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THE URGENCY OF OUR NEED

THE unusually critical days through which the world is now passing, wherein the peace of the world seems balancing on a knife-edge, remind us of the imperativeness of pressing evangelism in every corner of the earth. Every means at our command must now be brought up to swell the forces of good for the salvation of the lost.

But how far beyond us is the need before us! How much we are reminded of our spiritual feebleness before the mounting demands of our soul-winning work.

In every field, church, and institution among us, there must come the revival that will not only awaken within us our responsibility and our need, but will lead us under the deep movings of God's Holy Spirit, that we may measure now with the waiting task.

Someone has said, "God will do just as much for us as we let Him do in us." But how often we simply think of what we want God to do for us without paying much attention to having Him do much of anything in us.

The magnitude of the great task before us appalls us. The gigantic forces against us dismay

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Vice-president of the General Conference

us. The opportunities now opening challenge us, and we cry out, "How much we need God to do for us!"

Let us then diligently seek Him that He might do great things within us. Let us open our hearts that we might more fully receive Him and enthrone Him in our lives.

Paul assures us of God's plan to work in us for "His good pleasure." Phil. 2: 12, 13. We cannot make, of ourselves alone, any changes within. God does not expect this of us, for He knows that it is just as impossible for us to accomplish as it is for a leopard to change its spots.

Our part is to be truthful to God and to come to Him in Christ and tell Him of our real situation and need. He would have us reveal by our own confession to Him that we know, as best we can, our own weak attitude of heart and life toward Him and the things of God.

This must receive His help. In

Acts 5:31 we are reminded that God gives repentance and remission of sins. All this is done by God working in us, when we will to receive His help. We must now seek Him for enabling power within. He will bestow that power when we arise in faith and act. We must act in faith believing not only that He has the power, but that He will put within us that power that we lack. Just to the measure that we believe, will power be given. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11: 6.

There is reason to believe that were we what we should be before God, the results of the efforts we now are making would be multiplied a hundred-fold. This bears close study by each one for himself. What a tragedy it is if we are retarding the reaping of the harvest by our own unsatisfactory attitude and spirit in God's work!

This is a time when all of us need to examine carefully everything in our lives that has any relationship to Jesus Christ. Our lives are now to manifest to angels and to men that we are rising up to full strength in the Lord to bring to completion the ministry

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which the Saviour gave in His great commission.

How can we do less in the light of the great upsurge of the forces of evil with their determination to put an end to the exaltation of Christ before men? How can we think of the tremendous price paid for the souls of men and hold anything back of ability or possession that Christ Jesus may be fully glorified in the completion of the great plan of salvation?

This is our hour—let us not miss the mark or fail to fulfil all that God would have us do for the great unsaved multitudes.

May we be an awakened ministry and people in this hour of our visitation. Let us, both leaders and people, seek God now for such a revival of spiritual power and missionary zeal that every life will be aflame for God and every church an evangelistic agency in its every plan and programme.

South England Conference

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Medway Calling

WHAT'S going on here? Tables, forms, and boxes are being arranged in tiers and neatly covered with clean white paper. The good things of the earth begin to appear as if from nowhere, for we are all in this.

Here is a car-load of fruit and vegetables and even flowers. They are all washed and neatly tied and represent much loving labour from the household of Brother Sherwood. Under the able hands and leadership of Sister Latham, order appears out of disorder and in the words of one present, "It's the best show we have had." Looking back on leaving the church one was impressed by the evidence of the bountiful gifts of God in nature—which would be the theme on the morrow.

For the morning service we were privileged to have the ministry of Pastor A. C. Vine, and it was gratifying later to reflect that

this was the last occasion on which Brother and Sister Bolton were to worship together with God's people, for the same evening, after the service, our dear Brother Bolton passed away.

The evening meeting was timed for 6.30 and we are happy to report that two of our stalwarts from Sittingbourne in the persons of Brother and Sister Pratt, were with us as well as a young family from Maidstone soon to unite with the church and several unexpected but always welcome friends. Looking back upon the scene, all softly flood-lit for the occasion, one could not fail to express the thought that God's giving is with a very generous hand. Man indeed sows the good seed, but it is God who gives the increase.

Thanks to careful preparation, the goods were disposed of at the close of the service and went as mysteriously as they appeared. The sheaf loaf, the gift of Mr and Mrs. Sedge, was cut up into small pieces so that all could "taste and see." Brother Bolton said it looked so nice that he could scarcely wait till he got home to try it. We shall miss our dear brother, for he it was who tended the grapes in his little greenhouse, so that some of the products could be seen in the church at such a time as this.

The proceeds of the sale went to the Medical Aid Fund. In all, with gifts, we passed over about £5 to this needy cause. We feel that there is hardly a more fit way of showing our appreciation for another year of mercies than to give to those who need the care and help that this fund affords. We have done this at Gillingham for the past three years. Next year, why not "Go thou, and do likewise"?

ROBERT WILSON.

Interior of the re-decorated Wood Green church.

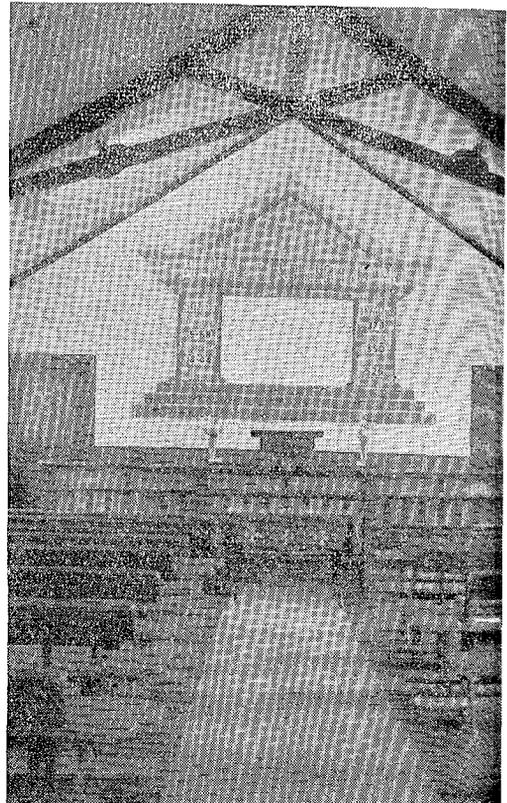
Re-decorations at Wood Green

THE photograph on this page shows a part of the interior of the newly decorated Wood Green church, recently dedicated by Pastor J. A. McMillan, President of the South England Conference.

The wall design behind the rostrum, the skilful work of Brother J. W. Todd, depicts the front elevation of a temple. The pillars incorporate the hymn and sunset boards, and on the floral design at the top are the words, "The Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, etc."

The text, "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him," is a gentle reminder of the sanctity of the dedicated church.

It is hoped to make additions to the church building as soon as possible, funds and building licences permitting. Our special need is for a room for the use of children and young people and



we look forward in faith that our hopes will soon be realized.

C. E. NIGHTINGALE,
Church Elder.



News from Wimbledon

THE many friends of the Wimbledon church will doubtless be glad to learn that we have at last, through the good offices of our local member of Parliament, succeeded in obtaining a licence to rebuild our church, which was almost completely demolished during the earlier part of the late war. We plan to begin building in the late spring of next year, so that the church should be ready for use by the autumn. Through the generosity of the British and Australasian Unions, most of the money we shall need for an improved church has already been subscribed, but we are endeavouring ourselves to raise £1,000 needed toward the cost of furnishings, etc. Our own surveyor, Brother S. C. Rose, A.R.I.C.S., is working very hard on the necessary plans and negotiations. Please join us in prayer that nothing may hinder the establishing again of a representative church building in this important area of south-west London.

E. Cox.

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Nottingham Calling

"NEARER, still nearer, close to Thy heart," was our prayer as we welcomed a very special Sabbath here at Nottingham. On November 3rd and 4th a real revival convention was held. Pastor E. L. Minchin spoke to a good attendance on Friday evening, his subject showing that even church-members can become "powerless Christians." However, in our want, we were led to the fountain head and truly drank of His Spirit.

Sabbath morning saw a record assembly, and all were blessed as we studied together under Pastor V. H. Cooper's leading. The superintendent, Mr. Winterton, reviewed our previous study in Proverbs. Like all true Sabbath-schools, the missionary spirit was present and we were privileged with some first-hand news of the mission field from Pastor E. R. Warland, who inspired us to give as God had blessed us.

Visitors from Derby, Beeston, Sheffield, etc., enlarged our attendance to about one hundred and fifty. In his devotional address, Pastor Minchin continued his study, convicting many of their laxity and worldly attributes. This was accompanied by some sincere testimonies as we all stood in a prayer of rededication and consecration of hearts to One who gave so much for us.

There was a buzz of excitement in the air, "Busy Bees" presumably, as we gathered for a good sing-song with "Uncle Victor." We sang our way to the very "Mountain top" while "He set the music ringing in our hearts," this being a new chorus taught us by Pastor Minchin.

And now the great moment had arrived. Just one word, "Investiture," sent eleven J.M.Vs. scrambling onto the platform, to become Helpers, Friends, or Busy Bees. Their ready answers and detailed descriptions echoed the sound teaching of Misses M. Swain and E. Oldham as they have brought our M.V. society into a flourishing headquarters in the "Share your Faith" campaign.

Next, examinations over, each candidate received a badge from Pastor Cooper except Tommy Gillatt, who, though already a Friend had completed the Helper and Busy Bee requirements, thus qualifying for two badges.

"Ecoutez la nouvelle"—yes, it's Paris and we were thrilled as the preparations were unfolded to us by Pastor Minchin. He recruited well over fifty for the congress in 1951.

We then continued our devotional studies learning more of the Holy Spirit and His power. Brother Minchin set down five things by which all the world will

know of our changed lives. They are:

1. Christ-likeness.
2. Victory over sin.
3. Boldness in testimony.
4. Power in service.
5. Burden for souls.

These meetings were a fitting prelude to the coming Week of Prayer. We are told: "A revival can be expected only as an answer to prayer."

Let us all join in heartfelt prayer and renewing of spirit, that these last moments of our earth's history may be gloriously dramatic in our work for souls.

To complete our fellowship we all had tea in the church hall. This was provided by the Nottingham members' Health Council led by Sister Phillips, and was followed by a social evening which united us all together in Christian recreation.

JOHN W. HUNT.



New Activities at Newcastle

A POPULAR innovation at Newcastle is the Women's Meeting held each Monday evening. Interest is keen and enthusiasm is increasing. Programmes for our meetings are varied, e.g., there are First Aid and Keep Fit classes, interspersed with rug making, discussions on subjects of mutual interest, and visits from the sisters of our neighbouring Tyneside churches. We greatly enjoyed the programme prepared for us by our sisters from Burnopfield, on November 13th, entitled "The Happy Home." The spiritual blessings received at these meetings are greatly valued by all.

We are looking forward to a musical evening in the near future when we are promised selections from the *Messiah*.

We have a dozen small children in our Sabbath-school, and on December 16th they are to bring their little friends to a special Christmas party, when their hostesses will be Sister Mason, Sister Wood, our president, Sister Dodgson, our secretary, and other ladies of the Women's Meeting.

We hope to have a new church

in Newcastle soon, so we give ourselves whole-heartedly to the task of raising £100 from the Women's Meeting. One way of attaining this is by making rugs. We are in great need of materials to do this work, and would welcome any gifts of suitable material such as old clothing beyond repair. We shall be happy to refund the postage to any who could help us in this way. Any parcel sent to Advent Hall, 8 Higham Place, Newcastle, will be gratefully acknowledged.

CHURCH CLERK.

Harvest Festival and Baptism at Blackburn

SABBATH and Sunday, October 28th and 29th, were two memorable days in the history of the Blackburn company. Our little hall, tastefully decorated with flowers, fruits, and vegetables by Miss Kirby and her helpers, was filled to capacity on Sabbath morning with faithful members from Blackburn, Accrington, and Burnley.

We were privileged to enjoy the ministry of Pastor O. M. Dorland, who conducted a Harvest Thanksgiving service.

The afternoon meeting was held in the Baptist church, where we witnessed the ordinance of baptism. It gave us great joy to see five precious souls added to God's remnant church.

On Sunday evening, Pastor Dorland gave an inspiring address on "The Sure Word of Prophecy." Surely no one can doubt the certainty of the second advent after studying in the Gospels the wonderful fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the first advent of Jesus.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

With these solemn words of exhortation uppermost in our thoughts, we returned to our homes.

All agreed that a happy and profitable week-end had been spent, thanks to Pastor Dorland and Miss Kirby.

H. M. ROSIER.

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Opening Doors in Eire

It is an awe-inspiring experience to come suddenly and unexpectedly upon the footprints of God. Then, like Jacob of old, we feel we should build an altar to God as a memorial of the experience, and as we turn away from the place, we cry, "Surely the Lord was in this place, and we knew it not!"

This story begins with our late Brother Tom Finlay, who fell asleep in Jesus sixteen years ago. A lone witness to the truth in the mountains of County Wicklow, he failed in his lifetime to gather the fruits of his labour. Upon his death, his little library of Adventist books passed to his nephew, Farmer Edward Finlay, who quickly began to practise the truths he had first heard from Uncle Tom, and now learned more thoroughly from his books. His mother joined him in Sabbath observance, and later, when he married, his wife also. I had the privilege of "discovering" this family of Sabbath-keepers about eighteen months ago. They were baptized and brought into church fellowship, and later a sister of Edward's wife followed. Yet another sister, aroused by the example of her relatives, is now preparing for baptism in England. Recently, I received a message that the girl's mother desired Bible studies, and is now keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from labours; and their works do follow them." Glorious will be the reward awaiting Uncle Tom Finlay in the resurrection morning.

But there is more to come. Quite recently, Brother Edward Finlay lent his copy of *Bible Readings* to a neighbouring farmer, who rejoices in the name of Tommy Tutty. He told Brother Finlay that he would like to buy a copy for himself, so I

invited Brother F. Male, our courageous colporteur, to accompany me on my next visit to the district. We had no difficulty selling *The Bible Speaks* to this earnest young farmer, who then informed us that he had already begun to observe the Sabbath, and was greatly exercised about the necessity for baptism. He knew of neighbour Finlay's Sabbath-keeping habits, and told us that our brother is the most highly respected man in all the glen. But he did not know of Brother Finlay's baptism. His own desire for it springs from a deep conviction borne upon him by the Spirit of God as he studied *Bible Readings*.

As he told us his story while we stood in his field, we felt that we were on holy ground. Reverently we bared our heads and prayed earnestly to the great God who is baring His mighty arm to do exploits in old Ireland. It is a wonderful privilege to be a labourer together with God in such a holy work.

We plan to scatter our good books through all the glen, and to follow them up with an evangelistic campaign, if God will open the way. We know now that He is in this place, and to us it is the gate of heaven.

A. J. MUSTARD.

"Into the Mountains to Find My Sheep"

RECENTLY, I was invited by Pastor Mustard to accompany him on a trip into the mountains of Wicklow. I was glad to go. The object of the trip was to visit a family of isolated believers and others in the vicinity who had been attracted to the Advent message by the godly example of our members.

The air was very cold as we sped along the roads out of the city, through the wild and beautiful mountains of County Wicklow. We passed Lugnaquilla, rising to over 3,000 feet. We climbed the mountain roads, travelling over rough surfaces that at times threatened damage to the car springs. As I looked across the glen, I was fascinated by the sight of a mountain bathed in brilliant

sunshine while we travelled through mist and shadow.

Soon we were sitting before a fine turf fire in an isolated sixteenth-century farmhouse on the mountain-side. With our hostess, a widow, we studied the sacred truths of the everlasting Gospel. After the study, this dear soul bought a copy of *The Bible Speaks* and informed us that she was already obeying God's law, including the true Sabbath. She also requested baptism.

Coming back along a rough cart track on the mountain-side, we decided to visit a man we understood to be interested in our faith, and who had expressed a wish to buy one of our books. Presently, we were making our way across a meadow to find the home of this good man, when he appeared, with dogs and sheep, crossing our path from an adjoining field. He was a fine-looking farmer of about thirty years, and in a few minutes we were getting his story.

With what joy did we wring his hand when he told us that, unknown to anyone except his wife, he had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. He also spoke strongly of his desire for baptism. As we prayed together in the middle of that field, with the majestic fields around us, we lifted our hearts in thanksgiving to the One who had led us into these paths. "The Lord was in this place" and we "knew it not."

We made other calls and sold copies of *The Bible Speaks* and *God's Good News* to the farmer folk and to a school-mistress, and, as darkness fell, returned to the home of Brother Finlay, where we were treated to another sniff of welcome red-hot turf, and felt the grateful warmth of hot Postum finding its way into thirsty bodies. As we descended the heights in the moonlight on our homeward journey, our hearts, too, were warm enough to enable us to forget how cold our extremities were getting, while we talked of the wonderful things we had seen wrought by the hand of our God on that glorious day.

We are planning for a baptism soon, and this is not the end!

F. MALE.

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President's Notes

WE are glad at this time of the year, when our thoughts turn with the rest of the world toward God's abundant mercies and bountiful gifts, to pass on our own gratitude to our members throughout the Mission for their kindnesses and faithfulness and service which have been manifest in so many ways this year.

We will not weary you at this holiday season with figures and finance; those will appear in the MESSENGER at some later date, but we should like to assure you that Wales has received its full share of blessing during 1950, and that many have found Jesus nearer to them than before. If you should know of any in your own church or district who have not had this necessary experience, we are asking you to hold them with the arms of prayer this Christmas time, to care for them as Mary cared for the infant Saviour, and to treat them as you would treat Jesus had He been entrusted to your care. So will the peace of Christmastide pervade our church families and reflect into the coming year.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO GOD

WE are sure that we have no need to remind you regarding the usual and unusual gifts which you are in the habit of offering to the Lord, but we know that the friends in the Treasury Department at Watford would be thankful to close their books on time and with a full and overflowing report.

As you will no doubt remember, the British Union Conference and the General Conference have been very generous to the Welsh Mission during the past year. They, together with the Welsh members and other kind friends, have made possible the purchase of our very fine Cardiff church. Now, upon a recent Friday afternoon, I re-

turned home very delighted to have received a further donation of £350 toward the Youth Hall Extension to our Newport church. Imagine my consternation when I learned that the Newport total of cash and pledges by December 31st would be £300 short of the total we need to start building by December 23rd. Now it is most necessary that we put the licence in the hands of the builder immediately, as unless we start work by the above date the permission becomes null and void and we would have to go through the wearying process of obtaining permission again.

TO ALL FRIENDS OF THE WELSH MISSION

DEAR fellow believers, as I look over the Welsh field I see that we are on the threshold of an opening era. How widely it opens depends upon you. "Our churches need trained, youthful talent so that the work might be finished and Jesus come." We need this Youth Hall at this vital crisis hour. How far are you able to help us? "Then the chief of the fathers . . . gave for the service of the house of God gold, . . . and they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the Lord. . . . Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect hearts they offered willingly to the Lord." 1 Chron. 29: 6-9.

Let us give ourselves a double blessing and a happy Christmas by giving generously to the Lord. Sincerely your fellow-worker in His service, J. M. HOWARD.

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"As a Nail in a Sure Place"

WHEN you decided to keep the Sabbath did you lose your job? Did God find you another? And a better one?

Have you received unusual privileges with regard to Sabbath-keeping in your workshop, at your office?

Has your quiet determination to obey the Lord finally triumphed over home opposition so that you now rejoice in a united Sabbath-keeping home?

Has Sabbath observance saved you from danger or disaster?

Has your experience encouraged another? Or have you never told the story?

Here in Dundee many have been thrilled by a new-found hope in Jesus' soon return. They have seen clearly the claims of God's Sabbath commandment. They have read the promises to the obedient. But the path of faith is yet untrodden by them.

May we tell them how God worked for you? As they look at the cross, and as the Holy Spirit challenges them, the sight of your footprints on that strange road may stir their courage to take the first big step.

Will you sit down and think again of how God guided you one, ten, thirty, fifty years ago—or just last week? And while the memory is fresh and warm will you write it?

Some of us younger workers in God's cause have never had to face a Sabbath-keeping battle. Our parents did. And we are thankful for the good Seventh-Day Adventist upbringing they gave us in consequence. As we seek to win others to the Lord's side by His grace will you help us by witnessing to our Saviour's faithfulness in your life?

Please send your experience of God's providence to: Victor H. Hall, 46 Scott Street, Dundee, Angus.

"Far more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience, of the mercy and loving-kindness of God, of the matchless depths of the Saviour's love. . . . Those with whom we associate day by day . . . may be in such a condition of mind that a word spoken in season will be as a nail in a sure place."—*"Prophets and Kings,"* pages 347, 348.

V. H. HALL.

Newbold Missionary College

Principal:

Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick

The College Week of Prayer

NEWBOLD Missionary College students and faculty were greatly benefited by the special ministry of Pastor D. J. Handsides, released from the field of evangelism to conduct our Autumn Week of Prayer from November 24th to December 2nd.

The evangelist opened his meetings by calling for heart-searching and self-discovering, denouncing sins of pride, self-righteousness, and Phariseeism. The old, old story was told of the love of Jesus for sinners, granting forgiveness to the willing, and eternal separation from a murky past. Broken confessions from a truly penitent heart are the offerings acceptable and pleasing to God. As these themes were enlarged, hardly a seat in the fully-filled chapel was occupied by one who in his heart felt glad that "he was not as other men are."

The great aim was set before us of such an infilling of the Holy Spirit never known as yet to us as a people. And here, the battle really began!

From a study on "Working Faith" we learned that the faithful Seventh-Day Adventist leaves behind the antinomianist when he ceases his struggle against the carnal nature. Conversely, the man who hopes to merit salvation by the works of his own righteousness fails to continue in the path to holiness.

Human and unseen influences creep into the lives of others and by subtleness and deception lure them from the path, and rob them of their crown of Christian experience; but heedless, the faithful carry on, speaking by their lives, the sentiment of Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him."

Doubt has assailed many a good Christian with discouragement and despair. But what pilgrim soldier who has met the

temptation with the promises of his divine Saviour, and with evidences of the sure Word of prophecy has ever turned aside and fallen into darkness?

A refuge, calm and sweet to the Christian, is the haven of earnest, open-hearted prayer to a Father in heaven, with whom lie all the boundless resources of omnipotence.

Meeting by meeting, step by step, we continued studying the Christian's warfare. Daily prayer bands and private petitions supplemented with vital power the inspiration at each assembly.

Will a "driftwood" experience of "respectable tramp" qualification characterize the faithful to the end and the worthy at last? No, indeed! Purpose, aim, and determination surpassing that exhibited by those grasping for an earthly prize will alone suffice the victorious Christian.

Hearts to-day are failing for fear; men and women shudder at the thought of the future. Signs of Christ's coming are fulfilling everywhere. Who then, but the overcoming Christian, can look with broadening hope to the future, looking and longing for that same Jesus to appear?

"Will you be ready when Jesus comes?" This question was asked of an attentive audience, and in the course of that Friday evening meeting, over ninety testified of their desire to be ready now.

The comment was made: "If only parents could be here to hear the words of gratitude, love, faith, and consecration expressed by some of our students." All were deeply stirred and gave themselves to God in a renewed consecration.

Was it the simplicity of the Gospel theme, retold, that made our Week of Prayer a success? Was it the human illustrations so aptly used at every discourse? Was it the whole-hearted co-operation and prayers of our students?

Yes, all this, and more important still, it was God's care for His church, His College, the presence of His Holy Spirit to break, mould, and crystallize the characters of young people into noble workers for His cause.

PETER L. PARKER.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Education Department

Secretary: Pastor E. H. Foster

What Do We Desire For Our Children?

THIS question is not addressed solely to parents and guardians, but to our membership as a whole. In reply, it does not call for a glib expression of sentimental love, but it demands considered thought and an answer supported by sacrificial action rather than vocal declaration.

There is not one thinking member of our constituency who does not want the children of our churches to be given the greatest opportunities, physically, mentally, and spiritually, to develop characters approved of God. We are fortunate in having the "blue-print" of God's plan set before us, but that privilege of enlightenment brings with it an exacting responsibility of effort which we cannot escape.

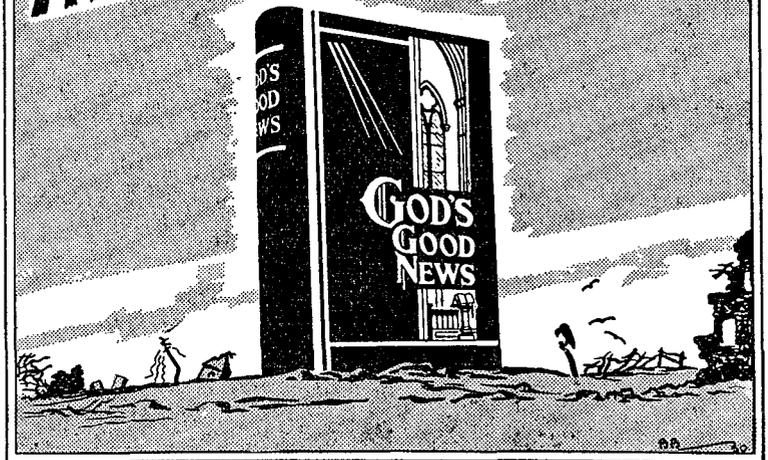
It is undeniable that, ideally, it is God's plan that our children should be instructed in our own schools under the influence of Christian teachers. Are we doing all we can to make that ideal a reality? Or is the enthusiasm of those who pursue this worthy aim misconstrued as fanaticism? Without doubt there are many obstacles in the path of progress toward our educational ideals, but should problems, criticism, and other difficult circumstances cause us to deny the wisdom of God's plan for our children?

Valuable space could be wasted in listing the apparently insurmountable problems, but far more good will be accomplished by adopting an attitude of realistic enthusiasm toward the educational programme which God has outlined and blessed. This will call for vision, energy, and sacrifice on the part of both ministry and congregation.

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arises. It would be greatly appreciated if those who are interested in church school teaching would communicate with the Union Education Secretary stating qualifications, age, experience (if any), etc. This invitation is extended also to those who are still in training, and to those who plan to follow the teaching profession. Who are willing to sacrifice that God's ideal for the education of our children might be realized?

E. H. FOSTER,
Education Secretary, British
Union Conference.

Until the Day Break

WEEDON.—Mrs. Lavinia Weedon fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of August 28, 1950, after some months of suffering, borne with consistent courage. She was seventy-four years of age. In spite of her request for anointing, the Lord saw fit ultimately to lay her aside, leaving us the sadder and poorer, for she rarely missed a meeting. Sister Weedon accepted the message through the faithful labours of the late Miss Chamberlain, who took *Present Truth* to a man who felt that it would appeal more to our sister Pastor Bonney baptized her some six years ago, early in 1944. Truly the faithful colporteur shall reap "after many days." Churchmembers and loved ones were present at the Maidstone Cemetery when our sister was laid gently to rest, it being the writer's privilege to minister and give words of comfort. How mighty are the words that "Our God shall come." May that day soon break for us all, for we are strangers and pilgrims here.

ROBERT WILSON.

MASON.—The South Birmingham church are very sorry to report the passing of dear Sister Margaret Alice Mason, who died on September 15, 1950, at the age of eighty-three years. Sister Mason was connected with this church for forty years, for she was received in by vote in January, 1910, having previously been baptized through the labours of Pastor J. D. Gillatt in 1908. For twenty-three years from 1924 to 1947, she was a faithful treasurer for the church and would have carried on with this duty, but for ill health. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor H. Humphries and Pastor J. Clifford. Our sister was then laid to rest in Brandwood Cemetery on Wednesday, September 20th. She leaves to mourn their loss sons and daughters, one of whom shared with her a love of the message. So another light has gone out, but not before she had kindled many hearts to a love of the truth and left behind her the kindest of memories.

JOAN MANSSELL.

NICHOLSON.—Mrs. J. Nicholson was baptized into the Advent faith on September 12, 1912, so had been a member of the Hull church for many years. She passed away on October 14, 1950. During the past few years of her life, our sister was prevented from attending the church services through ill-health, but her passing was quiet and peaceful, in the presence of her loved ones. Interment was at the Northern Cemetery on October 19th. We extend to those who are left to mourn, our deep sympathy in their great loss.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

MONTGOMERIE.—We are sorry to record the death of Mrs. Ada Montgomerie, of the Stanborough Park church, at the age of sixty years. Sister Montgomerie accepted the third angel's message some thirty years ago through the influence of her father. She was a faithful follower of the Advent faith and just before she died she expressed her faith in the soon coming of our Saviour. She was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery on October 16, 1950, to await her call to an endless life. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer A. K. ARMSTRONG.

BOLTON.—The Gillingham church was shocked to learn of the sudden death during the evening of October 14, 1950, of our beloved brother, Maurice Bolton, for in spite of his eighty-nine years he was regularly present at Sabbath-school until the sickness of his dear wife kept him devotedly by her side. Since her recent recovery we had once more the pleasure of his company, and on the day of his death he seemed so fit and happy that his passing has left us hardly believing that he has gone. Brother Bolton accepted the truth largely through the labours of his dear one and was baptized by Pastor Dorland on July 3, 1931. He was a keen worker to the last and a consistent collector in the Ingathering campaign. A few Sabbaths before his death he remained behind to discuss with the writer how many books he could take for the Tract Campaign. What an inspiration to those who are yet young to share such zeal for the work of God. Our dear brother was laid to rest in the Gillingham Cemetery in the presence of loved ones and churchmembers, it being the writer's privilege to minister both for the father of our church and personally for a loyal and forthright friend. He is survived by his wife, Sister Bolton, his son, Pastor R. Bolton, and his daughter May. On the evening of his death our brother was never in better spirits and entered into the service of the Harvest Festival with obvious pleasure. It was while he was recounting the highlights of the service to his wife upon his return that he virtually collapsed in her arms and within fifteen minutes of his return home he was gone. "Just a little folding of hands to rest, for He giveth His beloved sleep . . . and their works do follow them." ROBERT WILSON.

WILLIAMS.—On Thursday, October 19, 1950, Sister Ruth Williams went peacefully to her rest in Christ Jesus. She was eighty-two years of age. Her life is now hid with Christ in God. Sister Williams accepted the truth during the ministry of Pastor Read in Rhos, North Wales, and she was a faithful member of the Rhos company for about forty-one years, always witnessing for God's truth. The small Rhos, North Wales, and she was a niece in the Sabbath meetings. Her son, daughter, and five grandchildren mourn the loss of a dear, godly mother and grandmother. She was laid to rest in the Rhos Cemetery on Monday, October 23rd. Pastor O. M. Dorland conducted the service and spoke of the great resurrection morning, when friends and loved ones in Christ will be reunited. C. W. KNOWLSON.

STODDART.—The hearts of the members of the Hove church have been made sad at the death of our faithful sister, Mrs. Kate Elizabeth Stoddart. She died on Wednesday morning, October 25, 1950, at the age of seventy-four years, following a very long and trying illness. She now rests in Jesus, and we believe will be raised to life and immortality at His coming. Sister Stoddart accepted the message upward of twenty years ago, under the ministry

of Pastor F. S. Jackson. Three children, a son and two daughters, mourn their loss. The writer officiated at the burial service, which was held in the chapel of the Brighton and Preston Cemetery. F. A. SPEARING.

SLOMAN.—The church at Portsmouth has lost a very faithful member, Miss E. Sloman, aged eighty-five years, who died on October 29, 1950. Our dear sister had been almost blind for a number of years, and totally deaf, yet in spite of these great afflictions was always to be found cheerful and happy in her place at church. The time came when she was no longer able to take care of herself so was taken into a home for the blind, where she was a faithful witness for her Master. Whenever our sister was visited by a church friend, the first thing she would think about was her tithes and offerings and was so happy to hand them to her visitor. Miss Sloman came into the church by vote on May 23, 1923, and was laid to rest in Milton Cemetery, Pastor H. Smith conducting the burial service. We know that our sister will soon rise to eternal life, in that day, when the blind shall see and the deaf shall hear.

CHURCH CLERK.

Gratitude for Healing

SISTER D. WRIGHT of the Stanborough Park church, desires to thank all dear friends for the many prayers offered on her behalf, also for tokens of love in letters, beautiful flowers, etc., sent during her stay in hospital.

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