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This Year's Challenge

By J. Ernest Edwards

Probation's running out for Bible prophecies are rapidly being fulfilled. The last chapter of this world's history is being written. In this final moment of time, we should double our diligence. CS pages 51, 79; 9T 11, 25.

Truly as Jesus stated seven times in John 16, "in a little while" ye shall see me. A sense of urgency impels us on to overflow Ingathering victory.

In the greatest single Missionary enterprise in Northern Europe, and its mission fields, many thousands of contacts are made each year. We follow the counsel of Judges 7:9 by "getting down to the host," knowing that our visits result in winning souls. Each year scores of new converts attribute their acceptance of truth to Ingathering contacts and Bible evangelism in the home which follows.

When we ingather we support thousands of workers in their evangelistic ministry. We also demonstrate mission loyalty by sponsoring the 241 new missionaries and the 144 returning workers sent overseas in 1957 as our representatives. What were the results in 1957 of our evangelistic programme? 84,305 baptisms, daily average 231.

Here is an example of soul-winning by proxy — our boat missionaries on these seven South American rivers: The Amazon, Sao Francisco, Manues, Parana, Ramos, Parnaiba and Araguaya. During a six-month period these medical missionaries distributed some 17,000 pieces of literature, gave 303 Bible studies, and held 311 religious meetings

A radiant smile of health and happiness instead of the cold mask of death—made possible by the ministry of skilled nurses and doctors.



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"The members (of the church)
are to find their happiness in the happiness
of those whom they help and bless."



Acts of the Apostles, page 12 — E. G. White.

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attended by 21,000. They treated 23,671 patients for malaria, parasites, amoeba, ulcers and other diseases; and conducted classes in health education, food preparation, and child training. These medical boat crews work under lonely, sultry, tropical conditions as our representatives. As a result of their work 117 were baptized, four new Sabbath schools, and three new church schools were organized. In the Ingathering crusade we are partners in soulwinning. Souls are being won by PROXY as Minute Man goals are raised to support dedicated and devoted evangelists and pastors.

Have you been told that twenty dark countries have had no evangelistic contact with any Seventh-Day Adventist colporteur, teacher, nurse or missionary? (Listed in 1958 Year Book, pages 304-307.) These twenty countries can be entered if Missions and churches go beyond last year's Ingathering record.

Did you know that ten million people a year are learning to read? Millions want the Bible. Our message should be in the hands of these new literates. Should we not give God a chance to transform their lives by supplying them literature?

Have you heard that between seven and eight million lepers today cry out for help? Seventh-Day Adventists are first in East Africa to do out-dispensary leper work. Our mission doctors direct leper colonies in South, West, and East Africa, Bechuanaland, Kenya, the Belgian Congo, Portuguese West Africa, and New Guinea. In addition fifteen of our hospitals provide treatment for lepers, seven in Africa, four in Asia — India, Pakistan and Burma, three in the Far East — Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, and one in South America — Brazil. Medicine, a year's supply of sulphone tablets (six tablets of 100 mgs per week) cost £9. 0. 0. per

year. Treatment lasts from eighteen months to five years, depending upon disease's progress.

The Bible teaches that all Christians, great or small, clever or ordinary, the obscure or heralded, will share alike if faithful at their post of duty. (1 Samuel 30:24.) The young or aged, the sick or well, the one talent or many talented persons, unable to go as missionaries, can "stay-by-the-stuff" here — daily praying for our gospel workers in heathen lands — witnessing for the truth by seven-day Christian living, performing Ingathering exploits for the Cause.

Remember you share equally in the glorious triumphs of the cross by faithful "stay-by-the-stuff" service. Recall the inspired statement, "The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to every one whose heart Christ has touched." — *Education*, page 262.

"You can't imagine what I've been doing today!" The speaker was seventy-five years old, almost blind with cataracts and not too well. "I've been Ingathering! They didn't assign me any territory or give me any material. I guess they think I'm too old. Even though I am not well, my spirit is strong." Raising a clinched fist this faithful member exclaimed, "How can I stop now, when the end is so near and the need is so great?"

This spirit will make the 1959 Ingathering crusade the most successful in homes contacted, funds raised, and souls won.

Accept the challenge of the twenty unentered countries. Support missionaries by your Ingathering exploits. Make missionary contacts in your country. Respond to the urgent calls to "send nurses and teachers before we all die!" Give second-mile service to God. Say earnestly, "Lord, you can count on me. You can depend on my

SERVING TODAY."

WEST AFRICAN ADVENT MESSENGER

HELP US ~ TO HELP OTHERS

By M. T. Battle,
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We are nearing the season of the year when every Seventh-Day Adventist has the privilege of taking an active part in the *chief objective* of the Seventh-Day Adventist church — soul-winning. One of the most effective plans for reaching unbelievers is the Ingathering campaign. Many of those not of our faith have been made acquainted with the progress of the Seventh-Day Adventist church and its uplift work, through this method, and their sympathies have been aroused; thus many have sought to learn more of the Truth.

Every worker, church officer and member in the West African Union Mission territory should enter wholeheartedly into this grand soul winning project. In regards to the returns from the project we have this quotation from the pen of inspiration:

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favours as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves

upon them to give in behalf of His cause." — *Southern Watchman*, March 15, 1904, as quoted in *Christian Service*, E. G. White, page 168.

Success has been assured each of us as we put into operation this plan of presenting present Truth as well as receiving funds for advancing the cause of God. As we enter into this project, let us first consecrate ourselves fully to Him whose name we wish to exalt. We should also pray earnestly in behalf of those whom we expect to visit. God's Spirit can melt and subdue hearts and can cause men and women of all classes to be sympathetic and give of their means for the advancement of His cause.

The following quote from the inspired writings of the church sets forth very clearly the needed admonition to each who will be engaged in this uplift work for humanity:

"To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Ingathering campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience. Let those who have special aptitude for work for unbelievers in the high places as well as in the low places of life. Search diligently for perishing souls. Oh, think of the yearning desire Christ has to bring to His fold again those who have gone astray! Watch for souls as they that must give account. Let us consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message. 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"—MS., *Consecrated Efforts to Reach Unbelievers*, June 5, 1914, as quoted in *Christian Service*, E. G. White, page 169.



Doctors and nurses consecrate their skill to the physical needs of suffering humanity in West Africa.

"On The March"



LIVING in such grand and awful times when the world is turning away from religion, no other job is more important than that of training Christian Workers, and Leaders in all duties and walks of life. Realizing the importance of this phase of Christian work, the Missionary Volunteer Society of Seventh-Day Adventist Mission in Liberia under the energetic and skilful leadership of Mr. H. I. Harding, M.V. Secretary of the Liberian Mission, could now be labelled as on "The Forward March."

When Mr. H. E. Rieseberg, farsighted faculty adviser and leader of the Konola branch of the Society, suggested to the M.V. Secretary a Leadercraft Training Programme to be conducted for the Missionary Volunteer Society plans were immediately worked out. Ten delegates all Master Guides were welcomed to the Konola Academy's beautiful campus, where the week end of the 5th to 7th of June was well spent in the execution of the first programme in West Africa of Seventh-Day Adventist Leadercraft.

The meeting was opened on Friday evening during an impressive and inspiring welcoming Sabbath Vesper, conducted by Professor J. D. Johnson, Principal of Konola Academy, a skilful and enthusiastic educator and Youth's leader. During the vesper service, short speeches of welcome and responses were made by the principal and by Master Guide Charles Moore one of the Leaders of the Konola Society, to which the Mission M.V. Secretary responded in fitting terms. He then introduced the delegates and stated that the purpose for the meeting and programme thus planned, was for the Training of Future Leaders of Youth — which is the most honourable and worthy job for one to engage his time and life.

Sabbath's Activities

Strictly following the schedule, the day's activities opened with Morning Worship then from Sabbath School to the Worship Service. All were present and were reminded, by the never to be forgotten sermon, preached by Pastor L. E. Daniels, President of the Libe-

rian Mission. "Ye Are Not Your Own" 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. Pastor Daniels, in his usual manner brought out spiritual facts for our living in these days of uncertainty in a dark world where sin is rampant, loved and cherished and where man feels he belongs to himself. Exodus 15:17-18 points out that somebody owes. Why? Because we are bought with a price. Pastor Daniels threw the challenge — "We must glorify God," as Jesus pointed out in John 6:38, John 1:34 and John 5:19. Applying these texts and facts from his wide range of experience in evangelism and youth work, he challenged the Youth present with these three statements:

1. Must flee from youthful lusts.
2. Must shun all appearances of evil.
3. Must be an example of the Believers.

The afternoon session started with M. I. Harding, M.V. Secretary addressing the body on the topic "Preparing for Leadership". Giving out clearly the details of the Leadership that count, he enumerated these three basic facts, "Knowing Yourself," "Doing all with Your Might," and "Doing it with Diligence". He further stated that there is no one correct way to lead men and youth. The next speaker was Professor T. W. Cantrell, who speaking on the same topic, pointed out that Leaders are made not born. He also emphasized the facts and requisites of good leadership summarised in these three C's.

1. Control of self and followers.
2. Concern for others. To inspire and win the confidence of followers.
3. Confidence that provides drive and stimulates push in various activities.

Following this there was a parade of Master Guides, Guides, Students and visitors around one block of the compound as a relaxation, with Pastor Daniels leading the parade all sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". After we re-assembled Professor M. I. Harding discussed. "Soul Winning the Ultimate Goal of the M.V. Society." Main points stressed were: Living Faith in God's Reality, Self in his right place, Emotions Controlled and Proclaiming the Advent Message to all the World in this Generation. The second

LIBERIA'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

By S. Reginald Kamara

speaker on this topic pointed out that three things have to happen in order to witness truly for the Master.

1. Complete surrender.
2. Empty self and let the Spirit of God in.
3. Burden for Souls.

Other topics discussed during this session were Group Pathfinder Clubs, Bible Clubs, Bible Readings, Cottage Meetings and Branch Sabbath Schools which are great assets in Soul Winning. As we drew near the close of the Sabbath, we again lifted our hearts in grateful praise for the many blessings we received that day as the M.V. Secretary conducted the evening's devotion. After that a social hour was conducted by one of the Leaders of the Academy. This we all enjoyed and will cherish for a long time.

Sunday Activities

With grateful hearts lifted to the Heavenly Father in songs and in prayer lead by Guide, Nathaniel Gibson Jr., Pastor Daniels then took the floor discussing "How To Preside", or how all meetings are to be conducted. This was enlightening and instructive.

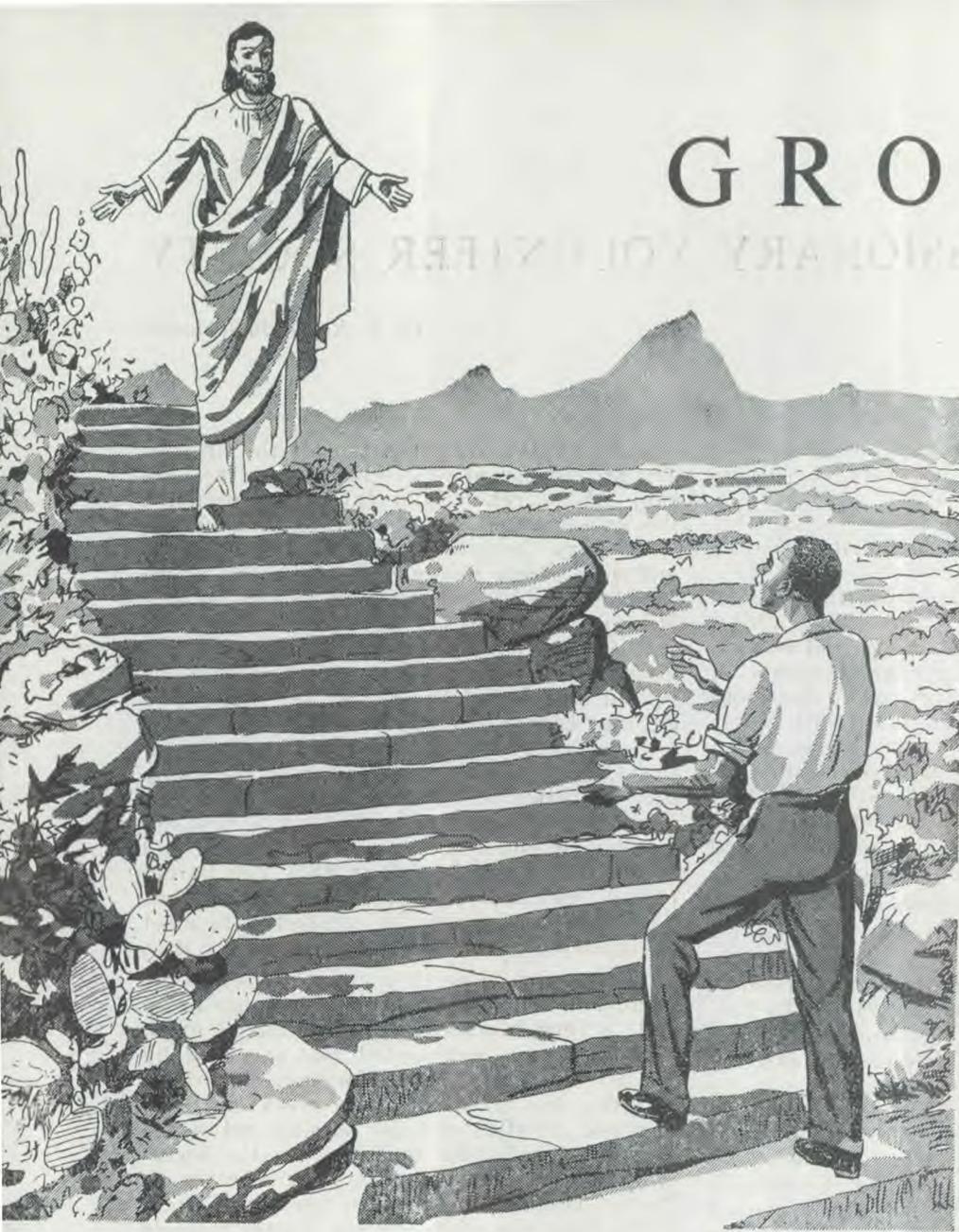
The second period of the day was led by Professor J. D. Johnson who conducted a Speech Laboratory. — "The Art of Good Speaking and Preparing Good Speeches", was well demonstrated. The third period was occupied by Mrs. Johnson, wife of the Principal and a mother of the Mission. She gave us practical demonstrations of what could happen in MV Classes of 40 minutes, in weekly meetings. She further explained how the best social programmes for Youth could be channelled and planned. The fourth period again was again turned over, to this resourceful person, Mrs. Johnson who discussed ways and means whereby youth could be kept engaged in useful adventures in making useful materials such as belts, bags, and leather craft work.

The afternoon session was opened with the song, "Faith of our Fathers" and prayer was offered by Master Guide J. T. Stevens. The speaker of the hour was Professor T. W. Cantrell who gave a very interesting mes-

sage on "Value of Leadership for the Group." The second period was conducted by the Mission MV Secretary who further enlightened the group by giving a brief history of the Missionary Volunteer Society, its purpose and aim which is the training of the youth for Leadership and winning Souls for the Master. Mrs. Johnson again took the floor and discussed temperance, laying special emphasis on honouring Christ in the things we behold, listen to, choose and the places we go; our associates and care for our body. She concluded by introducing the pledge of the Legion of Honour. Professor Riesberg, the Motivator of these activities, spoke on new MV Honours, Nature Clubs and New Vocational honours, such as Horsemanship and Water skiing etc. and how they can be obtained. He laid stress on recreations and how best they are to be conducted to meet the growing demands of youth in our day.

As the day came to a close, to bring the wonderful ten hours of work and play to an end, a very impressive programme to mark this event was enunciated and executed by the MV Secretary, M. I. Harding. He briefly reviewed the activities of the week end, and awarded certificates to 50 persons out of the 75 who attended the meetings. As the Secretary handed the Temporary Certificates to Pastor Daniels, he in turn presented them to the members of the group. Pastor Daniels gave the parting address, followed by speeches made by the Principal of the Academy, Professor J. D. Johnson; Mr. Sando Washington, MV Leader for the Monrovia Society; Miss Elizabeth Hardy, Member of the Monrovia delegates and the final remarks and charge made by the M.V. Secretary. The benediction was offered by Pastor L. E. Daniels.

It would not be wrong to state that these strides of activities by the MV Society in Liberia under the leadership of MV Secretary M. I. Harding, indicate that this Society is surely on the "Forward March" leaving "foot prints on the sands of time" for all Missionary Volunteer Societies within the West African Union.



GROWING

“And Jesus said
unto them,
I am
the bread of life:
he that cometh to me
shall never hunger;
and he that
believeth on me
shall never thirst.”

John 6:35.

THE MOST IMPORTANT question we can consider is this: “Where am I going and where do I intend to spend eternity?” Some of us may be so busy with certain life’s pursuits that we have almost forgotten that we as Seventh-Day Adventists are avowedly on our way to heaven. But I am sure that no one reading this wants to meet death with the devil and his angels in the lake of fire. Surely your purpose and mine is to spend eternity with Jesus and the saints in heaven and in the earth made new, before the very face of our heavenly Father.

But what are you and I doing to prepare for eternity? I do not know you per-

sonally, but I am sure that all of us have spent some time in school. Some of us have spent up to twenty years gaining an education for a profession. That is truly a long time to spend on education. But even after that many years in scholastic preparation for life we shall not be able to use our training for more than thirty-five to forty years, or at the very best fifty years. We may spend many years in preparation for a position in life, but I wonder how much time you and I are spending in preparation for eternity.

Peter admonishes, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” 1 Peter 2:2. In order

A SOUL

BY ARNOLD V. WALLENKAMPF

to live and grow, a baby must eat. And most newborn babies are fed at very short intervals. But in order for you and me to maintain our spiritual life and vitality to develop in grace as we are admonished to do, we must just as necessarily partake of spiritual food, "the sincere milk of the word."

All of us, almost without fail take time to sit down and eat three, or at least two, times a day, irrespective of how busy we are. We must likewise take time to study the Word of God daily, lest our spiritual life be impaired, or entirely die out. If we neglect to nourish our souls or sustain our spiritual life we shall sooner or later reach the point of spiritual listlessness, even as people who have starved for a certain length of time no longer care for physical food. This indifference to physical food, however, is indicative that death is fast approaching, and unless definite measures are taken, death will result.

In the same way our spiritual life will also languish and ultimately die if we desist from feeding on "the sincere milk of the word." "If we would live a true Christian life, the conscience must be quickened by constant contact with the Word of God. All the precious things which God at infinite cost has provided for us will do us no good: they cannot strengthen us and produce spiritual growth unless we appropriate them. We must eat of the Word of God—make it a part of ourselves."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 195.

The apostle Peter writes: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in this world through lust." 2 Peter 1:4. God's plan is that by His Word, we are to become partakers of the divine nature. By fashioning our thinking in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, our characters are to be transformed into the divine similitude.

"The Word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple: he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart

receives the divine similitude."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 391.

"The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the Word of God. This word imparts power: it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature and recreates the soul in the image of God."—*Education*, page 126.

"The Word must be searched in order to purify and prepare those who receive it to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 132.

There is a German proverb that reads, "As he eateth, so is he." Physically, man is composed of what he eats. The digestive organs cannot create; they only digest the food that you and I furnish them. The digestive organs prepare the food so that the nutrients may be carried to all parts of the body by the blood and be absorbed and assimilated as building material and as fuel for energy. The body can only work with what we give it.

An old Scottish adage runs like this: "Every man has lain in his own trencher." The trencher was a large wooden bowl into which the Scots used to put their food. Often the Scots ate oatmeal from the trencher in the form of porridge, or mush, as we call it. Oatmeal bread was also a common food. Both the oatmeal mush and the oatmeal bread constituted common foods of the Scottish people. The Scots raised big men.

The same principle pertains to the spiritual food. The kind of soul that you and I are growing depends upon what we put into our minds. "The Word of God, received into the soul, moulds the thoughts and enters into the development of character."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 391. The mind can only work with what we give it, and the character is formed only in accordance with what the mind meditates on. It is within the power of all of us to choose the topics that are to fill our minds, and thus shape our characters.

Some years ago, I read about a small girl who became ill and had to be taken to the hospital. Under the excellent care she received there, she quickly recuperated. Her
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JESUS, in praying to His Heavenly Father about His disciples, said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:16). They were in the world, but they were not to be part of the world. The reason is evident, and is set down by John in the following passage: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world." (1 John 2:15, 16).

It is clear from this that there are two different ways of living life in this world. These two ways do not mingle in their purposes and plans. They are to be as distinct as day and night, as different as right is from wrong. This is the distinction that is made by John.

There are those who think the distinction is too closely drawn, and that a mingling can be achieved that is not detrimental. To see the lesson distinctly, let us note the lives of two men—an uncle and his nephew, Abraham and Lot.

We find both men at home. Abraham was living in a tent on the plains of Mamre. The Lord appeared to him as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. Abraham was a hospitable man, and seeing a traveller coming toward his home with two attendants, he rose to meet them and bowed before them, inviting them into his home. There he gave them every honour his station afforded—a basin of refreshing water and a well-prepared meal. They accepted the invitation and their presence blessed Abraham's home.

Lot's home also was visited, not in the heat of the day but in the evening. His home was not a tent but a house. Like Abraham, Lot also was a hospitable man, and earnestly invited his guests to come in. He entertained them as royally as did Abraham, but his neighbours were inconsiderate and offensive to his guests.

There were several similarities in the entertainment offered by Abraham and Lot, but there were more differences. Both were supposedly God-fearing homes. But one man by his surroundings confessed that he was a stranger and a pilgrim here on earth. The other was identified as one of the residents of the city of Sodom, whose grip had taken a firm hold on all that he had—his home, his heart, his surroundings. All were of the city, and it would have been difficult to see much contrast between his home and that

THE SEPARATION

By J. W.

"IF THOU WILT GO TO THE LEFT HAND, THEN I WILL GO TO THE RIGHT"



Abraham and Lot's separation

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“IF THOU DEPART TO THE RIGHT HAND, THEN I WILL GO TO THE LEFT”

te (Genesis 13:7-13)

of the neighbours of the city. He was not living the separated life.

Abraham and Lot well represent two types of Christians. Abraham, dwelling in a tent, proclaimed himself to be a pilgrim travelling through this world, making ready for a world to come—a heavenly country in which there is a city whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10, 16). Lot represented the type of Christian living in and for this world. Thinking of bettering himself here, he chose the fertile plains of the Jordan, and so pitched his tent toward Sodom: he soon moved into town and his home and his life became identified with the homes and life of the city.

In Sodom, Lot and his family seem almost completely to have forgotten, or paid no attention to, the principle of not being unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Apparently, Lot had just enough religion to make himself miserable. He couldn't forget all that God had done for him, and his conscience pricked him continually. Peter says of him, in telling us about the overthrow of the wicked city: “And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)” (2 Peter 2:7, 8).

Lot's religion had just enough hold on him that he was unable to give it up, but not enough to make him change his residence. Because of this weakness on his part he lost all that he hoped to gain by moving into the city among ungodly neighbours. Yes, he made money, but he lost it all when he was obliged to flee Sodom to save his life. He made friends, but their friendship was of no value when it came to eternal interests. It offered little even in temporal advantages. When the town was overrun and taken by a band of plunderers, his friends were of no value, for they were taken prisoners with him. His family, which he should have trained for God, became so attached to the city and its life that when he came to urge them to leave with him because of its impending doom, they only laughed at him. He was compelled to leave the majority of them to their fate in the ruined city.

Lot's failure to separate himself and family from the contaminating influences of idol worship and other evils brought about the loss of all that has value. Morally he was weakened. Spiritually he was dwarfed. A terrible loss came to Lot for his failure to live the separated life.

What does it mean to live the separated life? Obviously, the separation is not physical in the sense that one should live the monastic type of existence. We have been placed here in the world. It is our home. It is where we make our living. And more, it is where we make our life and determine our future. Said Jesus, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil" (John 17: 15).

Separation, then, means to separate from everything that is opposed to the will of God; from everything that would lower the tone of our spirituality; from everything that would cripple a godly influence or injure

Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health, acquaintance, but not friends; servants, but not loyalty; days of joy, but not peace or happiness.—*Henrik Ibsen*.

usefulness to God. It means separation from everything that would compromise our witnessing for Christ.

Abraham, we have found, lived a life separated from the world and its associations. Abraham was a happy man. He was recognized in Heaven as being a friend of the things that Heaven was interested in doing. James speaks of him in this way: "Abraham believed God ... and he was called the Friend of God." (James 2:23). Isaiah speaks of him thus: "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend" Isa. 41:8).

Lot was not happy. The best he could do was to be ill at ease. He lacked sufficient religion to leave his old environment, so he stayed and thus kept himself in constant misery.

Would there be anything in your home and mine that would make us uneasy if we were to entertain angels? Suppose they should look through your library. Would you feel embarrassed to have them take up certain books? What would be the expression on their faces as they discovered what you were reading? Where would they find your Bible?

Suppose they should go to the piano and look over the music found there. Suppose the members of the family had their friends in for the evening, and should spend their time as usual, talking, planning, playing, reading, acting. Would you be embarrassed if angels also were your guests?

I am sure that Lot was very much embarrassed by the visit of the angels to his home. He had not separated himself or his home from what was displeasing to God. Perhaps there are some other homes like that now. Yours may be one of them. If so, what are you going to do about it? There is no time like the present to be separate and to live for God.

There are other advantages of having a home dedicated to God, compared with one that has not been so dedicated. Abraham bequeathed to the world a posterity that has blessed mankind more than any other family that ever lived. It was through his family line that Christ was born into the world, and thus the world has been doubly blessed because Abraham saw the importance of having right surroundings for his children and separated them from those who were ungodly and evil.

Compare the two posterities and think for a moment of the posterity that Lot gave to the world. Most of his children were lost in the ruins of Sodom. The two daughters who did escape each became the mother of an illegitimate child. These later established two tribes or nations of people, the Moabites and the Ammonites. Both were idolaters and brought untold sorrow to Israel when God's people were seeking a new home in Palestine. Home influences make a difference and who can doubt that those homes in which the selfish pleasures of the life are not denied will some day reap a harvest as unsatisfactory as that reaped by Lot?

Abraham lived long and well. He died at a good old age, loved and esteemed. He was able to enjoy what he had in this life, and in the life to come he will be permitted to enter and have his family with him. He missed the city of Sodom, but he will enter the Holy City built by God's own hand. Lot gained Sodom for his children, but he lost a much better place for them later.

Would you have your children and friends with you in that better world? Are you willing to pay the price to get there? It will cost much to win heaven, but it will cost far more to lose. Part of the cost of winning heaven is to live the separated life. If you are willing to pay the price, you may have the eternal joys and blessings that will come to those who are prepared to go with Jesus when He comes.

Walk

THE CHRISTIAN WAY



By VIVIENNE SHORT

A genial and sunny smile
A burden lifted for a while,
A conversation without guile,
We walk the Christian way.

Our courage fortified with prayer,
And cultivated with much care,
We shall escape the tempter's snare,
And walk the Christian way.

With cleanliness and industry,
With nicely ordered harmony,
Accept the law that sets you free—
To walk the Christian way.

Resolving to uphold the right,
In Christ resist the tempter's blight,
We'll travel on through earth's dark night,
Upon the Christian way.



News from The Press

Ingathering Leaflet

We have just completed a Forty-Two thousand edition of the 1959 West African Ingathering Leaflet. We believe that this is the best leaflet we have so far produced, both in content, and in quality of production. We pray that with the help of the Holy Spirit our entire membership here in West Africa, may take these leaflets and use them, not only in the collection of much needed funds, but also in drawing lost souls into the Kingdom of God. Look carefully through the leaflet before you start to use it, and let us make our Ingathering a "Christ centred" work this year.

New Heidelberg Cylinder Press

We ask our many friends and all readers of the West African Advent Messenger, to rejoice with us today. We have recently completed the erection of a "brand-new" printing press, here at the Advent Press. This press is a high precision machine, capable of very excellent work, and one of the best attainable in its class. Our service to the field should be greatly enhanced by the installation of this machine. We thank our Heavenly Father for His great goodness towards us, and we would not fail also to thank each and every one of you who has donated gifts to the Mission's Extension's Offerings of previous years. It was from these offerings, and through the kindness of the brethren of the Northern European Division Committee, that this machine has been purchased. Our gratitude goes out to all who have made it possible for us to have this excellent piece of equipment.

The spirit of brotherly love and Christian co-operation here at the Advent Press has never been more manifest than at the present time. Please continue to pray that the publishing work will prosper here in West Africa.

Try "Fair Balancing"

SOMETHING
BAD

SOMETHING
GOOD



By ELIZABETH JUDSON ROBERTS

A FRIEND OF MINE, a good Christian woman, wrote me a letter much of which was a sort of "wail of woe". She was discouraged over the way many members of the church gossiped about one another. She felt that this practice was unchristian and was far short of true godliness.

I wanted to write something to cheer and encourage her, but for some time was at a loss for either words or ideas. I was trying to think of some way that she could help to clear up this general condition. Finally an idea came, so I sent it to her. This is the substance of what I wrote:

"When conversing with a person and he says something derogatory about a mutual friend or acquaintance, why not answer, "That is too bad. Now let's try to think of something nice about that person to balance against this other story."

The talebearer may be struck dumb for a minute, but with smiling tactfulness we might continue, "We all have both good and bad qualities, so it seems only fair now to think of something good about that person, to balance against the other story. That is the way I would like to have people do with me, and I presume you would like to be treated that way also."

I knew it would take both courage and tact to follow out this suggested procedure without giving offence, so I pondered the subject and, meanwhile, began trying out the idea on myself. It worked wonderfully. When I felt put out or hurt by what some-

one had said or done, I tried to think of something nice this same person had said or done to me at another time. Almost miraculously I calmed right down.

So I decided that instead of practising "fair balancing" on others, as I suggested in the letter to my friend, it is far safer and better to try it out on one's self. In order to let others know about the plan you can talk about how you have tried it personally. Tell of it as a new experiment you are making to increase your sense of doing to others as you would like to be done by them. Make it a frequent subject of conversation and tell how interesting you find it. Tell how quickly it changes anger or hurt feelings to an entirely different attitude toward the person in question. Many honest souls will feel the urge to try the plan also, and they will talk to others and discuss its possibilities until it will be widely known.

Much gossip stems from thoughtlessness, the speakers not realizing the effect their words may have on the person of whom they speak and also upon themselves, for the words we speak affect our own character. This "fair balancing" plan makes one think, and will increase our practice of the golden rule given in God's Guidebook. In Matthew 7:12 we are told: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

To practise the golden rule is a long step heavenward; the fair balancing plan can help us on the way.

"WE were Deeply Impressed"

Testimonies from two of our Pastors assisting
Pastor Cleveland's Effort in Accra



E. K. Boateng, Tamale

THE ACCRA EFFORT is among the most significant spiritual campaigns ever conducted in the country since 1894. It was also historic to them who were asked to assist in the meetings because much valuable experience has been gained.

Before the commencement of the meeting on April 12th, the members of the Accra Church, as well as the workers, were instructed by Pastor E. E. Cleveland to fast and pray on every Sabbath as part of the meetings. As a matter of fact, as we fasted the 1st Sabbath preceding the 12th April, as well as distributing some thousands of hand bills, and notices on the streets, in buses and factories, I found that we were in a state of victory.

The opening of the meeting, needed your eyesight, to see how the people were anxious to know the time and the day "When Money will be thrown into the Accra streets and nobody will pick it up". This was the first subject for the whole effort. Success attended every meeting.

The 3rd week was an hour of war, simply because the controversial "Sabbath" sermon was going to be preached. Therefore our prayer and fasting increased to a hundred per cent, so that the congregation might not be discouraged with the Sabbath sermon. In fact the way the Sabbath question was titled, surprised the congregation and everyone was anxious to come and learn "Adam's Mother's Birth Day". That crucial subject was the topic of Pastor E. E. Cleveland's evangelistic lecture at the Baden Powell Centenary Memorial Hall on April 26th.

A pious and expectant atmosphere prevailed in the auditorium, as 1,500 people waited for the sermon. The Preacher (Cleveland) whose witness, generosity and powerful preaching were widely known, used his spiritual and inspirational experience to prove and convince the congregation by the testimony of Scripture and plain and clear grounds of reasons, that the Seventh-Day is still God's Sabbath.

After the sermon, the congregation were conscious of nothing except the blankness of the space about the Sunday worship set

before them. But the Sabbath sermon called them more to a knowledge of God's truth and to the acceptance of His blessed day. And it was clear to them that God was calling them to much greater obedience than had been given heretofore.

At this writing 67 precious souls have accepted the Sabbath and all other truths and have been baptized.

For all workers of God, the commission given to the disciples is given also to us. And so Pastors, Evangelists and Co-workers, "arise, shine, for thy light is come and the Glory of God is risen upon thee."

We must give the truth to the people in every possible place and by all possible means. We will call men to a knowledge of God's truth and to the acceptance of His message for this day.

S. A. Ihemeje, East Nigerian Mission

FOLLOW ME to Baden Powell Centenary Memorial Hall, Accra Ghana. And hear the voice of God speaking to the hearts of men, women and children of West Africa, through His Servant Elder E. E. Cleveland.

This effort has not only brought people of Accra nearer to God, but it brought many changes in my own life as a minister of God.

I extend my personal gratitude to God for His great love on us to send Elder Cleveland in order to speak to the perishing souls in West Africa at this time. Gratitude to the General Conference for having allowed him to come. Gratitude to the Union for having planned for his coming. Gratitude to Elder C. D. Henri for his good leadership, gratitude to my fellow evangelists from Nigeria, Ghana and other parts of West Africa, and members of Accra Church who helped to make the effort a success.

Best of all; gratitude to Elder Cleveland for the wonderful sacrifice he has made to come to West Africa at the right time. We appreciate his good visit. His visit will even remain a blue print in the hearts of the people of West Africa who heard him speak. Let us pray for his long life and prosperity as he serves the Lord and humanity.

GROWING A SOUL

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parents were elated to take her back home. Like most little girls, she had a sweet tooth, and was fond of candy, cake, and other sweets. At home her overindulgent parents too readily complied with her wish for these treats.

Before long, the little girl, living mostly on sweets, was again sick with sores covering her body. She was returned to the hospital. With wholesome food, she again regained her health. As she was sent home this time, the parents were given specific directions as to what she was to eat that she might not suffer a relapse.

For us too it is important that we eat the right kind of food. It is not enough to eat regularly every day, we must eat foods that supply the body with the necessary nutrients for health. In order to do that, it may be necessary not only to eliminate from our diet that which is harmful but also to control our intake of what is good.

Personally I like lemon pie. It is my favourite dessert. Now suppose when I come home for lunch one day, my wife, well aware of my predilection for lemon pie, would have a piece at my place. I would sit down at the table and begin to eat it with gusto, then I would follow inclination and eat not merely one piece but two pieces, possibly even

*The only things you can be sure of
accomplishing are the things you
do today.*

three or four. By the time I had eaten all I could at that meal, I would leave the table and go back to my work.

In the evening when I returned home my wife would have another lemon pie prepared for me. Again I would eat nothing but lemon pie. For breakfast the next morning she would serve me lemon pie again.

Now there is nothing wrong in eating a piece of lemon pie. It is a good dessert and I like it. But if I would limit my diet to lemon pie, meal after meal and day after day, I would soon come to the place where my body would not get all the nutrients essential to health and strength.

Likewise in the spiritual life it is not sufficient to bar from our minds or imaginations that which is harmful; we may also need to eliminate from our mental fare what is good in itself in order that we may get

what is essential to spiritual vigour and health.

Let us take it for granted that you and I read no trashy literature. Everything that we read—whether it be newspapers, magazines, or books—is good and wholesome. Let us further assume that everything we listen to on the radio and see on television is good and wholesome. (I am sorry to say that it is not true of every Seventh-Day Adventist.)

But even though we read, see and listen to only what is good, not even that will enable us to build souls for the kingdom of God. We must eliminate certain good activities of life in order to obtain mental food on which we can grow souls for the kingdom. "As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God."—*Ibid.*, page 390. We must leave out some activities or pastimes from our daily programme that are merely good in order to find time for the essential—the daily study of the Word of God.

Both you and I plan to be in the kingdom of God, but in order to fit into heavenly society, we must *take now time* to study the Bible.

Some of us are growing house plants in our homes. If we wanted to destroy these plants, we might smash them on the concrete driveway. But there is a much simpler way of achieving the same end. Just neglect them for a few days or a few weeks, and they will wither and die.

The same is true of losing heaven. We do not need to commit serious crimes or indulge in "surfeiting and drunkenness" to lose eternal life. We only need to neglect feeding and meditating on the Word of God. By letting the multitudinous cares of this life keep us from receiving strength from above, we shall just as surely, even though more gradually, commit spiritual suicide. Remember, to grow a soul for heaven demands time and care.

Friend, where are you going? Where are you planning to spend eternity? In as much as it is your intention to spend eternity in heaven, then do not let anything or anyone cheat you out of it. Do not let Satan with his clever devices and interesting allurements—on television or elsewhere—keep you so occupied that you forget your destination and find no time to grow a soul.

Satan is today bidding for souls on the auction block of life. He is bidding for your soul; he is bidding for mine. Are you and I selling out or are we making our "calling and election sure"? Even now Jesus is pleading. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Matthew 26:41.



News Notes

Ordination Service

On Tuesday evening the 3rd of February our membership gathered in the Oke Bola Church, Ibadan to witness the ordination of three evangelists to the Gospel Ministry. It was inspiring to those present to see these men set apart to fulfil the great Commission, "Go Ye Into All The World And Preach The Gospel."

Pastor N. B. Nielsen gave the address, a message to the membership as well as to the candidates for ordination. The consecration service followed as Pastor D. Hughes offered the consecration prayer, Pastor H. J. Welch gave the charge and Pastor J. A. Adeogun welcomed the new Pastors into the group as well as the responsibilities of greater service for the Master. Others having part in the service were Pastors J. M. A. Adeoye, J. A. Makinde and G. M. Ellstrom.

We wish these three new ordained Pastors : D. K. Omoleye, and J. D. Owolabi of the West Nigerian Mission, and A. T. Dogo of the Voice of Prophecy, God's richest blessing as they go forth charged with greater responsibilities in this most important work for humanity, the saving of men for the Kingdom of God.

Sierra Leone Leaders Hold Efforts in Bo Church

A letter received from A. M. Moyer, President of the Sierra Leone Mission tells us of an Evangelistic effort which began Sunday night, May 31 in the new church at Bo. Meetings are being held three nights each week. Brother Moyer has associated with him in this effort the following Sierra Leone Workers : J. L. C. Muderspach, J. A. T. Fo-

fano and M. S. Green. We are sure that God will bless them to the winning of many souls. We greatly appreciate the efforts being made throughout the Union to "Let the Light Shine in 1959". We are certain that this will prove to be by far the greatest year in soul winning in the history of the West African Union. Mission leaders are not only promoting Evangelism, but setting a fine example in holding efforts themselves or actively assisting in such efforts. God will bless that kind of leadership.

Howard J. Welch

✘ On 20th July, 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ola Harker Dare were blessed with a son. Brother Dare of West Nigeria has just completed his Junior year at Newbold Missionary College.

✘ Pastor and Mrs. Maurice Battle and family, the new Home Missionary Secretary for the West African Union, arrived in Accra on August 14 after spending six months in the U.S.A. on furlough.

✘ Brother John Muderspach, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Sierra Leone Mission, has arrived in Kumasi to take up the responsibility of the secretary-treasurer of the Ghana Mission.

✘ Mr. S. Adusei-Poku, recently appointed a teacher at Bekwai, has been granted a free air ticket by the Ghana Insurance Company to New York, U.S.A. Mr. Poku, a graduate of the University College of Ghana, has been offered a one-year scholarship by the New York School of Social Research.



✘ On the 22nd day of February, 1959, our hearts were saddened by the loss of one of our faithful evangelists through death. Mr. L. P. Bolarin began his work with the Mission in 1927. Since then he has laboured in many places throughout West Nigeria, always willing to go where the Field Committee requested his services. He passed away at Ife after several weeks of illness. The burial service took place on the 23rd of February 1959, at Ipoti, his home town, where he rests in the Church compound to await the call of the Lord Jesus. The funeral service was conducted by Pastors J. M. A. Adeoye, J. A. Olomjobi and G. M. Ellstrom. Left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father are : his wife, Mrs. F. A. Bolarinde, four daughters; Juliana Aleshinloye now in England, Ruth, Elizabeth and Rebekah, plus a host of relatives and friends. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved in this time of sorrow.

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at a gathering of all the assisting
Pastors and Union Workers in Accra
on May 16th, 1959



ON BEHALF OF the Ghana Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists. I take this opportunity, Elder E. E. Cleveland, to thank you most heartily for your self-denial, hardwork and sacrifice in conducting this memorable Campaign in Accra, the seat of the Government of Ghana.

With your undaunted spirit which knows no defeat, you have led the church here through the power of the Holy Spirit, to this glorious victory in this gospel-hardened town. We have learnt the lesson, and properly so, that there is nothing too hard for the Lord to achieve through His consecrated servants.

The memory of your work will forever remain not only in the minds of the believers, but through out this town; for the main talk of the town (people) during these past weeks is, "Pastor Cleveland and his lectures."

The name of the church of God here in Accra has been elevated, honoured and lifted higher and set up in her proper place as the light of the world. You have done your duty faithfully; you have won the confidence of the masses. You have not only spoken to the heart but you have also brought the Lord to the people. The simpleton did not stumble, neither did the learned find fault.

You have faithfully sown the seed and the 100 (Hundred) souls who have indicated their desire to follow the Lord through baptism and church membership are the first fruits of your earnest labours. Only eternity will reveal the full worth of your efforts, when your converts will stand before the throne of God, clad in white, and will say, "it is you who led us to Christ that we are here today."

I want to assure you, Pastor, that we have deeply appreciated your services and though we do not have a reward to give you now, what earthly reward will surpass the many stars in your crown. "Let the work of his hands praise him."

We pray that the Heavenly Father may give you health and strength and greater power and greater measure of His Spirit to achieve greater work for Him. May He use you mightily in His vine-yard for the salvation and preparation of numerous souls for His kingdom.

May He grant you travelling mercies as you return home. We will pray for you. Remember us too in your prayers. We hope to see you again. Please, Pastor, come again.