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As Others See Us

By W. E. READ

IN a recent publication there appeared an interesting comment on what our people give to the cause of God. It is quite refreshing to read at times a carefully written statement of the activities of the Advent people and the part they are playing in giving the message to the world in this generation. The book in question is entitled: *The Economic and Social Environment of the Younger Churches* by J. Merle Davis, and the statement appears on pages 118 and 119 of this publication. It might be mentioned that this particular book was written for the recent Missions Council which was held in India, and which was attended by so many delegates from all parts of the world. The content of the book constituted the basis for the study of certain important matters at that Council. The following are the extracts:

"In many fields the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has organized its church support in a remarkable way round the principle of sacrificial giving. Through this principle they have achieved a higher degree of *per capita* membership giving than any other large denomination. It will be of interest to examine briefly the self-support methods of this church.

"The Harvest Ingathering' is a six-weeks' period during which every churchmember gives all his spare time to selling the literature of the denomination. All profits from sales go to the central fund of the church. A minimum of at least ten hours' service is expected of every member. Each church continues to work until its goal of

sales is reached. One week each year is set aside as 'The Week of Sacrifice.' Each member is asked to dedicate his entire weekly income, whatever the amount, to the church at this time. During what is known as 'Big Week,' special efforts are made by the colporteurs of the denomination, and the profits from the largest day's sale are devoted to the general treasury. Sacrifice is emphasized in the programme of each local church. Sunday-schools(!) in every country are provided with a five-minute missionary programme for every week in the year, consisting of stories of missionary enterprise, letters from different fields, and special missionary hymns and prayers. These programmes are translated into the languages of all churches of this denomination in every field.

"In view of this continuous emphasis upon sacrificial giving it is not surprising to learn that tithing is practised by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church throughout the world. Its importance is constantly stressed in Sunday-school(!) and church services and in the literature of the denomination. Felton estimates that four-fifths of the total membership of this denomination in China are 'tithers.' The various methods used have resulted in an average gift per member in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of about three times that of any other communion. Their average annual gift per member throughout the world is \$20.00 (U.S. currency).

This remarkable record is born of the teaching that not only the person but the possessions of the Christian belong to God and must be freely given to Him. The Seventh-Day Adventists have discovered that the call to sacrificial giving, when attended by definite means of expression and an efficient organization, can enable oriental churches not only to be self-supporting, but, in their turn, to be missionary churches. There is reason to believe that a similar intensive and educational emphasis on the part of other churches would yield similar results."

When we read something like this, we are perhaps inclined to feel proud that we belong to a movement that gives to the cause in this way, but it might be well for us to ask ourselves a few questions. We may be giving more than others, but are we measuring up to God's standard of giving? How is it with our tithes? Are all our churchmembers faithful in this respect? A recent survey of this matter in the home fields of the division elicited the information that about sixty-six per cent of our churchmembers are paying tithe. They contributed about 1,300,000 shillings in 1937. But what about the other thirty-four per cent? If they had paid tithe at the same *per capita* rate as the others, we should have had another 700,000 shillings in tithes alone in our conferences and unions throughout this division. What a wonderful blessing this would have been to the onward march of the Advent message in the home fields!

Then, think again of our Sab-

bath-school offerings. Is every member of the church a member of the Sabbath-school? If not, that means as a general rule that those churchmembers which do not come to Sabbath-school do not contribute any Sabbath-school offerings. According to our statistics there are almost 5,000 of our churchmembers who do not enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath-school. Now if they came and brought their Sabbath-school gifts, and these gifts were at the same rate as those who do come to Sabbath-school, we should have been able to report an increase in our Sabbath-school offerings of between 74,000-76,000

shillings in one year. What wonderful possibilities there are before us, brethren, in this matter of giving to the cause of God! And giving, too, without asking those who do give to give any more. What a responsibility this lays upon the leadership of this cause, upon our ministry, and upon our church officers to see to it that all enjoy the blessings that come from giving to God's work.

May the Lord help us as His people to be faithful and be worthy of these high commendations that are paid to us by others who look on and see what Adventists give to the work of God.

Newbold Missionary College

BY W. G. C. MURDOCH

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE has just completed a very successful school year. The enrolment during the full session was around 120. This is as large a number as we can comfortably accommodate in the school homes. In addition to students from the British Union, there were twenty-eight from overseas, the following countries being represented: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Switzerland. A very encouraging feature of our Overseas Department is the number who were able to complete their course this year. Seven out of the fifteen who were graduated were from countries outside of the British Isles.

The students' summer colporteur work was most encouraging. Twenty-five received full or part scholarship benefits. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign came during the time of the national crisis, yet despite all the political unrest the school raised the sum of £503.

The highest object of all true education is the development of a noble Christian character, and to this end we bend all our energies. The Friday evening testimony meeting, the early morning prayer band, the Sabbath-school, the church service, the chapel hour, and the Week of Prayer have all been a great help to the school, and many have testified to the blessings which have been received.

For some time we have felt the need of an evangelist to be associated with the college, in order to give the young people actual field service while they are in training. This year one of our experienced evangelists has taught a class in the art of soul-winning, and many of the senior students have assisted in the effort which was held in the nearby city of Coventry. The campaign has been very successful and already over fifty are attending the Sabbath meetings. There were about thirty young people in this class and the instruction given has been invaluable to them.

During the year our courses have been reorganized, and many new classes will now be offered. The Secondary School is separated from the Collegiate Department. The programme of the Secondary School, in addition to giving the student a thorough grounding in Bible, is so arranged as to cover the subjects necessary to pass the London Matriculation, and students are being encouraged to take this examination. The Inspector for Secondary Schools appointed by the University of Oxford examined

the scholastic work done in this department and commended it very highly. Experience gained in teaching in the Secondary School has been accepted by Oxford for the Diploma in Education.

Another forward move this year is the beginning of a Department of Education. The two years' course offered is designed to qualify teachers for our church schools and also for the mission field. Such subjects as Educational Psychology, Principles of Education, Methods of Teaching, Class Management, History of Education, and the Philosophy of Christian Education will be offered.

Several have been asking for classes by correspondence in Bible, History, and English, and plans are being laid in collaboration with the Home Study Institute at Washington to begin a Newbold Correspondence College by October 1st. This college will serve the needs of many of our overseas friends who have taken the special courses in English at Newbold during the summer session.

Our Industrial Work has made progress during the year. The sales from the Leather Industry amounted to £919. From our outstanding herd of Ayrshire cows, milk amounting to £1,250 was sold.

A plan has now been prepared to have an Administrative and Classroom unit apart from the college building, thus allowing more dormitory space. The well-built gymnasium and adjoining rooms are at the present time being reconstructed, and there will be seven new classrooms and a commodious chapel. This will greatly add to our facilities.

The educational work at Newbold is onward. We desire to enlarge still more and we hope that many of our young people throughout the Division will plan to come and spend some time in our English College.

Polish Union Training School

BY M. J. OSTAPOWICZ

OUR Mission School in Poland has met some sad experiences during its existence since the opening

day in the autumn of 1927. Because of lack of money it was shut twice, each time for two years,

though for its full run we need only £500 approximately for a school year. We have enough room to accommodate about fifty students, but are unable to accept so many because all the students are poor and in need of support. Also we have only two teachers. We have to struggle with many other problems, especially against the high taxes with which private

boarding schools are overburdened.

This year, with the help of our Lord, we hope to reopen the school even though it be in a very small way. We anticipate starting on October 3rd with twelve to fifteen students. We ask you to remember us in your prayers, that with the help of our great Teacher and Master we may be able to overcome all our difficulties.

The Danish Mission School

BY P. A. CHRISTIANSEN

AT Vejle fjord Højskole we have just finished a very good school year. With regard to the number of students it has been one of the very best, in that about eighty-five students have been in attendance. A good spirit has prevailed, and we have had good co-operation in the different campaigns and meetings pertaining to school life in Adventist schools. Very many students have taken an active part in the J.M.V. work, and a good number have prepared to take part in the convention to be held here in the month of August.

It is always a day of rejoicing when we can baptize students who have given their hearts to God during the winter's work. Nine souls followed their Master and ex-

pressed their desire to lead a Christian life. On such occasions we thank God for the great blessings of a Christian education. What would our denomination be without Christian schools?

Of our graduating class of ten students, eight are still working to pass the State examination, and we hope they will all succeed.

About twenty-three of our students are out in the canvassing work, and we have already heard of their good results. A busy summer lies before us. The school will be filled to the utmost capacity in the month of July with summer guests, and in August we expect to see the largest crowd we have ever had to care for at the school.

The Latvian Mission Seminary

BY E. KLOTIN

THE Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in Latvia is indeed thankful to God for its Mission School. Up until the year 1927, very few of our workers had had the privilege of attending any of our educational institutions, but now sixty-six per cent of our working force have come from our own school in Suschenhof.

In common with most of our schools, we have had many difficulties to meet, but hitherto the Lord has helped us. The leadership of the school has been changed frequently—five times in fifteen years—and the work and prestige of the school has suffered on this account. In spite of this, we have had a good number of students this year. We expected thirty, but enrolled forty-two.

One of the difficult problems we have had to face is that of the teaching staff. Last year two of our teachers had to leave because they were not up to the standard set, and as we could not find qualified teachers anywhere within our ranks we were obliged to employ three non-Adventist teachers for Mathematics, Physics, Music, and Art. We are seeking the Lord's help and laying plans to provide teachers from our own ranks. We have strong hopes of obtaining an Adventist teacher for Mathematics and Physics.

The financial standing of our school this year has been good—much better than in previous years. We have had times when teachers were unable to get their wages, and sometimes the school has had to

close down for a month to enable students to earn the necessary means, but the Lord has always watched over and cared for us.

We are very grateful to God that He has kept our students from harm and danger. They have taken part in all the missionary campaigns, and the school has reached its goal both in the Harvest In-gathering and Big Week campaigns, and in addition the students have given programmes in three of our churches.

This year we have had eleven students in the graduating class, and most of these are capable and gifted young people. A number are taking further training along lines of usefulness.

We are expecting a number of new students in the coming year, some from among our Russian believers. We have living in Latvia about 100,000 Russians and we need to do more for them.

Dear readers and fellow-workers, in your prayers remember the Mission School in Latvia. Pray for our teachers and also for the young people that attend.

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As we go to press the report of Brother Babienco, now at Skodsborg, is that he is steadily improving. They are keeping him there till the end of June. A combination of troubles was too much for Brother Babienco's strength. He had two difficult dental operations, an attack of influenza, an infection of the facial sinuses, and serious stomach trouble, all at once. In Lwow he was ordered into hospital, but there was not a bed for him, so he was taken from the hotel into Brother Schäfer's home where unremitting attention restored his strength sufficiently to enable him to go to Skodsborg. All will join us in prayer that our dear brother may soon be sufficiently restored to take up work again with his normal energy.

THERE are no reports in this issue from Toivonlinna and Ekebyholm. The principals write that they reported so recently, in the May SURVEY, that they cannot so soon add anything to what they then furnished. This year the reports from the East Nordic Union appeared a month later than usual.

W.T.B.

The Estonian Mission School

BY R. VINGLAS

THE Estonian Mission School started its fourth school year in the autumn of 1938 with an enrolment of thirty-six pupils. This number is the highest we are allowed to accept in our school in accordance with government instructions. (Our class-rooms are not large enough to accommodate more.) The majority of the pupils came from Adventist families, but the parents of six were non-Adventists. These six pupils had not been able to enter the State schools, and wished to continue their studies in our school since our programme corresponds with that of the State progymnasium. The experience we had with these pupils has taught us many things. Two of them left before school closed, but the other four stayed on until the end of the school year. The parents of the latter are much satisfied with our school and wish their children to continue studies with us next year.

We had six graduates this spring, four of whom passed part of the necessary State examinations in order to get their official State certificates. Although we teach more subjects, and our pupils have less time for their studies than pupils in other schools, yet they succeeded in their examinations. In the autumn they will be able to sit for examinations in the remaining subjects, and will then receive their State certificates.

The State examinations are

rather difficult, so that usually up to fifty per cent of the examinees fail. We are happy to report that our pupils showed good knowledge of their subjects, and members of the examination committee have expressed their opinion that our school belongs to the best of the private schools.

During the second term our school was visited by the State Inspector, and he was satisfied with our work.

We feel God has helped us dur-

ing the whole year, and we hope with His help to come to the place where our school is recognized by the State as equivalent to its own schools, so that our graduates may have the same rights as theirs, and will not then have to sit for State examinations.

We have also felt God's help spiritually. Two of our pupils were baptized this year. All took part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign with enthusiasm, even those who had not been acquainted with our work before. We trust that God will help us to make our school a benefit to our young people and a blessing to the whole work of the Estonian Conference.

The Finnish Conference

BY W. T. BARTLETT

THE Finnish Conference was held this year in Tammerfors. The largest hall in the city was engaged, seating some 600 people, but it was almost full at the first meeting. On Sabbath there was an attendance of 700. The Sabbath-school collection was over 10,000 Finnish Marks. Each morning special services were held for the youth in our own church building, conducted by Brother D. A. Ochs and Brother Lindsay. This building was also inadequate to seat the young people who came.

The reports indicated progress and a growing spirit of consecration on the part of the people. The Harvest Ingathering goal was

again advanced. A special feature of this annual meeting was that it celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the conference organization. At that first meeting there were eight Finns and twenty-six Swedes present. Brother Soisalo, now serving as president, makes the seventh leader in the history of the conference. There were present at the anniversary service, sitting on the platform, fifteen persons who had taken part in the original organization.

The work goes slowly in Finland. There are few large cities, so that much of the work has to be done in the rural areas, where the influence of the local priest is supreme. As the workers gave their reports, we heard again and again of their being compelled to vacate halls they had hired, through clerical opposition, and of large initial attendances cut down considerably as it was made known that the preacher was an Adventist. However, there is a steady gain. The statistical reports were given in graphic fashion by diagrams, and these showed a consistent upward trend. One of the workers recalled a story told by Brother Lindsay of a priest who, going into the homes of his parishioners, found a copy of the Harvest Ingathering magazine in every house. "How many workers have you in this place?" he asked



Teachers and students of the Estonian Mission School.

an Adventist, meaning, How many priests? The Adventist, thinking of the church membership, answered "Seventy." "I thought so," said the priest. "The Adventists must have an enormous army of preachers to carry on the work they are doing."

One of the churchmembers told of an experience in Harvest Ingathering. A gentleman took a paper from him very reluctantly, and almost as soon as he had done so, his wife appeared on the scene. She said to her husband: "You have bought another of those papers," took it up, and put it into the stove. The following year the worker debated with himself whether he should call at that house again. His mind recalled the text about casting "pearls before swine." However, he finally decided that it was not right to be discouraged, and that it was his duty to call. He did so, and met an unfriendly reception. The same gentleman saw him again and said it was a Jewish movement. The brother proceeded to tell him about the real character of our work, and while he was talking the lady came into the room and listened. As they spoke together, tears came into her eyes. The interview ended in a spirit of friendliness, and the couple ordered a copy of Brother Christian's book, *Sowing and Reaping*.

One of our active members once took a prominent part in the struggle between the Reds and the Whites that followed the Great War. He was one of the most fearless and merciless actors in the struggle. Now he is even more zealous in the cause of the message.

Another brother came into the truth by a remarkable providence. In the fighting times he was carrying a Bible in his pocket, and this stopped a bullet from entering his body. At the place where the bullet rested, the man's eye found a passage of scripture that deeply impressed him. The truth came to him and he accepted it. Now he is the elder of one of our churches.

Throughout, the conference was a time of rich blessing, and all felt that the Lord had indeed been present with His children.

Annual Meetings in Poland

BY W. T. BARTLETT

OUR people in Poland are naturally feeling the influence of the uncertain political situation, and this seemed to intensify the earnest spirit of those who were present at the West and South Polish conferences. The former was held in Bydgoszcz in our own chapel, which was so long the subject of legal contention in the courts. At that time we lost a number of members through a separatist movement, but this year we had the joy of welcoming back two who formerly took an active part in the contest.

The hall was filled throughout. God had blessed Brother Gomola and his co-workers. Brother D. A. Ochs from the General Conference was with us, also his wife; his preaching in German was keenly appreciated. We expected Brother Babienko, but a message came during the meeting to say that he was sick in Lithuania. There were no business proceedings this year beyond reports from the workers, so the time was given to Bible study, prayer, and instruction in departmental lines. The Polish school is being reopened in the autumn under the care of Brethren Ostopowicz and Kluth (both recently back from Newbold), and in spite of the menacing situation it is expected that twelve to fifteen students will be in attendance.

Following the conference the workers spent a day together, part of which was taken up with an examination on church history. Throughout Poland the workers engage every year in the study of a selected book, and when opportunity offers an examination is held.

During the conference there was the usual song feast conducted by the young people, concluded by a collection for M.V. funds.

At Lwow the South Polish Conference [Brother Schäfer, president] met in a large Jewish hall which provided a pleasant and convenient temporary home. It was a holiday week-end, so the conference was extended to four days. There was a good attendance from the beginning to the close.

The conference was an inspiring

one. God had blessed the workers. Brother Maschak, at one time connected with the school, is now doing evangelistic work among the Ukrainians, and it was encouraging to see how many had been won for the truth in consequence. Some university students who embraced the truth about three years ago are holding fast and working for others. One of our promising younger workers had been for years in training to be a priest. God is causing the message to reach people of influence in this field.

There was a specially good musical programme rendered by the well-trained young people. It was a pleasant sight to see so many bright youth in this conference. The prospect for the future is most encouraging.

Brother Babienko arrived from Lithuania, but unfortunately was not able to preach more than once. He was suffering from a number of troubles that came together. It was thought advisable for him to go into hospital at Lwow before he could travel again.

Brother J. Borody recently succeeded Brother Kruk as departmental secretary, and throws himself into the work with great enthusiasm.

About ten young people are planning to attend the M.V. Congress from Poland, but it is difficult to get permits these days. A month's camp for children has been held in Silesia, and another camp is planned at Danilow. These camps have brought rich help to the young who were present.

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WHILE in Finland it was a pleasure to visit the Paivola Sanitarium conducted by Dr. Sucksdorff and a large Adventist staff of workers, in a set of buildings devoted to this purpose by the owner, who is well pleased with what is being accomplished. There was only one bed vacant. For beauty of situation Paivola approaches Hultafors. It is one hour by autobus from Helsingfors.

W.T.B.

Report of the Northern European Division

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath- Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
N. E. Division							15										
Baltic Union	1	88	31	35	24	-14	5,290	67	25	105	5,548	4,170	\$	2,778.60	0.09	510.82	3.68
British	2	90	34	36	31	-38	5,883	128	72	167	5,928	4,396	\$	35,369.90	0.48	6,459.35	
E.Nordic "	3	98	12	93	20	-101	5,209	67	86	188	4,824	4,041	\$	17,525.10	0.26	3,771.37	
Polish	4	161	15	20	18	-33	4,235	61	37	186	5,058	3,486	\$	5,637.20	0.13	1,174.52	
W.Nordic "	5	141	18	47	26	-75	6,893	60	61	173	6,134	4,694	\$	24,087.90	0.27	4,755.85	2.80
Union Totals	578	110	231	119	-261	27,510	398	281	819	27,492	20,787	\$	85,398.70	0.28	16,671.91	6.48	
French Equa. Miss.	6	1	4	...	...	4	29	8	...	3	158	172	\$	N	O		
Gold Coast Union	7	12	4	...	...	...	1,096	45	1	73	3,837	2,737	\$				
Kenya	8	37	27	79	8	-44	5,472	277	7	251	14,770	13,433	\$				
Liberian Mission	9	2		No Report	...	...	92	14	...	22	358	361	\$				
Nigerian Union	10	27	136	6	4	128	2,589	133	8	173	15,433	12,002	\$				
Sierra Leone Miss.	11	13	...	...	...	...	501	27	...	30	1,448	1,164	\$				
Upper Nile Union	12	3	...	3	2	-5	406	40	9	41	1,018	709	\$				
Mission Totals	95	171	92	14	83	10,185	544	25	593	37,017	30,578	\$					
Grand Totals	673	281	323	133	-178	37,695	942	306	1,412	64,509	51,365	\$	85,398.70	0.28	16,671.91	6.48	

Harvest Ingathering

BY G. E. NORD

THE time since our last Harvest Ingathering Campaign has quickly passed by, and all have been busy planning and working and harnessing forces in our churches far and near, extending the work and reaching out for souls. God surely will fulfil His promise: "I will hasten My word to perform it." Jer. 1:12. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud: . . . so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11.

We have all reason to believe that a large harvest of souls will be gathered in as a result of these united efforts, and the faithful co-operation of workers, church leaders, and members.

The time for our annual meetings and Harvest Ingathering campaign is fast approaching. The date of the latter is about the same as last year in most parts of our Division, and while a good many churches and individual ingatherers have already started, the rallying call will be sounded in most of the churches throughout our Division on Sabbath, August 26th.

Some promotion material for the

Rally Day programme has been sent out to the various fields, but we count on the hearty co-operation of every leader throughout the field to add his personal touch and inspiration to the material we have provided.

As workers and leaders it is our great privilege and sacred duty to lead out in a strong way, setting high personal goals and reaching them. Nothing else will give greater confidence, faith, and courage to our loyal members. The leaders took the lead in Israel, and the people "willingly offered themselves." Judges 5:2.

The wonderful success that marked our last year's Ingathering effort, and the short time in which it was done, brought gladness to all our hearts. We greatly appreciate and admire the noble efforts put forth by our workers and leaders in our unions, conferences, churches, and institutions, many of whom last year reached as a personal goal anywhere from 600 to 2,000 kroner or shillings. But when one shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight (Deut. 32:30), and five shall chase an hundred, and an hundred shall put ten thousand to flight (Lev. 26:8), what might not be accomplished by God and all His willing people? The promise to Israel of old surely still holds good.

We want the hundreds, the thousands, and the tens of thousands, yes, all of our members enlisted, trained, and marshalled to the work, keeping at it until the victory is won. When the leaders lead, the people will be at their command. May the Lord impart to one and all in this year's campaign, as in the last, the same spirit of devotion, and if possible even greater courage, speed, and enthusiasm in reaching our 1939 goal and going beyond it.

Last year there was raised throughout the world field about five million shillings, of which 500,351 shillings were raised in the Northern European Division. A much-needed overflow of 85,571 shillings above our goal was realized, and in the shortest time. These encouraging results should be an inspiration to us to do a much greater work in an even shorter time this year, as the demands for men and means have become greater. We wish you, each leader and worker, Heaven's richest blessing in your many duties. We thank you in anticipation for your whole-hearted co-operation in the coming Ingathering Campaign.

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BRETHREN E. D. DICK and Steen Rasmussen, now in Europe on General Conference business, are attending the two Norway conferences. Brother L. H. Christian recently passed through Edgware on a flying visit.

for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1939

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous Offerings	Week of Sacrifice	Young People's Offerings	Other Gifts	Big Week	Total Offerings	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contribu- tions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contribu- tions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30.10	11.71	.....	5.43	4.38	.....	1.31	567.43	0.02	20.4	87.48	262.68	2,881.60
123.46	35.30	121.75	105.15	154.05	.....	10.11	7,009.17	0.10	19.8	264.38	5,386.06	18,918.35
506.66	67.68	72.58	527.68	38.72	1.24	534.21	5,520.14	0.08	31.5	3,450.44	1,542.07	16,512.79
7.21	17.04	16.86	0.28	22.50	.....	121.33	1,359.74	0.03	24.1	53.73	332.89	2,706.05
627.02	161.26	55.58	43.45	43.19	.....	1,010.26	6,699.41	0.07	27.8	657.59	1,123.70	19,720.66
1,294.45	292.99	266.77	681.99	262.84	1.24	1,677.22	21,155.89	0.07	24.8	4,513.62	8,647.40	60,839.45
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.....	284.37
.....	312.17
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.....	1,712.70
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.....	290.19
.....	2,599.43
1,294.45	292.99	266.77	681.99	262.84	1.24	1,677.22	21,155.89	0.07	24.8	4,513.62	8,647.40	63,438.88

Our Duty to the Children

BY J. I. ROBISON

JESUS the Master Teacher was a lover of children. He always treated them with kindness and respect, and we are told that teachers to-day should follow His example. (*"Counsels to Teachers,"* page 175.) In Mark's gospel we read that "they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. . . . And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

"In His work as a public teacher, Christ never lost sight of the children. When wearied with the bustle and confusion of the crowded city, tired of contact with crafty and hypocritical men, His spirit found rest and peace in the society of innocent little children. His presence never repelled them. His large heart of love could comprehend their trials and necessities, and find happiness in their simple joys; and He took them in His arms and blessed them.

"In these children who were brought in contact with Him, Jesus saw the future men and women who should be heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom, and

some of whom would become martyrs for His sake. He knew that these children would listen to Him and accept Him as their Redeemer far more readily than would the grown people, many of whom were worldly-wise and hard-hearted. In His teaching He came down to their level. He, the Majesty of heaven, did not disdain to answer their questions, and simplify His important lessons to meet their childish understanding. He planted in their expanding minds the seeds of truth which in after years would spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* pages 179, 180.

We have also the statement of the Master uttered to Peter after His resurrection, which was really a commission to all the disciples as they were taking up their public ministry. You remember the story. Jesus had asked His disciples to dine with Him, and after "they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My lambs." John 21:15. The Gospel commission includes work for the children, and our church schools have been ordained of God to accomplish this work and to save our children.

Sometimes I fear that we have

failed to realize the importance of church schools as havens of refuge for the lambs of the flock. Like the people of Israel in the days of Jeremiah, we too often have forsaken the Lord, "the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2:13. And with what tragic results! We read further that the "nobles" of Israel "sent their little ones to the waters," that is to these broken cisterns, or "pits." What did they find? It says "They found no water; . . . they covered their heads." Jer. 14:3. Sad indeed is the picture! The "little ones," sons and daughters of the "nobles" of Israel, were sent to the "broken cisterns" of this world for the "living water," but returned in confusion with empty vessels ashamed and confounded. How true a picture this is of thousands of the little ones of the Advent movement, some children of the nobles, who daily are sitting at the feet of teachers who know nothing of this glorious truth. There they drink from "broken cisterns," the polluted waters of this world's knowledge, which can never prepare them for an entrance into that land where they will drink of the water of the river of life and eat of the fruit of the tree of life.

I feel that as educational workers we have a responsibility toward the "little ones" of modern Israel who are trying to find the living water in the broken cisterns of

worldly education. So with Jeremiah I ask, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Jer. 13:20. Where are the hundreds of children that have been given us to train for God? In a few short years will they be ready to pass on from our church schools to our training colleges, having drunk of the living water under Christian teachers, or will they return with vessels empty, ashamed and confounded, and, as a result, turn their faces from this movement and go out into the world as so many hundreds have done in the past?

As Christian teachers I trust we will realize that we have a responsibility also to all the children of the church even though they are not in our schools. As true Christian educators we should not be satisfied with the few score children now under our instruction, but we should raise our voices in Zion to warn Israel of the danger that the church is facing if the education of her children is neglected.

Teachers have the nicest work that has ever been entrusted to mortals, that of taking the plastic minds of innocent children and moulding them into vessels meet for the Master's use. They are dealing with the children in their character-forming days. The little ones from six to fourteen are forming habits and developing characters that will mould their future destiny even for eternity. This is by far the most important period of a child's life. The teacher who has largely the directing of their destiny in her hands, should see in the children under her care children of the King. Some in the near future to be workers in this cause, possibly called into foreign service, others maybe to suffer for the Master behind prison bars or in concentration camps, but in all of them we should see heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom which is so soon to be established.

"As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord' (Mark 11:9), so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see

that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up.

"Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. . . . Let the children be educated and trained to do service for God; for they are the Lord's heritage."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, pages 193-203.*



Pastor F. W. Goodall, Departmental Secretary of the British Union Conference, who passed away on May 28, 1939.

A FAITHFUL LABOURER AT REST

PASTOR F. W. GOODALL, who had been ill for several months, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 1939, at Stanborough Park. Brother Goodall accepted the truth over thirty years ago in Birmingham under the labours of Elder McCord. He was connected with our organized work for about twenty years, and served first of all as treasurer in one of the conferences, and later as conference departmental secretary. The last few years, however, he carried the departmental work in the Union and rendered very acceptable service. We extend to his wife and two daughters, aged mother, and other relatives, our Christian sympathy in this hour of bereavement. We shall certainly miss his cheery association, for, through the years, we learned to value him as an excellent worker and a faithful servant of God.

W. E. READ.

Editorial Notes

FOR the present, at least, Brother J. Harker, former Departmental Secretary in the British Union, is filling the place made vacant by Brother Goodall's lamented death. Both men have served this Union very strongly in departmental lines, being, as everybody realized who had to do with them, specially equipped for such service.

Brother Goodall's death means a loss not only to the Union but also to the Division. I can speak personally for the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath-School departments. It was very helpful to discuss plans and ideas with him. He was keen for progress, a master of details, and threw himself enthusiastically into every forward effort. He was at home among young people, being young-hearted himself, and they trusted and loved him. There was always a sparkling quality about his utterances that appealed to his audience, and withal a practical wisdom that made his words really helpful. In organizing he was patient and thorough, not sparing himself in labour. I was relying heavily on his help in our coming M.V. Congress, and it will be a matter of sincere regret to me that we shall not have his inspiring presence and ready counsel on that occasion.

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BROTHER WORSLEY ARMSTRONG, of the Central Kenya Mission, was ordered home this spring for urgent surgical attention, as a trouble from which he has long been suffering was threatening dangerous developments. He has been operated on once, and is now making a good recovery. The surgeon is hopeful that he may be able to return to his work in better health than ever.

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