

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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THE INSPIRATION OF GRADUATION

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AFTER several weeks of careful preparation, Graduation flashed by during the week-end of May 28th to 30th. The weather as usual figured prominently in our thinking. Heavy showers came on Friday and Sabbath, but on Sunday clouds gradually gave way for the sun to shine on the happy graduates.

The rhododendrons along the main drive have become inseparably linked with Graduation. This year they have been more individualistic than usual. The deep reds blossomed early in May, but some of the main bushes awaiting the congenial warmth of summer, somnolently ignored the call of Graduation. However, nature had re-awakened enough beauty to give, in her own inimitable way, a joyous welcome to our visitors, the number of whom exceeded that of previous years. Before the week-end we issued twelve hundred reserved seat tickets for the Sunday service. At this service the marquee, which was larger than last year's, was full.

The services reflected College life in its several aspects. The graduates gave their Class Night pro-

gramme on Friday evening and with customary frankness revealed one another's fortes and foibles, aims and ambitions. The Sabbath school was conducted by the college Sabbath-school officers. At the morning service, valedictory counsel was given by Pastor A. K. Armstrong, an "old boy" of Newbold, who is now the highly esteemed pastor of the Stanborough Park church. He was a student of the College when it opened in London in 1901. In the evening, Pastor E. H. Foster, who now zealously cares for the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments of North England, demonstrated once again his inseparable connection with the College by his heart-to-heart consecration address. Pastor C. R. Bonney, our British Union Radio Secretary and Voice of Prophecy Principal, delivered the Sunday afternoon Graduation address with stirring conviction, basing his theme on the graduates' motto and aim: "Spurred on by Example to Finish the Task."

Twenty-six diplomas were handed out by the Principal, assisted by the Registrar, Dr. P. P. Schuil, to eleven graduates from the men's theological course,



The 1954 Graduates of Newbold Missionary College with the Principal and special Graduation speakers.

to thirteen from the women's theological course, and to two from the teachers' course. The entire congregation joined Pastor O. M. Dorland in prayer as he supplicated for God's special blessing to rest upon these graduates.

Appreciative mention must be made of the vocal help so effectively rendered by Kathleen Joyce of B.B.C. fame, the Newbold Ladies' Trio, the Newbold Ladies' Choir, and the Newbold College Choir. Sincere thanks also to Mr. Llewellyn Meredith who ably officiated at the Hammond organ. And what can we say about Mr. R. W. Scarr our College music teacher, who this year was faculty adviser to the graduates? Cordial thanks and the congratulations he richly deserves. And while we congratulate him on the graduation performances of his choris-

ters, we must also congratulate him on his recent personal success. He has added to his Licentiate'ship of the Royal Academy of Music the Licentiate'ship of the Trinity College, London, the attractive purple and mauve hooded robe of which he wore at Graduation.

We are grateful also to our students who gave unstinted service in so many ways with the single purpose of making Graduation a joy to our many friends.

And so another successful Graduation has passed into memory's records. It was good to have had so many visit us at Newbold. May the blessing received remain with us all and be an inspiring call to our young people to consecrate their lives to the service of God.

"Spurred on-by Example — To Finish the Task"

Graduation Address by Pastor C. R. Bonney

I ESTEEM it a great honour to be invited by the class of 1954 to address you on such an important occasion. This day will stand out as a highlight in the lives of these graduates, and in a lesser degree to the parents and relatives who have prayed and worked for this occasion.

Our lives can be divided into phases of attainment or activity, each being marked by some outstanding event. In certain cases these events are out of our control, while in others they are the direct result of our own choosing. I am sure that all these graduates find themselves here today because it is the way of their own choosing under the guiding power of Providence.

Graduates, this service marks one of the most decisive transition periods in your lives. You have come to the end of an important part of your education and discipline and the beginning of a further period of education in other halls of learning or in practical experience.

My mind goes back to the class of 1931 when I was in the position of the graduates today. We were all wondering just what the future held for us as we placed ourselves in the hands of God. Today we find that not one of us is in the place or position we expected to be. One has been the educational secretary and young people's leader of the Middle East and is now principal of our college at Beirut. Another has been the principal of Newbold College, educational and young people's secretary of the Australasian Division, and is now principal of Avondale College. Another has spent fifteen years in West Africa and is now in the British Union, while another is a successful evangelist in New Zealand. Still another is in the United States teaching Bible and running evangelistic campaigns, while yet another is filling a position that has been created in the last few years owing to the modern method of preaching the Gospel through the means of the radio.

Young people, you are about to start a mighty venture for God, and who knows where we will all

be in a few years' time? Nevertheless, we have the assurance that as we are faithful to the task given to us, wherever we might be, we will have final success and a grand reunion when the task is finished. And what a story we will then have to tell!

We are living in a time when facilities for education are open to young people as never before in history. It is a time for specialists in every branch of work and study. With this in mind, just how does the education gained here at Newbold stand in the meeting of your future needs? At first it may seem an exaggeration to say that compared with the curricula offered by any university or college in Britain today, Newbold's stands second to none. Just in case there are some who cannot accept that statement without a challenge I would like to explain what I mean.

Let us take two outstanding characters in church history—Daniel and Paul. You will remember that in the first two chapters of the book of Daniel we have the record of a contest between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom as revealed by God. Daniel had access to all the facilities offered by the highest seat of learning of his day. At the passing-out examination, which was conducted by the king, how did he stand in comparison with the others? Daniel and his fellows were found to be ten times wiser than all the wise men who could be mustered by a nation which was more education-conscious than any others of its time. What was the secret? The answer is clear and plain, "God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." When this was put to the test a little later, what was the result? All the wisdom and understanding of this world failed miserably, and the so-called wise men had to admit: "It is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods whose dwelling is not with flesh." Dan. 2:11. By rejecting God they had cut themselves off from the true source of wisdom and knowledge. Education, divorced from God, is but foolishness with Heaven.

This fact is emphasized also in the character and writings of the next man I want to bring to your notice. As Daniel, so Paul in his day had access to the highest education offered, and was therefore an authority to speak on the subject of the value of such education when separated from God. He had had a bitter experience from which he spoke with great force and feeling. Let us read Weymouth's translation of 1 Corinthians 2:6-10: "Yet there is a wisdom that we utter among the mature; a wisdom, however, not deriving from the present age nor from the leaders of the present age, whose power is on the wane. We speak God's wisdom in a mystery—that hidden wisdom which before the world began, God purposed for our glory, that wisdom which not one of the leaders of the present age has learnt. . . . But we speak of the things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard . . . for to us God has revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searches everything, including the deeps of God." Do you notice again how true education, linked with God's revelation, places a man, or an institution of learning, away beyond all that the wisdom of this world can offer? So you see what I mean when I say that Newbold offers an education that is second to none.

The Need Today

For the task that is before you, education is a necessity, but divine revelation through God's Word an absolute essential. We go out into the world not professing to be among the mental giants. We go out as "called of God." In doing this do not fear the wisdom of men. We have a message of a crucified and risen Saviour who is coming again, and this revelation places us as far ahead of the philosophies of our day as Daniel and Paul were in their day. We are "spurred on by their example." What is our calling? Why, surely, it is found in your aim: "To finish the task."

There is something exhilarating, something satisfying in the completion of a task. Paul was appointed to begin a missionary movement which was designed to encircle the earth. He saw that project successfully launched, but not completed. Through the last two thousand years men have been raised up by God to continue that great work. They toiled and sacrificed and gave their lives for the task appointed to men.

We have come to the glorious time when that God-appointed campaign is to be finished, and finished triumphantly. What a privilege is ours to go out into the unknown, equipped not only with an advanced education, but also with a revelation from God's Word to finish that task. We do not go out with the theories of men, but with the facts of salvation, facts that will not only change the thinking of men, but also transform their lives; not only help them to live better lives here, but prepare them for eternity.

Do we realize that God is placing the greatest task ever contemplated through human beings upon the workers of today? Thousands are depending upon your faithfulness for the knowledge of a soon-coming Saviour of mankind. As you step out into

this new phase of your lives, we all think of you in the words found in Colossians 1:9-11.

May God bless you all, wherever you may be called, that when the task is completed we may be found faithful and ready for the graduation from this mortal life of experience and battle to the inheritance of the saints.

"HERE AM I . . . SEND ME"

Graduation Valedictory Sermon

By Pastor A. K. Armstrong

It affords me much joy to find myself once again among the faculty and student body of Newbold. And so much the more on an occasion like this when many students are graduating and are about to enter upon a wider field of service. How will you answer this call? Shall it not be in the same manner that many in the past ages have answered, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?

We have that noble and worthy example of God's faithful servant, Abram. Let us turn for a few moments to the record that inspiration has given us. Abram was called to leave his home and kindred and to embark upon a new life. (Gen. 12:1, 3.) All this would be strange to Abram. But the promise of God was, "Fear not Abram, for I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." God's assurance to Abram was: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Will not God also give you, dear graduates, and all of us, the same blessed assurance as we obey the call and enter into service for Him?

Let us for a few moments examine the experience of yet another who was called of God—Moses. The people of God were in Egypt. They were slaves in that foreign country. Moses in the providence of God was in Egypt, too. He was there for forty years. "He was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and in deeds." Acts 7:22. But there were many more lessons he had to learn. So God directed his course into Midian, and there Moses remained another forty years—this time not among the lordly palaces of Egypt, but shut in as it were by the bulwarks of the mountains. At this time, God's call came to Moses. God appeared to him in the burning bush. The time of Israel's deliverance had come. Moses was called for this task, and he spent yet another forty years in its accomplishment. But Moses, like all others, was but human. He was successful only so long as he trusted not in his own strength, but in the strength of the Lord. But just at the last, when he was about to bring deliverance to the people of God, he failed to sanctify God in the eyes of God's people. Let us take this lesson home to our hearts this day, shall we? As the result, Moses died on the mountain top. A good place to die, really. Better to die on the mountain top than in the plains of Moab. But

though Satan sought to keep him captive in the grave, the ever-pardoning God gave His servant a glorious resurrection.

The call comes to you this Sabbath morning, "Go work in My vineyard." Go where? "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." What more could we ask or desire, that as we go, God shall go with us? Moses said on one occasion, "If Thou go not with us, carry us not up hence."

The disciples of Christ had the same call. But before going, they were told to wait. Wait what for? Power. We can do very little without power of some sort. But it must be the right kind of power, the power that comes from above. With this God-given power, all things are possible. With it we shall be "Spurred on by Example—To Finish the Task." May the Spirit of God so possess us and so energize us, that we may say with Christ, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

"THE GOOD AND THE RIGHT WAY"

Consecration Address by E. H. Foster

I MAKE no secret of the fact that I am happy to share this service with you tonight. I am glad of the opportunity of speaking with those it has been my privilege to associate with for a few or more years. I know something of your struggles, of your successes, your failures, and your hopes, and I do hope that this evening the message that God has for us may make a lasting impression upon your minds and hearts.

The motto that you have chosen as a graduating class implies the power of example. There is certainly a mighty influence in example. What a person is, what a person does, and, thirdly, what a person says, constitute a trinity of power for good or ill. Those three facets of human personality, when they are in harmony, when they are directed to that which is good, certainly can be powerful in the lives of others.

The man Samuel had such a character in my judgment. Before his birth he was prayed for by a godly mother, and then during his boyhood, youth, and manhood, he lived in the fear of God, and gave himself unstintingly to the service of God. If our church were accustomed to canonize the worthy, I can well imagine that Samuel would become the patron saint of Christian students. Was he not the founding father of the Schools of the Prophets, in which distinctive line this College of ours is proud to belong? And therefore I thought I could do no better than to turn to one of the choice speeches which Samuel made, and find in the counsel there given the basis for our consecration tonight.

In 1 Samuel 12:23, 24, we read: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: only fear the Lord, and

serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you." In that first statement of Samuel's we find that he recognized his responsibility to his people. As a godly teacher he felt that if he neglected to pray for his people he was sinning against the Lord. My association with the teachers and staff of this College has convinced me that they, too, pray for their students. And not only from teachers, but from parents, friends, and loved ones, you may count upon the power that comes from intercessory prayer.

But let us notice the next statement which Samuel makes. He says, "I will teach you the good and the right way." Many roads open before us as young men and young women. To all of us there come times when we must decide which fork of the road to take. Let us listen to the prophet as he speaks to us, "I will show you the good and the right way." There is only one right way. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the ways thereof are the ways of death." However pleasant the way may be, however attractive it may appear, it is the destination that counts. There is only one good and right way leading to the kingdom.

"I will show you the good and the right way," the way of holy living, the avenue of service, the highway of true honour. In one short verse we have the principles of such true consecration, which will lead us finally to the kingdom of heaven. I read the words of Samuel: "Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things He hath done for you." Note those three verbs—fear, serve, consider. We could just think of them in a little different form as reverence, service, gratitude.

"Only fear the Lord." This is a meaningful expression of Christian experience, used often in the Scriptures. I think it is strikingly significant to note that in the message for these last days the fear of the Lord is mentioned right at the beginning of that message. In Revelation 14:7 we read, "Fear God, and give glory to Him." This is the message that you and I are called to preach. It is important not only to preach the message, but also to live it.

What do you understand by fearing God? To fear the Lord is an experience springing from two conceptions—the first, the recognition of God's glory, character, and power; the second, the realization of our sinfulness and weakness. The more we can see of the love, character, and glory of God, the more anxious we shall be to humble ourselves before Him. There is a little text in Hebrews eleven, verse thirty-four, that has always intrigued me, when the writer was summing up a list of those men of faith, he speaks of their experience as "out of weakness were made strong." They were men who recognized that their sufficiency was of God. They humbled themselves before Him and allowed His power to work through them.

The second factor in complete consecration is service. "Serve Him in truth with all thy heart." Your aim is "to finish the task." This will call for
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intensity in service. Salaries must not be the measure of labour, but rather a sense of personal accountability to God. Committees must guide our work, but we must know as individuals that we are working for and with God. The messenger of the Lord declares: "What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers, who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal."—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 507.

Finally, we come to the third and last factor in consecration. Here we have the staying power in our experience. "Consider how great things He hath done for you." A lively appreciation of what God has done for you is a great antidote to weariness and depression. Gratitude is a virtue which has a wonderful reflex action on the possessor. Men may disappoint us. We may be placed in an uncongenial environment, in difficult circumstances. These may break the spirit, unless we maintain the attitude of gratitude to God. "Consider how great things He hath done for you." Build memorials to God's providential guidance.

Graduating class of 1954, by the grace of the Lord determine that you will fear Him and that you will serve Him in gratitude for all that He has done for you.

MORE FACTS AND FIGURES from the General Conference Statistical Report

By H. W. Klaser, Statistical Secretary

At the close of 1953 the membership of Seventh-Day Adventists around the world was 924,822, worshipping in 11,158 churches. This is an increase of 208,284 members and 1,167 churches since the beginning of the quadrennium. For every 1,000 members there was a net increase of 291 during the past four years; 134 in the North American Division and 371 in the divisions overseas.

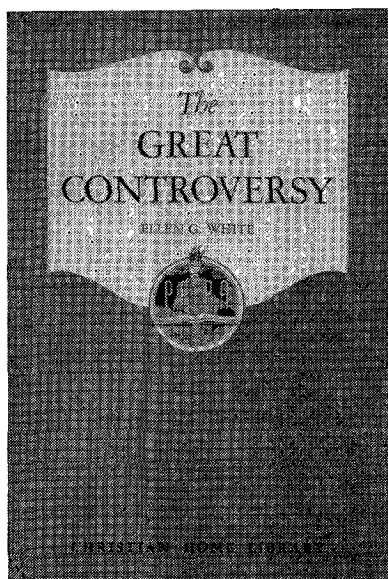
Baptisms

During the past four years there were 307,581 persons received in church fellowship by baptism and on profession of faith; 68,419 in North America, and 239,162 in divisions outside North America.

Workers

There were 39,159 persons devoting their full time to the propagating of the Seventh-Day Adventist doctrine in 1952; 17,774 were doing evangelistic work and 21,385 were connected with the various institutions, such as schools, hospitals, publishing houses, etc. Of this number 14,785 were in North America and 24,374 outside North America.

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The total income through our churches around the world during 1953 amounted to \$114.94 per minute, day and night, seven days per week throughout the year.

Church Buildings

At the close of 1953 there were 11,158 church organizations, with 6,705 buildings and a seating capacity of 1,049,678, having a value of \$47,375,-201.89.

Denominational Investment

As on December 31, 1952, the financial summaries revealed a total denominational investment of \$228,-662,246.90 in churches, schools, publishing houses, hospitals, health food centres, and other organizations.

Missionary Activities

As on September 1, 1953, Seventh-Day Adventists had 2,000 missionaries in various parts of the world, 1,713 in the field, 132 on furlough, and 155 under appointment.

During the past four years 860 new workers have been sent overseas, not including children of missionaries or labourers returning to their fields from furlough. Of the 230 countries listed, embracing the world, with an estimated population of 2,400 million, Seventh-Day Adventists have entered and are carrying on work in 197 countries, with a population of 2,364,431,157, or 98.5 per cent of the population of the world. This leaves yet to be entered 33 countries, with a population of 35,568,843. This world-wide work is being carried on in 721 languages and dialects, of which there are publications in 198.

Schools and Colleges

In the parochial school system of Seventh-Day Adventists, at the close of 1945 there was an enrolment in the elementary grades of 197,515 pupils, being taught by 6,308 teachers in 4,568 schools.

Students above the elementary grades throughout the world field numbered 37,151 at the close of 1952. This is an increase of 4,874 over the 1949 report.

Publishing Houses

Reports for 1953 have not reached me for all the publishing houses. There were 39 reported for 1952, and the retail value of books and periodicals for that year was \$16,371,888.24, book sales of \$10,-880,613.83, and 348 periodicals totalling \$5,491,-274.11. It is estimated that retail sales values will be 3 per cent higher for 1953. Literature is being printed in 198 languages and dialects. 70.4 per cent of the sales were in the North American Division.

Health Institutions

This section must also be for the year 1952. This report shows an increase of 20 institutions over the three-year period, bringing the total to 181, with a bed capacity of 12,011. These institutions took care of 188,978 house patients and gave treatments to 2,093,423 out-patients. This work was carried on by 380 physicians, 2,347 nurses, 1,622 student nurses, and 6,063 other employees.

Sabbath School

At the close of 1953, 18,448 Sabbath schools around the world reported 1,187,883 members. This represents a growth of 2,272 schools and 259,728 members in the four years between 1949 and 1953.

Offerings for missions paid through the Sabbath school in 1953 of \$5,716,092.71 were \$925,196.29, or 19.3 per cent more than the Sabbath-school offerings in 1949.

Young People's Missionary Volunteers

There are 310,715 members reported in the 11,-395 young people's societies, representing an increase of 1,386 societies and 59,036 members over the year 1949.

Irish Mission

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President's Notes

AFTER five months at the College in Bracknell, I have returned to Ireland. I find the membership of good courage in the Lord, having collected a good sum of money in the Ingathering Campaign. Florenceville Avenue church, Belfast, with twenty-six members collecting have over £750 and the Shankill company have worked equally well.

ON Sabbath, June 5th, baptismal services were held both morning and afternoon, when eighteen were added by baptism and vote. These were the work of Brother W. H. Frazer and Miss Burnett in the Portadown and Banbridge area. God has greatly blessed their efforts in the face of stiff opposition and bitter prejudice.

IN Dublin, under the guidance of Pastor W. G. Nicholson, a much needed addition to the Ranelagh Health Institute is near to completion. The patronage has grown under the supervision of Brother and Sister Nix, assisted by Miss B. Finlay. Plans are going forward for a new church building in this city. We expect the project to be completed within a year.

GROUND has been purchased in Belfast and in Portadown for church buildings. We do not have a single representative church building anywhere in Ireland. We do hope that funds will be found to complete these projects in the not too distant future.

IRELAND'S first Youth Camp will be held from July 8th to 21st. It will be housed in an army camp on the shore of Carlingford Lough, near Rosstrevor, where over forty years ago we had a small sanitarium. It is within a few miles of "where the Mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea." The charge is only £4. 10s. 0d. Any desiring to attend should write to Pastor R. A. Vince, B.U.C. Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

WE ask an interest in the prayers of the MESSENGER family on behalf of the work in this difficult but interesting field.

O. M. DORLAND

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Medical Ministry

By Dr. A. H. Williams

THE Master's medical ministry revealed truths and methods of approach which should dominate the work of every doctor and nurse today, as well as every institution devoted to the care and healing of the sick.

During the almost two thousand years which have passed since Jesus lived and taught and healed in Galilee, a vast amount of knowledge has been accumulated. The modern medical worker enters his profession equipped with the fruits of profound study of the structure of the human body, of the processes and conditions necessary to maintain it in health, of those harmful influences which produce disease, and of such counter influences as are known to arrest or heal it. His long and arduous training equips him to deal intelligently with injuries to the body, however produced, and thus to relieve suffering and to contribute to a restoration to health and normal activity. Not every medical problem has been solved—very far from it—but undoubtedly the present-day physician is immeasurably better equipped for his work than were his professional predecessors of bygone ages. While some of these were deeply studious men of high principles—even today medical men respect the oath of Hippocrates, a physician who was born on a Grecian island in 360 B.C.—much of what passed in Christ's day as reputable medical practice was little better than a sordid mixture of magic, so-called, and a haphazard administration of herbs and other preparations.

Let it be admitted that even today that kind of "medicine" still persists to a degree in various odd healing cults, to which the credulous and gullible still resort. On the one hand, there are those with a lingering faith in, for example, procedures such as wart-charming; while on the other hand there are millions of seemingly intelligent people who deny the reality of disease and profess to regard it, with death itself, as a vast illusion.

In the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth we see the response of infinite wisdom and kindness to the presence of human physical and mental suffering. He "needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man." John 2:25. He was Himself the Creator of all, "the Word . . . made flesh," and in Him we behold "the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." Not surprisingly, therefore, His approach to the problem of suffering, and to the needs of sufferers, differed fundamentally from the commonplace. Disease, pain, and misery, are not part of God's plan for His creatures. Neither are they eternal and unconquerable components of existence. They are intruders; sequels to the advent of sin; and the sins of the fathers have been visited upon the children to the third and the fourth generation, yea, and beyond.

So then, the Master Physician looked beyond the suffering to the sin, the cause of it all. Of what avail is physical strength if there be enmity, hatred, and malice—the fruits of sin? Of what account is suffering, if there be love, joy, peace with God and with our fellow man?

"And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, . . . He saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? . . . Rise, take up thy bed and walk. . . . Behold thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:5-14.

Far worse indeed than his recent physical disability would be that eternal separation from God which would have been the result of his continuance in sin. Thus it is evident that the Master's work of healing, as indeed everything that He did, pointed the way to God, and revealed His character.

"And a woman . . . which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. . . . And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." Luke 8:43-48. God omniscient knows your need. Seek His aid.

But not all came to Him in faith such as hers. The man born blind (John 9:1-38) just "sat and begged." That he should seek healing did not seem to have occurred to him. Unlike the blind man of Jericho (Luke 18:35-43) he did not cry out for help. But Jesus saw in him one in whom "the works of God should be made manifest."

Have you resigned yourself to despair, to the thought that evil and suffering are inescapable? God is omnipotent, and just as Jesus went to the dejected beggar, opened his eyes, and filled him with faith and courage, He is waiting and ready to help you.

The Master's medical ministry thus did more than bring physical healing; it brought men back into harmony with God. That was its ultimate purpose. God is interested in our physical well-being. For example, when Israel was in the wilderness, He instructed them in simple sanitary science (Deut. 23:12-14), teaching them a method of cleanliness than which, under similar circumstances, none better is known even today. In modern times He has caused us to be shown simple methods of treating ailments, utilizing agencies that co-operate with the natural processes of our bodies. We have been taught how to avoid inflicting unnecessary injury to them, to discard habits that are harmful and practices that engender disease.

We should seek continually to proclaim these things; and at the same time to keep in mind the basic

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purpose of it all: to point men to the way to God. It is to such service that the Christian medical worker is dedicated. It is for this purpose that medical institutions have been established.

Once again, therefore, we commend to your prayerful interest the medical work that is being done in this Union; not only in The Stanboroughs at Watford, but in the treatment rooms in Dublin, and the many who are engaged in private medical practice and service. Numbers of our young people are entering the medical profession and the nursing services. We should encourage and co-operate with them, that they may keep their faith bright to shine in places we would otherwise, perhaps, never reach.

In closing, may it be stressed that The Stanboroughs exists to help all in physical need so far as our resources permit. So that no churchmember may be denied its help, the Medical Aid Fund is operated to give financial assistance where it is needed. We commend that fund to you for your generous support; for it can pass on no more such aid than you make possible by your gifts.

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care for new baby in doctor's household. Live with family. Write: Sybil Yeates, Flat B, 277 Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23.

HOLIDAYS in Cornwall, near Newquay, Perran Sands. Fully equipped four-berth caravan, calor gas, water sanitation. Reduced for Adventists. Vacant July 10th to 24th and September 12th onwards. Mrs. Pinch, 102 Sheepcot Lane, Watford, Herts.

WANTED, accommodation for two young women (bed and breakfast) from August 6th until August 14th, in London, central preferably. Write: Miss G. T. Dick, 7 St. Leonards Street, Dunfermline, Fife.

WANTED, from October 5th, Adventist housekeeper for two ladies. Help given. Comfortable home. Good wages. Write: Mrs. A. W. Sellox, 413 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

FOUR-BERTH caravan to let at Hopton, near Yarmouth. Available July 4th to 11th; August 29th to September 12th; September 19th to 26th. Write: 12 St. Ann's Lane, Godmanchester, Hunts.

FOR SALE, *Kirkbride Chain Reference Bible*, and *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* Vol. II, by L. E. Froom. £4 the two. Carriage paid. Write: Miss Dalton, 106 Newport Road, Barnstaple.

UNION SESSION NOTES

London Dorcas Federation—An Appeal

THE British Union Conference has kindly arranged for the Oddfellows Hall to be available on Monday afternoon, August 2nd, entirely for Dorcas work.

Several of the London churches are preparing their own displays of work, but there will be one London Dorcas Federation table where free gifts for Dorcas will be gladly received.

Anything on this table will be *given* to deserving cases known to the Federation. Would anyone care to send an offering for this table? Any gifts of (1) Tinned foods; (2) New garments—knitted or otherwise; (3) Newly made-up garments—knitted or otherwise; and (4) Toys, will be gratefully accepted.

Please send your gifts care of Mrs. G. King, New Gallery, Regent Street, London; and mark your gift parcel "Federation Table." Thank you sincerely.

G. KING, *Secretary, London Dorcas Federation.*



At Rest

Pastor Eric Zins

the Hull district until he went to Canada in 1946. It was during his brief term that Hull's Ingatherers collected over £1,000—the highest total for any single church outside of Stanborough Park, and one which has been annually maintained ever since.

Brother Zins became a naturalized British citizen in 1939, in which year he married Miss Joan Cluett of Barnsley, also a Newbold College graduate. The tragic end came on Thursday morning, April 29, 1954, during his ministry in London, Ontario, Canada.

Brother Zins was keenly interested in young people; and manifested tireless zeal and good organizational ability in his labours for the Master. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife, Joan, and to her parents of the Barnsley church, commending to them the inspired assurance that "all things work together for good, to them that love God."

R. D. VINE.

REGRETFULLY we record the sad news of the death, after an illness lasting three weeks, of a much loved and valiant worker, Pastor Eric Zins. Born on October 2, 1911, in Cologne, Germany, Pastor Zins came to England in 1931 to attend Newbold Missionary College, Rugby, from which he graduated in 1935.

He entered the work as an evangelist in Ireland, where he faithfully laboured until 1945. He was then transferred to the North England Conference, and cared for

SUNSET CALENDAR

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