deaf girl has surely proved that

our children should not be in schools where they are educated for the world, where what they "know" is all that matters, but in schools where they will be educated for the kingdom, where what they "are" counts for everything.

We received practical advice on tempting our children to be good by right literature and happy Sabbath games which encourage children to search their Bibles with pleasure; on how to deal with their vocational problems; to pray with and for them, and to play with them, too—always emphasizing the right, the good, and the beautiful.

With Mrs. Durbin we learned more songs for the little ones and saw the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel depicted in the sand-tray.

So we listened those three evenings, gaining a new knowledge of psychology, and many lessons in the Art of Teaching—Focusing attention by apt illustrations; the growing tension of concentration and the relaxation of the quick laugh; pressing home the point that must be remembered; the use of reiteration, mimicry, voice inflection; all played their part in teaching the lessons we learned. They made the *Lessons* come to life.

Psychology dry? Not with Pastor Hare, for as he said, "The worst of this stuff, it *works*." We know, for it has worked on us.

Child Evangelism Institute

(Part 2)

By A. Bell

THE question: "To spank or not to spank," has cropped up in the experience of us all at some time or other. It was also brought to our attention very vividly and amusingly at the Institute on Child Psychology held at the Holloway church. The necessity for correction has a tendency to be "ever present," so naturally it attracted an audience from all walks of life.

The fathers and mothers were there, the sisters and brothers,

the aunts and uncles, and even the grandmothers and grandfathers. Sabbath-school and day-school teachers, nurses and doctors, and of ministers, not a few. All without exception displayed their interest by their regular attendance, as Elder Hare delved into the reactions to correction from a sound psychological standpoint.

Strangely enough he started this section of his agenda with the story of a mother who hung

the family cane on the wall. Over it she placed the opening line of the well-known hymn: "I need thee every hour." We realized before he concluded his lessons, that such frequent use of the much dreaded article should not be necessary if right methods were applied.

To whom are these first lessons in the art of correction to be applied? To the children? Oh dear no! To the teachers and the parents, and anyone who is tempted to use the cane.

Primarily we must recognize that all children are not alike. Secondly, we must remember to make the punishment fit the crime. Thirdly, we must always remember to be consistent in the application of punishment, whatever form it takes. Never, never, never use threats. They are a double-edged tool, which leads to the breakdown of discipline and prepares the way for the lack of the sense of discretion between right and wrong. This in its turn, when followed to its ultimate conclusion, prepares the way for juvenile delinquency.

Once we have put ourselves right, then we are able to start with the little Johnnies and Marys who find it so easy to do wrong. Where do we begin? Well naturally at the beginning. Before a child can reason he can obey. Those who are wise will make use of this tendency, and teach obedience from infancy, so that when a child reaches the years of reason he will be able to reason his way through life. Already he will have realized that his actions have not to be dictated by his natural impulses of the immediate present, but by the ultimate results to which these impulses lead. By right methods and consistent, persistent discipline, we lay a foundation in the lives of our boys and girls. Then when they come to the years of youth and adolescence, the decisions that they make will automatically lead them to choose the Christian way.

Discipline when applied in class or Sabbath-school has to be administered with discretion. Invariably a little lime-light, mixed with something to do will counteract a breach of discipline.

However, good teachers will not let the matter rest there. It is absolutely essential to see the child, either after the class or in his own home. At this interview, he must be made to feel that he is not the only imperfect person in the world. Emphasize that even you have your failings. Let him know that you have also found right-doing difficult. Once you are on a common platform with him, solicit his help and co-operation in making your class the best class in school. This, if done effectively, will provide an outlet for all the superfluous energy that led to the class disturbance. Moreover you will gain his confidence as well as his co-operation.

This naturally leads to the all-important, and often bewildering question of how to attract juniors to be co-operators with us. We do not want our methods to be merely entertainment, but to lead gradually to the definite objective of soul-winning.

Plato on one occasion was singing by his open window. As he finished he heard some youngsters outside imitating his vocal attempts. The result was horrifying. He said to himself: "Plato you must learn to sing better." As we see the weaknesses of our teaching we must learn to teach better.

Arousing curiosity is a good beginning. It opens the mind to receive. Just as a fish is attracted by the food on the bait, so a child will be attracted when we supply bait that is sufficiently interesting. In his excellent book, *How to Win Friends*, Dale Carnegie tells the story of his annual fishing trip to Maine. He confesses that he himself is very fond of strawberries. But he knows that fish are exceedingly fond of worms and grasshoppers. So as to make fishing a success, therefore, he forgets his partiality for strawberries, and concentrates on worms and grasshoppers. In other words, he supplies what is needed by the fish.

Elder Hare demonstrated how to supply what is needed for juniors, as he brought out a Mystery Box of "Attention Traps." Although the box was on the table the contents were

not revealed. The suspense of waiting aroused curiosity, which was ended in audible gasps, as each object and device was displayed. The attention traps were very simple and easily displayed, but they left an indelible impression upon the mind. A few examples will suffice to illustrate the simplicity of them.

Bible texts were written with invisible ink. Interest was created by the mystery behind the clean paper. The interest was held, as the message was revealed, by pressing out the message with a warm iron or over the gentle flame of a candle. Although the verse was simple, the interest, suspense, and anticipation, made the verse a thing to be remembered.

A simple paper cut-out made a ladder and illustrated the story of Jacob. The cutting out of a paper cross, to be placed on a flannelgraph maintained interest, while the story of Jesus was told. The few scraps of paper left over were made to spell "hell," to show from what the cross saves us. Red cellophane was placed over the word "sin," which was also written in red. This obliterates the "sin," to show how the blood of Jesus covers our sins.

Things to look at; things that work; mysteries that have to be solved; puzzles which require hard thinking and at the same time focus the minds of our children on Jesus, are psychologically sound for the Christian to use in teaching the young.

As we teach and guide and demonstrate to the child there are two methods we can use. 1. Deductive. 2. Inductive.

In the first we pour into the minds of our pupils the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding that we have gained throughout the years. With this method we use the above devices very effectively. By this type of teaching we reveal the truth and prove it afterward.

Alternatively we can use the inductive or corkscrew method. By this method we give examples of truth and allow the class to discover the law. Both methods have their own particular niche in education, and are admirably worked out in the Junior lesson

book, and the *Sabbath-School Worker*. The latter is particularly suitable for older children as a means of developing their thinking propensities and teaching them to learn for themselves. In using this method, many questions are asked, thus giving many pupils a part in the recitation, maintaining interest, and creating a desire for knowledge.

Firstly, secondly, thirdly, and finally—remember all teaching must lead our little ones to Jesus and the kingdom of heaven. It is not possible to drive them in. They will only follow as we attract them. Our methods must be magnetic, dynamic, and consecrated.

Manners maketh the man;
Method maketh a teacher.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Mrs. J. Durbin and Mrs. C. Westwood, both experienced in the art of teaching the young, gave effective demonstrations on the use of "attention traps."

They attracted the children to Sabbath-school by the use of rewards and special privileges. The songs they sang were action songs with the central theme of Jesus and His love. The lessons were illustrated with the use of objects the child could see. These objects would be remembered, because, not only could they see them, but they were also made to move. The honour of holding them was the result of good behaviour. In this way interest was retained and discipline maintained. Thus the story of Jesus was presented in such a way that it registered on the child mind.

Quick changes of programme were recommended. A child finds it difficult to focus attention on one topic for an indefinite period. These changes must be made without hesitancy. Each phase of the programme must be focused on Jesus, so that the child, under a good teacher, will behold from different angles a complete picture of the loveliness of Jesus, and realize that Jesus loves him.

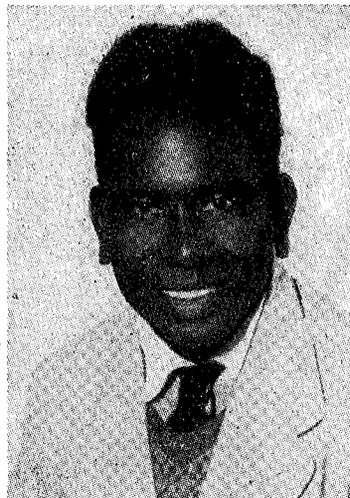
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Visitors to the British Union from the South Seas

Below.—Pastor Robert Salau, a Solomon Islander convert of Pastor G. I. Jones, and now an ordained minister in New Guinea.



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