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## Solving Life's Greatest Problem

Evening Address by G. E. Vandeman

"God expects perfection." So proclaims Elder Vandeman to a packed auditorium this Tuesday evening. He adds, "Attaining perfection is a major problem for millions, and Satan's power is broken when man understands how perfection is found."

"Let us make the answers simple and plain,"

appeals the preacher, and proceeds to do so, confronting us with a giant graph or chart. Instantly we are patients, he is a doctor, and a spiritual temperature chart is being plotted on the graph lines.

The line being drawn by the evangelist's finger



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Vivacious "Daughters of Dorcas" successfully seek to stimulate interest in Dorcas Welfare Work, at the recent Union Session. (See page 8 for report.)

before our eyes rises and falls like a mountain range. The depths well indicate the unsettled moments when man cries in despair, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The peaks define moments of reformation and self-improvement, peaks of goodness which are good of themselves, but which are not sufficient to win for man his salvation.

We watch the graph line sinking to the bottom of the chart, the patient is morally low. Says the speaker: "The soul being wooed by the Holy Spirit, and under great conviction may break out into unprecedented sin." "Before yielding in conversion, my husband behaved like a devil," testified one woman. Such times demand much loving prayer and sympathetic co-operation.

But look! Elder Vandeman excites us. The graph line rises steeply and crosses into the section for experiences of those saved. The soul is at peace with God! All past guilt is being blotted out! The most sinful behaviour is being confessed and is blotted out as though it never had been! "O the generosity of God," writes a modern Magdalene to the New Gallery preacher. Yes, when all sin is confessed, and the life given to Jesus, the soul stands before God as though it had never sinned. Justified it is declared to be, perfect before God, through Jesus Christ.

The sermon continues. The converted man abandons the habits and sins of a life time, and the graph line immediately rises steadily upward. Years pass by, the line rises, the soul ever enjoying a closer walk with God. Faults of which the soul was in ignorance are yielded as they are revealed. Weaknesses of character are strengthened as God reveals them. The soul climbs heavenward.

"Should there be a fall into sin," continues the preacher, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins."

At every stage of growth, the victories won and the virtues gained are "His alone." Such spiritual

conquests and gifts from God are called by the name, "imparted righteousness."

Again at each stage of progress there is a recognized falling short of the divine pattern, yet at each and all of these times, Our Lord makes up the deficiency from the resources of His own righteousness. So God sees us not as we are, but in Christ—sinless, perfect. This righteousness, not our own, but which is credited to us is termed, "Imputed righteousness."

Imputed righteousness is our title to heaven, imparted righteousness is our fitness for heaven. Imputed righteousness is our guarantee of heaven, imparted righteousness is our preparation for heaven. The former is the work of a moment; the latter is the work of a lifetime. Yet each day of life is complete in itself. Says Elder Vandeman, "You or I may not have reached the ripe stage yet in some point of growth, but it is possible for you to be as perfect each day at that stage of development as God can make you be."

We hear the last illustration as our hearts are moved by the Spirit and the preacher to yield to the sanctifying influence of God. Many years ago, while the slave trade was still existing in the southern States, a man stood in chains on the auction block, cursing those who bid money for his body. The bids rose higher, and finally the sale was completed. The purchase price paid, the slave was led away by his new master. In angry tones the slave told the white man he would never work for him. But with quiet patience, the buyer took the papers and handed them to the slave. "I bought you," he said, "that you might be free." It took one short moment for the truth to dawn on the mind of the slave. The huge man dropped to the feet of his benefactor. The slave sobbed out his heart, "Sir, I will willingly serve you till my dying day."

Our own hearts won in devotion to our own master, Jesus, we make our way home from the auditorium after yet another wonderful conference meeting.

*(Reported by J. R. Lewis.)*

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## **"Arise and Shine"**

Morning Devotional Address by F. L. Petersen

THE address of Elder Peterson was prefaced by a solo beautifully rendered by Pastor J. C. French entitled: "Just the Same Today." Commenting on this, Elder Peterson said it was a wonderful fact that we served a changeless God in an ever changing world. After expressing his appreciation of the cordiality extended to him by the brethren and sisters in Britain, Elder Peterson remarked that we were returning to our homes and to our fields of labour to continue the regular routine of living, and we ought to be

more energetic in dispensing the truth of the Gospel. We ought, furthermore, to be the happiest people in the world. The preacher's opening text was Isaiah 60:1-3. He said the command is to us to "Arise and shine." The world has reached the lowest ebb in human history. We have come to a time when there is only one thing left to be done that is of any consequence—this is the promulgation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It is time for God's servants to show forth the light of heaven in their

faces, in their manner of living, and in all that they do. Their light is to penetrate the hearts of the people they teach.

In Matthew 24:37-39 we read: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." I suppose it is the same here as in America. The people are living for the sole purpose of eating and drinking and marrying. Eating all the time and eating everything. If they cannot get the thing the manufacturer has concocted they will make something for themselves. A premium is placed upon marrying. They see how many times they can marry. One little girl was asked: "Do you have a father and mother?" "Yes, I have two mothers by my father and three fathers by my mother!" Marrying and divorcing! The world, I say, has reached the lowest ebb in the history of humanity and Jesus told us such things would happen.

Listen to what Dwight D. Eisenhower says: "Science seems ready to confer on us as its final gift the power to erase human life from the earth."

Roger Babson: "I am not a chronic alarmist, but I believe the handwriting is on the wall—America is weighed in the balances, and we are found wanting."

Dorothy Thompson: "We are in a new Dark Ages. We are in it up to our neck."

Douglas McArthur: "We have had our last chance."

The Lord teaches us in His Word that "when ye see these things begin to come to pass look up for your redemption draweth nigh." Let us turn to Lamentations 2:16. "All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they, say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it." Certainly this is the day we have looked for. This is the day we have preached. It is time we told our neighbours about it. With the command to rise and shine comes a tremendous responsibility.

In Matthew 25 we have the parable of the ten virgins. Five were wise, five were foolish. But all were virgins, all had lamps—but only five were wise, only five lived up to the light God had given them. May God help us that we do not rest securely in the church because our names are on the church roll. We must be sure we have the oil of God's Spirit in our hearts. The vital factor is not our own ability or attainments. We must have God's divine Spirit.

I read in *Gospel Workers*, page 308: "By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the pentecostal energy."

We need this pentecostal energy of God's Spirit. I read in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 46: "We all know that the sin of many professing Christians is that they lack the courage and energy to bring themselves and those connected with them up to the standard." We lack this energy to bring our-

selves up to God's standard. He has called us into His service, and He expects us to be energized enough to come up to His standard. We must possess the Spirit of God. We must go forward and do something for God.

The parable of the talents in Matthew twenty-five teaches us that God expects a return for the talents entrusted to us. He expects more than He gives. He looks for a hundred per cent return. The man with the five talents had been working—increasing his talents. He demonstrated that he had been working while his Lord was away. The same with the man with the two talents. But the one with one talent talked a lot and had nothing to show. The man took up a lot of the Lord's time talking about why he had done nothing. He wanted forty-three words to tell the Lord he had done nothing, while the men who had done something for the Lord, only used sixteen words to tell what they had done.

The time will come when those who have done nothing will hear the Master say: "Dapart from Me, I never knew you." We must energize ourselves now in working for the Lord. We must now determine that we will shine for the Lord and tell others about His coming for "gross darkness covers the earth." God is looking for faithful men whom He can trust with His goods. May God see that faithfulness and trustworthiness in us which He requires.

He wants us to be interested in finishing the work of grace in our own hearts. We should use the words of the psalmist found in Psalm 139:23: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts," presenting ourselves before the Lord to search us, and if there is found anything in us that displeases Him, ask Him to take it out. God is getting ready a people for His kingdom. His people must have clean hands and be different from the rank and file of the world. God is getting ready to seal His people.

I read in *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 213: "When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided, there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people." We are to be without spot. When the rich young ruler came to Jesus and told Him that he kept all the commandments and asked: "What lack I yet?" Jesus said: "One thing thou lackest!" But he was unwilling to part with the "one thing," and lost eternal life. We must be clean. Sister White says: "The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 216.

There are over two thousand million people in the world. You and I have a responsibility to let them know of the return of Jesus. He expects us to go and to give, in order that the truth may go to the ends of the earth. We are under divine orders to evangelize the world around us.

There are two things to tell the world. First, concerning God's law and sin which is the transgression of the law; second, the good news or Gospel of salvation through Christ. These you and I have to preach. The Bible is concerned primarily with two

events. First the coming of Christ, His birth into the world with the historical fact of His death on the cross; and second, the return of Christ to this world the second time. As it says in Hebrews 9:28: "He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." The only purpose for our living in the world today is to preach this truth. This is our business. We are never to give up until the work is completed.

In the Woodland Christian Church, Kansas City, there is a plaque with these words on it: "Wake up, stay up, preach up, pray up, and never give up, or let up until the cause of Christ in His church and the world is built up."

*"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today;*

*He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way;*

*He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died;*

*He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.*

*We are the only Bible the careless world will read;*

*We are the sinner's Gospel; we are the scoffer's creed.*

*Our's is the Lord's last message given in deed and word.*

*What if the type is crooked—what if the print is blurred?*

*What if our hands are busy with other work than His?*

*What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?*

*What if our tongues are speaking of things His lips would spurn?*

*How can we hope to help Him, and hasten His return?"*

We are the only book the godless world will read. Go back from this place energized by the Spirit of God, reflecting in our faces God's divine personality, that those whom we contact may know that we are different men and women empowered by God to do His work.

*(Reported by R. T. Bolton.)*

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## Journeying With Christ

An Afternoon Bible Study by E. W. Pedersen

"SOMETIME—When in the Father's house we meet, Sometime—soon!" These were some of the words of a truly lovely solo rendered by Pastor Horace West as Elder E. W. Pedersen commenced his study on taking Jesus with us from the Conference.

Soon we shall be on our way back, the last day of the feast is here; what are we going to take with us? We shall return as fitter men and women with a deeper love and hope, with a new determination to witness for Him. May we go with a confidence that Christ goes with us.

When people move around they are apt to forget things now and again. In the Pullman cars in the States there is a little notice which you see as you leave. It says: "Have you remembered everything?" If there is something that you are going to forget let it not be Jesus. Many years ago a company of people were on their way home from a spiritual festival very similar to the one we have had here, where Jesus Christ had been the Centre. They travelled along, when all of a sudden they realized that He just was not there. It caused embarrassment and anxiety and delay. (Luke 2:41-51.)

When I read this story I see thousands of Africans returning from Camp Meetings. We have many such meetings down there. Years ago we had three or four camps in the whole of Kenya, now we have twenty-one. In those days the greatest number at any one meeting was four thousand so we split up

these meetings and we found we had as many as the previous meetings, sometimes twelve thousand. I can see the people hurrying away, mothers with babies on their backs and carrying pots and pans. The small children cling to their mothers' clothing, and one and all are singing the songs of Zion.

So I think of this story in Luke as a very mixed crowd—for most crowds are mixed. There were the honest, the sincere in heart for whom religion was a living reality. There were others (verse 44), His kinsfolk, and His acquaintances. All were professed worshippers of God and all were Sabbath-keepers, all kept the law and went to the feasts. All had been to the temple to worship God together.

This account paints a wonderful picture of Jesus as a young man, but it also gives an insight into the characters of Joseph and Mary. It teaches many lessons. Someone has said that history always repeats itself. Secular history does, and the same can be said of church history. As long as human nature is what it is, repetitions will always occur. Jesus Himself says so. (Luke 17:26-29.)

I do not want to put into this narrative more than the Holy Spirit put into it, but I believe that this was written for us upon whom the ends of the world have come. (Rom. 3:1-2.) What advantage has the Jew? Paul answers the question himself: "Oh, they had many advantages. Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God." This is said of the people of God in that day. This is en-

larged upon in Romans 9:4, 5 where he asks: "Who are the Israelites? They had the full light for the time in which they lived. Yet they walked in darkness, still professing to be children of light. Like the Galatians they were bewitched. They had become so blind, so muddled in their thinking, so hypocritical, so insincere, yet at the same time so strict in outward observance. So they had lost everything entrusted to them—even their own souls.

They had left Jesus out. So they were broken off.

I would like to go back to Luke chapter two and verses 44 and 45: "And as they journeyed homeward Jesus stayed in Jerusalem without Joseph and Mary knowing it" (another translation). They took it for granted that He was in their company. Can history possibly repeat itself for God's people today? Can we move toward our eternal destination and not be taking Jesus with us, and then wake up at eventide to find that He is not with us? Our only danger is in forgetting the way the Lord has led us. As individuals we can go along with a high profession on our lips yet leave Christ behind.

Years ago there used to be a church and on a table there was written what was known as "the Saviour's complaint." Translated it reads: "You call Me Master but do not inquire of Me, you call Me Light but see Me not, you call Me the Way but walk not in Me; you call Me Life, but desire Me not, you call Me wise, but follow Me not, you call Me lovely, but love Me not, you call Me rich but ask Me not, you call Me Eternal but seek Me not, you call Me Gracious but believe Me not, you call Me Almighty but honour Me not, you call Me Just and fear Me not. If I condemn you, blame Me not." He was all these things yet their lives might not conform to His will.

Read again Romans 9:4, 5 which tells of all that has been entrusted to us. We are rich and increased with goods. Often we act as though we are in need of nothing. I beg of you to believe me that it is possible for us to travel along with all these riches, with the Bible under our arms, with the name of Jesus on our lips, and yet at journey's-end find it all turned out as worthless. We were self-conscious instead of being Jesus-conscious.

How is it with you in your Bible study? You say He is on every page, but do you see Him there, do you feel Him there, and experience Him there? Luke 10:26: "How readest thou?"—even clever people may not know how to read it. (John 5:39.) The Scribes could quote the Bible. Why do you study your Bible? These men studied for the purpose of obtaining eternal life; they searched intelligently. I heard of a man years ago who was always reading his Bible. Later when he died they found a newspaper cutting offering a great sum of money to anyone who could find contradictions in the Bible. He was anxious to get hold of the money.

We study to have eternal life. There is no eternal life unless we find Jesus in the Scriptures. These people were very well acquainted with the Bible and even with the prophecies. (Matt. 2:4-6.) When asked they could quote from memory. They knew the pro-



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**Pastor E. W. Pedersen's studies proved a great inspiration.**

phesies all by heart. Yet in all that study they did not find Him. They had missed Him, yet He had been there all the time in dead letters.

Is He in our prayer life? (Matt. 7:21-22.) This is one of the saddest verses in the Bible. Many who have prayed, we are told in the Spirit of prophecy, have had no contact with the invisible. I am thinking of a young white woman in Kenya who married out of the truth, and apostatised. Just before I left, I was able to meet her and have prayer with her. There is one thing she said that I shall never forget. She said that when she prayed she could not feel any connection. Do you feel it in that way sometimes? Do we pray in faith?

It is often that we take Christ for granted in our service. In Acts 13:36 we read that David served His God after the will of God. That is a Christ-centred service. Do we take it for granted because we see certain results from our labours? Figures are not necessarily any proof that we are in the right relation with God. Figures can become a danger as we use them as a yardstick of our progress. When Christ is with us He produces results.

How may we be sure then, that we have Christ with us? As Paul speaks of it: "Christ in you the hope of glory." The secret is not to have Christ just about us, but within us. You remember the experience of Moses: "Wherein shall it be known that we are Thy people. . . . Unless it be in that Thy presence go with us." The glory of His character must go with us. In Ephesians 3:17 I read: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." That is how you get Him inside, just by believing in Him.

In 1937 I was examining an old woman in Uganda for baptism. She could not read nor write. But you could see that a transformation had taken place. As I was examining her, I wanted to know if she understood the message. So I asked her: "Tell me, where is Jesus now?" I was thinking of the sanctu-

ary, but she said: "He is in my heart." So I asked: "Where is He more?" She replied: "He is in your heart." "Yes, Marian," I said, "but where else is He?" So she looked across at my wife and said: "He is also in Mamma's heart." But now I said: "Jesus came down to earth, now He is in heaven . . . now He's in your heart and in mine, but where else is He?" The she looked around and saw a teacher sitting there who was not all he ought to have been and she said: "He's in Yokana's heart, but not so much as He ought to be." You see here was a simple-minded soul, but she knew what it meant to have Jesus in her heart. I asked her how she knew that Jesus was in her heart. She said that she no longer stole things, she just did not want to, any longer.

As we go along life's pathway there are so many things that we forget which we ought to remember. It is a dangerous thing to walk even one day's journey on the supposition that Jesus is with us.

To walk without Jesus, as in Luke, means a loss of time in the ratio of one to five; one day's journey back, three days searching, and one day to catch up. That is a lot of time to catch up and we cannot afford to lose time now. And it means holding up the whole camp. A fallen star catches everyone's eye, so does every falling Christian. If we are going to have that experience of leaving Christ out, what are we to do? Like Joseph and Mary we are to return. That is the only way open to us. When we do return, on our knees, we will find Jesus there just where we left Him. We will find Him ready to go with us. We may desert the work of God, but God's programme goes on. In returning, we shall find new strength.

We are told in Luke 2:51 that He went down with them. That is the way we must go home. Let us go in the assurance that He is with us.

*(Reported by P. O. Cumings.)*

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## Temperance Rally

Reported by K. H. Gammon

THE afternoon session of Sunday, August 1st, was devoted to a little-publicized, but nevertheless necessary part of the organized programme of the church, namely Temperance. Many years ago the messenger of the Lord made many bold statements to the effect that Seventh-Day Adventists should be foremost among temperance workers and advocates.

In his introductory remarks Pastor E. W. Pedersen stated that alcohol—the world's greatest scourge—causes more misery and sorrow than any other single factor. The Adventist standard on temperance has never altered. Such high ideals as we hold are part of our very being.

Quoting letter 49, 1902, he said: "Temperance has an important part and place in the message of salvation;" it is therefore our duty not only to understand what true temperance means, but to proclaim it as an integral part of the Gospel message.

Pastor R. A. Vince, Union Temperance leader for the past quadrennium, then traced the stages of development from babyhood to maturity, and showed how alcohol breaks down the natural state, and reverses the normal growth stages until self-criticism, caution, and primary emotions are all swept away, and alcoholic is reduced to a new-born baby's absolutely helpless and dependent condition.

True temperance is not limited to alcohol and tobacco, but has to do with every faculty and action of life. Perfect balance in the physical, mental, and spiritual sphere is the result of true temperance. Temperance is primarily, however, a spiritual quality.

How unbalanced is our so-called civilization, is

proved by the single fact that the amount of money spent on alcoholic drinks amounts to over fifty per cent of the total amount spent on food.

The next speaker introduced by Pastor E. W. Pedersen was Dr. B. Richardson, who kindly stepped in at the last moment, and whose clear and lucid address dealt with alcohol's near relative—tobacco. "Tobacco," he said, "is used almost universally and is almost impossible to get away from." Tobacco is the door that leads to alcohol. The tobacco industry is the fourth or fifth largest in the whole country, and over £800,000,000 per year—or twice as much as is spent on the nation's health under the National Health Scheme—is spent on tobacco.

God has given every talent and faculty that we might render Him service. But tobacco which is at first a dry stimulant, latter depresses or soothes, unfitting the faculties for their appointed tasks. H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh sets a good example as a non-smoker, as does also the great amateur athletic runner, Dr. Roger Bannister.

Referring to the government-issued statement that there is a definite connection between smoking and cancer of the lung, Dr. Richardson stated that respiratory disease is proven to be the greatest scourge of this country. Of all the lands of Europe, Britain has by far the highest number of lung cancer cases. Britain too, has the largest consumption of cigarettes. These two facts go together. Even surgery offers very little chance of survival with cancer of the lung, and mortality through this complaint is eighteen times higher in this country than it was thirty years ago.

The Spirit of prophecy stated years ago that "many

Photo by J. P. West  
 The need for, and nature of, our MV Temperance crusade, was impressively illustrated by the many who took part in the Session's Temperance Rally.



smoke until the blood is corrupted," and modern medical science has confirmed the accuracy of this statement.

Because nicotine as an insecticide destroys vermin, there is no reason why men and women should allow it to destroy them.

Following the doctor's factual and challenging remarks, was a pageant presented by the young people who showed through the testimony of doctor, motor cyclist, athlete, landgirl, reporter, legislator, and Missionary Volunteer Master Guide, that alcohol and successful achievement do not walk together. True popularity, clear thinking, and highest attainment, are for all who hold firm to the pledge of true temperance.

The platform was then filled with young people arrayed in national costume and carrying their country's flag. Speaking in languages often unintelligible except to their compatriots, they pledged allegiance by their fellow Advent youth to the unchanging principles of temperance.

What a thrill it was to see representatives of the world-wide Advent youth so clean-cut and clear-eyed! They were there from England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. From overseas they came—from Africa, Cyprus, France, Jamaica, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Ukraine, Austria, Germany, Finland, Holland, Denmark, and Sweden. All were united in purpose and hope, vowing with the vast congregation that they would rededicate themselves to the cause of temperance, doing all in their power to help others to abstain from harmful indulgence in intoxicating liquors, tobacco, and stimulants.

God speed the cause of temperance.

EVERY inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is the devil.—*Shakespeare.*

If temperance prevails then education can prevail; if temperance fails, then education must fail.—*Horace Mann.*

## THE BLESSED HOPE

By G. F. McAdams

*When the storm clouds of life take the sunshine away*

*And the last rays of hope have been cast,  
 Just remember that Jesus, the cleft of the rock,  
 Will surround you with love to the last.*

*And we know that we live in a battle-torn world,  
 But the Scriptures so plainly declare  
 There'll be troublesome times, such as never have been,  
 And with faith scarcely found anywhere.*

*And the finger of scorn will be pointed your way  
 By the multitudes Satan has lea,  
 But there's rest for the weary, for those who believe,  
 As we're laid in our last earthly bed.*

*And when Jesus will come in the clouds from on high,  
 Then He'll raise the true souls who have died;  
 Yes, He'll gather His loved ones, who dwell on this earth,  
 Who for ever will be by His side.*

*Let the promise He gave us sink deep in our hearts,  
 Lend a hand to some soul in distress,  
 Spread the message around us before it's too late,  
 And at last rest in peace with the blest.*

*Ah, my friend, there is hope God has given for those  
 Who have knelt in their closets alone  
 And have lifted their eyes to our Saviour above,  
 For there's none else for sin could atone.*

# London Dorcas Welfare Federation Display

at the Union Session

IN connection with the recent quadrennial session of the British Union Conference, the Oddfellows Hall in Watford was made available for the societies of the London Dorcas Welfare Federation to display some of the work the members societies had been engaged in during the year.

The Federation committee was most happy to avail itself of the British Union Conference's kind arrangement, and on Monday, August 2nd, the doors of the hall were thrown open at the close of the afternoon session to welcome delegates and visiting Dorcas friends. Those who had laboured so hard to make the afternoon a success were more than gratified by the splendid attendance. It certainly needed more than the Oddfellows Hall to house Dorcas and her ardent admirers, at least on this occasion.

On three sides of the hall the neat and attractive stalls of the various societies had been arranged, each bearing its own church name. Among these appeared the names of Edmonton, Edgware, Ilford, Croydon, Chiswick, Stanborough Park, Holloway, Watford, and Walthamstow. Greetings were received from Wood Green members who are at present engaged in church extension activities, but we missed our sister churches of Wimbledon, Central, Lewisham, and Wembley, and we sincerely hope they will be with us next time.

Among the exhibits on display were neatly tailored trousers, pullovers, lovely little dresses, baby clothes including complete layettes, sleeping garments, a shawl knitted by a brother, hats, and many others items too numerous to mention, all made to bring help to needy persons. Few will ever know of the many, many hours of selfless labour it had taken to finish all this work.

An interesting feature of the display were the exhibits on the Federation table under the label, "Ideas." Many and varied were the suggestions given for making Dorcas work interesting and even remunerative. One of the outstanding exhibits worth duplicating was a large patchwork quilt made of travellers' samples which adorned the table on the platform. This was a gift from the Reserda Church in California. On the same table appeared a dainty little china slipper, a gift from the Southern California Dorcas Welfare Federation, possibly one of our largest Federations, comprising no fewer than sixty societies with a membership running into thousands. Its leader, Sister Cox, believe it or not, is a Londoner. Having received the slipper, surely



Photo by I. P. West

Enterprising leader of the London Dorcas Federation, Mrs. A. F. Tarr, addresses a capacity crowd in the Oddfellows Hall, Watford, during the Union Session.

Dorcas in Britain will no longer be considered the little Cinderella of the church.

Our young people also contributed their share to the success of the programme, as was evident from the very beautiful stall of the Daughters of Dorcas. These senior young people, under the direction of Sister G. D. King, have met every Monday evening throughout the year in one of the members' homes and their stall bore testimony to their many hours of happy work together. Dressed in the modest garb of their founder, they made a pretty picture and were an inspiration to many other young people to share in the joy of serving Dorcas.

An ice cream and cool drinks stall was operated by another group of young people, who found their supplies totally inadequate to satisfy the eager crowds.

Sister Cox, of Southend, displayed her blankets which many in Britain have helped to make, and her booth brought a very acceptable splash of colour to the hall. Friends as far afield as Dundee have had a share in the making of these, and the work still goes on, for we saw many leaving her stall with a ball of wool and a pair of needles tucked in their bags. Some of the blankets are being shipped to refugee camps on the Continent.

A little corner which was possibly overlooked by some was labelled, "Thrift Department." In this section appeared some of the finest gifts of clothing received by the Federation—some quite new. These are available to our own churchmembers who through sickness, misfortune, or loss of work, find themselves in temporary need. We recommend this section to our societies, and request our ministers to bear this Department in mind when visiting their needy members.



We were so happy to have Pastor E. W. Peder- sen of the Division Home Missionary Department with us at our gathering, and his words of counsel to press on this work of God's own appointment brought new courage and inspiration to the many who were present.

Yes, it was a wonderful afternoon, and how our hearts thrilled as we listened to Sister Gammon singing so beautifully: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain." The leaders have tried hard during the past year to multiply their activities, and we are happy as was mentioned during the opening remarks of the after- noon, that our membership in the London area has

already doubled itself, and that 2,310 garments have been collected, and 1,666 distributed during the past year. Much effort is being expended on building up the stocks. 752 articles were made, 161 gifts of food distributed, 233 visits made, and 481 persons helped. Garments have been delivered to a number of in- stitutions, many parcels of clothing being sent to Germany, Poland, and Austria. But all this is so very insignificant when we sense the tremendous need all around us.

Oh, that hundreds more of our people would join us in the wonderfully satisfying work of lending a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

MRS. A. F. TARR.

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Report of Address given by G. W. Chambers at the Grand Concluding Service of the Union Session

## Facing the Crisis

NO more appropriate theme could have been used to conclude a conference session which our final speaker, Elder Chambers, sincerely described as equal to the best he had ever attended, than that of: "Facing the coming crisis."

Elder Chambers briefly surveyed the call of Gideon at a time when downtrodden Israel faced im- possible odds. Calamitous oppression from pagan Midianites had brought dark despair to God's people. Morale was sapped by a situation for which there seemed no remedy. Israel's cause, it seemed, was frustrated. Egyptian bondage had merely been ex- changed for Midianitish bondage. God had aban- doned them, they thought.

Even Gideon, son of Joash—whose courageous off- spring the Bible describes as resembling "the children of a king," doubted God's interest in Israel; yet yearned for power to break the oppressor's yoke.

God answered the unspoken questionings and desires of his heart one day while he was secretly threshing wheat by a winepress. In the solitude of that vineyard God spoke to Gideon: "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." No as- surance could have brought greater uplift to Gideon's spirit.

The enemy was strong, while God's people lacked every material advantage. They were relatively few, disorganized, ill-equipped, and grovelling in the shame of defeat. Doubly oppressive to the few honest-hearted, was the knowledge that Israel, by their apostasy, were wholly to blame for their re- verses.

Yet God was merciful. He found His man. "Go in this thy might," He said to Gideon, "and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?"

Response was immediate. Gideon gladly went to work. Wisely, he made his first task that of tearing down the altar to Baal which his forebears had

raised up. God must be given His rightful place if deliverance was to be expected. The result, as the record says, was that "the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon."

Even so must we today, whose foes exceed in power and malevolence the Midianites of long ago, put away our idols. The impending crisis can be faced successfully only if God is given first and ex- clusive place in the sanctuary of our hearts. As with Israel, defeat and disaster come when God is for- gotten, or loyalty is divided.

When we put away all that stands between us and God, He will use us mightily in His service. Complete abandonment of idols, and full surrender, is the price God claims for glorious victory in Him.

Israel faced a numerically and materially superior foe. But Gideon was not unduly perturbed. Full surrender brought gratifying assurance. Defeatism vanished, even though his meagre army was greatly reduced by the loss of those whose hearts were fear- ful. Twenty-two thousand of the thirty-two who rallied round his banner, though responding to the call, were heavy with fear. They lacked faith. They doubted. They staggered at the enormity of the task. God therefore excluded them from the honours of victory. They went home—desiring victory, and pos- sibly admiring Gideon for his courage, but with a sense of frustration and despair.

"Fear," says the servant of God, "is sinful and unreasonable." Outside the city of God, says John, the revelator, will be the "fearful" as well as the "abominable." (Rev. 21:8.) Fear, no less than re- bellious sin, will disqualify us from the joys of heaven.

To face the coming crisis, fear must go. We must, like Gideon, realize that "one with God, is a majority."

But Gideon's band was further reduced, leaving so small a remnant that victory, humanly speaking,

was quite out of the question. God's second, and final, sifting, excluded those who, while refreshing themselves at the river bank, gave free rein to their thirst and failed to keep watch.

To face the coming crisis successfully, we must, like Gideon's three hundred, be watchful and ready. Constant vigilance is the price of victory.

Gideon's weapons were by no means formidable. There was certainly nothing terrifying about them—merely pitchers, torches, and trumpets. But God is dependent not so much on weapons of man's devising as on consecrated hearts that trust Him. God "hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the mighty." "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

Further factor of importance in facing the crisis of the last days is to realize, as God impressed on another of His servants—King Jehoshaphat, when he faced a great army of Moabites and Ammonites, that, "The battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chron. 20:15. Fear will vanish the more we realize that we are assisting the Lord in His great cause, rather than thinking that He is assisting us in our great cause.

Another great need for those who seek victory was revealed through King Jehoshaphat: "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." Verse 20. No inspired instruction which comes to us from the Lord through His servants, should be lightly despised.

Jehoshaphat's conquering force subsequently went to battle preceded by a company of singers who sang, not stirring national or military songs, but praise to God. (Verse 21.) A spirit of praise to God and rejoicing in the Lord is inseparable from the attitude of heart and mind that will carry us triumphantly through the impending crisis of these last days.

Elder Chambers told of a master artist who asked a hotel lad for paper to do some drawings for which he had a sudden inspiration. The boy regretfully replied that he had only "ordinary packing paper." The artist gladly took what the boy provided, however, and drew delightful sketches which made those sheets of paper as valuable as precious stones. The two sheets were recently sold for \$1,500.

The master's hand had wonderfully raised the value of that which was just "ordinary."

Even so will God take ordinary men and women, and transform them from nonentities into immortal heroes whose glory will endure for ever.

Workers may face the crisis of these last days with inadequate buildings and small budgets, but their condition is no more hopeless than Jonathan's, who, alone with his armour-bearer, was empowered by God to scatter the Philistine host at Michmash. (1 Sam. 14.) The great essential is that God be allowed to possess and beautify the heart, and set His divine imprint on our purposes and character.

"God," we were assured, "is waiting for an opportunity to manifest His mighty power through the people of the British Isles. He will work for those who fear nothing but God, and hate nothing but sin.

The impossible becomes possible when Christ enters the picture."

In facing the crisis of these last days it is well to acquaint ourselves with the Lord's promises of adequate power:

"And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." Deut. 31:8.

*The Great Controversy* records the assurance that the work of the Gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the Spirit's power than marked its beginning, declaring that the final work will be similar to that of Pentecost.

This concluding message of Elder Chambers stirred our hearts and made us all the more determined, as our scintillating platform motto expressed it, to be: "Mighty Through God—In Time's Last Hour."

The congregation stood as an act of renewed dedication to God, while Brother Chambers led us to the throne of grace in our final prayer.

The great quadrennial conference was over. Regretfully we bade our adieus, but were happy in the thought that soon there will be a happier meeting in a fairer land. Soon the battle will be over. Soon we will unite in singing that rapturous victory song of Moses and the Lamb: "Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints."

(Reported by R. D. Vine.)

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## CORRIGENDUM

STATEMENT relative to the British Union Conference Constitution published in the last MESSENGER, listed *only* those constitutional sections and points which were revised and voted on by the assembled delegates. It is expected that publication of the complete constitution may be available in some form at some future date. Following are three revisions which escaped publication in our last issue. Ed.

### ARTICLE 22. *Dissolution. Section 2*

After all claims against this Union Conference have been satisfied, any remaining funds shall be transferred to World-Wide Advent Missions Ltd.

### ARTICLE 22. *Dissolution. Section 2*

It was voted that the wording of this section be referred to the British Union Committee, and that legal advice be secured before this section is published.

### ARTICLE 10. *Election. Section 1a*

During the discussion regarding article 10 it was voted that the Missions be advised to hold regular biennial sessions the year immediately following the quadrennial session of the British Union Conference and the year immediately preceding the quadrennial session of the British Union Conference.

# RESOLUTIONS

## GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

We express our deep gratitude to God for His evident blessings and His protecting mercies since we assembled at the Union Session in 1950.

The last four years have been marked by many outstanding achievements: The largest increase in membership, the largest increase in tithes and offerings, the largest ingathering, the largest sales of literature, and the largest number of church buildings purchased in any four years of the history of the Union.

The founding and the successful operation of the Old People's Home at Oulton Broad is further cause for thankfulness.

One unique feature of the past quadrennial period has been the opening of the New Gallery Evangelistic Centre in Regent Street, London. We are thankful for the guiding hand of God which led to the purchase of this building. We also express our appreciation to the General Conference for the liberality which made possible the establishment of this centre.

In the light of His providential leading we humble ourselves before God. We are glad to record the unity and loyalty of the church, and its willingness to serve and to sacrifice, and rejoice in the privilege of re-dedicating our lives, our talents, and our possessions as we go forward together to finish the work.

## LITERATURE MINISTRY

WHEREAS our literature ministry is designed to play a major part in the finishing of God's work in the earth, contributing in a large measure to the loud cry of the third angel's message

*We recommend.*—1. That every churchmember be invited to join the colporteur family each day in their call to prayer at 12 noon.

2. That our entire church membership be encouraged to become more earnest and diligent in the wider circulation of our literature.

3. That we do everything possible to encourage, and to enlist, suitable men and women in our churches to become full-time colporteur-evangelists.

4. That where it is impossible for our members to engage in the distribution of our truth-filled literature on a full-time basis, we encourage them to spend as much time as possible working as Auxiliary colporteurs, and wherever practicable, to form Auxiliary Colporteur Bands in our churches and companies.

5. That we seek the counsel and hearty support of our evangelists, ministers, and conference workers in adopting the practice of using the "Colporteurs' Interest Information" cards, thus endeavouring to bridge the gap between the organized ministry and the Gospel colporteur in more efficient and effective soul-winning endeavour.

6. That our conference workers and church officers give their earnest attention and favourable support to placing before each member of the church the

personal responsibility of using our message-filled literature in continuous missionary endeavour by securing regular readers among their neighbours and friends for *Our Times* and *Good Health* magazines.

## HEALTHFUL LIVING

WHEREAS, the times demand "the utmost for the Highest" physically as well as mentally and spiritually, and

WHEREAS, a basic Bible teaching, embraced and taught by Adventists, declares our bodies to be holy unto the Lord,

*Resolved.*—That we earnestly put into practice our health principles as clearly described in such books as *Ministry of Healing*, by E. G. White.

## TRACTS

BECAUSE truth-filled tracts are an effective means of bringing the message to the millions of these Isles, and their distribution is a means of evangelism in which every member and young person in our churches can effectively take part:

*Resolved.*—1. That we request the British Union Committee to publish, as soon as possible, an attractive series of tracts which can be made available to the churches at an inexpensive price.

2. That we plan a positive programme of tract distribution in every church, for a given number of weeks.

3. That we revive the "King's Pocket League," urging members to carry tracts wherever they go.

4. That literature racks in which our message-filled periodicals and tracts can be attractively displayed, be placed in public places.

5. That the British Union Committee be requested to set aside at least the sum of £500 toward the production of suitable tracts.

## TITHE

We express our gratitude to God for His blessings that have come to His people through the faithfulness in tithe-paying, and that we reaffirm our loyalty to this principle,

*And we recommend.*—1. That our pastors and church elders be encouraged to present the call for tithes and offerings in our church services in such wording as to lead the worshippers to recognize that the bringing of their tithes and offerings to the Lord is itself an act of worship.

2. That a compilation of experiences of blessing as a result of faithfulness in tithe paying be prepared by the Treasury Department as a source of material to be made available through the conference to pastors and church elders.

3. That the conference and church officers frequently acknowledge with gratitude the faithfulness of the churchmembers in the return of their tithes and offerings to the Lord.

4. That we urge all church nominating committees to follow strictly the instruction given in the *Church Manual* pertaining to the nomination of only those officers who are faithful in returning their tithe.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

SINCE the secular press is a most effective moulder of public opinion, and inasmuch as we have ample proof that newspaper editors are glad to receive, and often to publish, Adventist news items,

*We recommend.*—1. That all local nominating committees, as they are annually appointed, regard it as part of their task to select local press secretaries who can provide editors with church news items.

2. That at quarterly business meetings, when officers' reports are presented to the churches, the Press secretaries' reports shall also be called for and presented.

## BUILDING OF ADVENTIST HOME LIBRARIES

IN view of the generous "dollar volume" plan made by our main American publishing houses, whereby, each year, one of our basic publications such as "The Conflict of the Ages" series, and *Testimonies*, by E. G. White, will be available for the very low price of only 8/4d. post paid, and especially in view of the fact that relatively few members who have embraced the truth since before the recent war have been able, because of prohibitive prices and limitation of supplies, to acquire these volumes,

*We recommend* strongly that our members be urged to build up a good Adventist library in their own homes by purchasing each year the particular volume offered under this new scheme.

## TEMPERANCE

RECOGNIZING that total abstinence is the only platform on which Christians can conscientiously stand,

*Resolved.*—That we reaffirm our historical position on total abstinence, and further,

*We recommend.*—1. That all workers be urged to make a careful study of the great principles of temperance set forth in the Spirit of prophecy book *Temperance*, and thus become fully informed with reference to the part that temperance is to play in the final evangelization of the world, preparatory to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. That we request the British Union Conference Committee to give early and careful study to the organization of a British branch of the International Temperance Association.

## RECRUITING BIBLE INSTRUCTORS

RECOGNIZING the solemnity of our times and the great need of a balanced evangelistic drive for the finishing of our soul-saving work,

*Resolved.*—That we place on record our deep concern over the steady decline in the number of Bible Instructors in training and in the field.

*We recommend* that efforts be made by the Union Committee to bring with increasing emphasis before the young women in our churches the dignity and exalted nature of the Bible work; and an appeal to suitable ones to train for this work.

*It is further recommended* that study be given to the possibility of raising the status of the Bible Instructor by some degree of Credential recognition, and that every encouragement be given to workers to continue in the service throughout their working life.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Sabbath school is a proven source of spiritual strength to the membership, and should be also a "most effective agency in winning souls to Christ"

*Resolved.*—1. That a very earnest endeavour be made in every church to get every church member to be a member of the Sabbath school.

2. That our Sabbath schools be encouraged to provide adequate facilities and teaching material for the children's classes.

3. That we endeavour to raise the efficiency of our Sabbath schools by encouraging all officers and teachers to become regular subscribers to *The Sabbath School Worker*.

4. That our ministers arrange for the holding of training classes so that present and prospective teachers may benefit from the excellent courses provided by the General Conference Sabbath School Department.

5. That we strengthen the evangelistic aspect of Sabbath school endeavour by the establishment of more branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools, and that we make our present Sunday schools more effective by the Union Conference Sabbath School Department supplying a suggested syllabus or series of lessons.

6. That we encourage our Sabbath school membership to be faithful in mission offerings.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, we are genuinely concerned at the perils to the spiritual life of our children and young people, as represented in the materialistic philosophies now commonly accepted in educational circles, and increasingly taught in the schools of our land and

WHEREAS, we, for obvious reasons, feel that our children and our youth should be trained by Adventist teachers in harmony with the very definite counsel of the Spirit of prophecy,

*We recommended.*—That the British Union Committee appointed a sub-committee to study thoroughly and advise on the whole problem of initiating a definite advance in our educational programme in the Union, bearing in mind especially

(a) The need for plans to secure and ensure an adequate supply of denominationally trained teachers for all necessary grades;

(b) The need of plans for starting new schools in areas where there are six or more Adventist children of school age;

(c) The need of providing boarding facilities at the Union secondary school;

(d) The provision of some policy to assist, where necessary, families who wish their children to attend the Stanborough Park School as boarders.

WHEREAS, there are over 200 non-Adventist children daily attending our secondary school who provide a great evangelistic challenge, and

WHEREAS, there are also more than 200 young people connected with the church in the locality of the secondary school who need special spiritual care,

*We recommend.*—That the Union committee take the necessary steps to appoint, in harmony with General Conference policy, a suitable Bible teacher for the secondary school to care for this heavy responsibility.

#### ENLARGED WELFARE PROGRAMME

WHEREAS, we have received the following counsel: "I cannot too strongly urge all our church-members... to consider the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The work of beneficence enjoined in this chapter is the work that God requires His people to do at this time... The nearer we approach the end, the more urgent this work becomes."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 265.

*We recommend.*—1. That conference and mission fields promote a well-balanced welfare programme, to be implemented in every church, to serve the needs of humanity.

2. That our churches be encouraged to make provision to store local reserves of food and clothing for distribution.

3. (a) That to facilitate this programme provision be made in our larger churches for as many Dorcas Welfare working units as may be deemed advisable, the leaders being appointed by the church in the usual way.

(b) That where the size of the church warrants it, and it be practical, one from among these leaders be appointed liaison officer to co-ordinate all Dorcas and Welfare activities of the church.

4. That our members be encouraged to equip themselves for service in disaster or emergency by training in First Aid and Home Nursing, either through the church or such organizations as the British Red Cross Society or St. John Ambulance.

#### INGATHERING

WE express to God our deep gratitude for so richly blessing our faithful workers and members in the Ingathering in past years, and particularly in the recent 1954 campaign, and are

*Resolved.*—1. That we encourage those of our members who are not yet active participants in our ingathering for missions to unite with our faithful solicitors in this great annual missionary enterprise.

2. That we encourage our members carefully and prayerfully to follow up every interest found through our Ingathering with literature, cottage meetings, or Bible study, with the object of preparing people for baptism and church membership.

#### THANKS

WE express our deep gratitude to the Mayor and Corporation of the Borough of Watford, for the use of the Town Hall, and their staff for their co-operation.

We thank all those who have made these meetings possible by their unstinted efforts; especially would we mention the many loyal volunteers.

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### Report of Distribution of Labour Committee

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THE following changes were recommended:

J. M. Howard, formerly president of the Welsh Mission, to the South England Conference.

R. A. Smart, of the North England Conference to the Irish Mission.

E. Logan, of the Irish Mission to the North England Conference.

D. R. Lowe, of the North England Conference to the Welsh Mission.

C. Knowlson, of the Welsh Mission to the North England Conference.

Miss A. Laming, of the Scottish Mission to the North England Conference.

Miss J. Mitchell, of the North England Conference to the Scottish Mission.

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### President's Notes

WITHIN a week of reading these words we shall have left Wales and settled in London. It has been

a very enjoyable period of our service, and we shall long remember the many kind friends in this Welsh Mission.

The past eight years have flown swiftly, and God has blessed in an abundant manner the labours of our ministry. It has been a period of soul-winning and church-establishing. We praise God for the increased membership, and the almost certain prospect that our membership, now at 540, will reach 600 by the end of the present year. We also thank Him for the buildings He has given us—St. Paul's Cardiff; the Youth Hall at Newport; our Church Hall and minister's residence at Rhyd; and our cosy

Rhondda Valley centre at Trealaw. It is unbelievable how our members and friends have found the means for these buildings in this expensive time. We are grateful that we can leave Wales with the assurance that these buildings will cause no undue burden of debt.

And now, brethren and sisters, as we depart we would, in the words of the apostle Paul, "commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." We know that you will loyally support our successor, Pastor M. C. Murdoch, as he leads you to the final triumph.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

It is good to see the ever-growing group of professional people in Wales. We congratulate Dr. T. J. Gallivan on his recent success in obtaining his degree. Also on his marriage to Miss Joan Forbes reported elsewhere.

OUR ministerial Cradle Roll seems also to be growing! We know the whole MESSENGER family will rejoice with Brother and Sister A. H. Cooper in the safe arrival of Adrian Paul. Mother and son doing famously.

J. M. HOWARD.

## Good News for Sunday Schools

EVERY Sunday some 500 boys and girls come to Adventist Sunday schools in Britain. Their interest is awakened in the interesting Bible stories of our Saviour, the children's Friend. But we should ever remember that we must present these lovely stories as attractively as we can. We should use the best pictures available, and tell the stories in the most interesting way possible.

Here then is good news for Sunday school superintendents and teachers.

A new and very attractive series of film strips entitled, "Adventures in the Holy Bible," has just been made by Visualades. We are happy to announce that these are available for loan to any Adventist Sunday school which has, or can obtain the use of, a good projectoscope for showing *still* pictures.

Full information on the subjects in this interesting series of lessons, giving details of how to become a member of the Sunday School Film-Strip Library, is given in the September *Leader*. Superintendent, be sure to get your copy from your local Home Missionary secretary and avail yourself of this unparalleled opportunity NOW. D—E—L—A—Y may spell disappointment. E. R. WARLAND.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

### Picture Rolls

SUPERINTENDENTS and teachers were interested, at the recent Union Conference meetings, to see twelve children walk onto the platform, each carrying a Sabbath school picture roll, all different. Nearly one hundred and fifty beautiful coloured Bible pictures were contained in these rolls. They covered every Old and New Testament lesson on the three-year cycle of kindergarten and primary lessons.

Many Sabbath school officers were surprised to learn that each conference has a free picture roll library from which these rolls may be borrowed quarter by quarter. The only cost to the local school is the sixpenny stamp for posting the roll back to the Conference office on the Monday following each Thirteenth Sabbath. Yes, it's as simple and inexpensive as that!

Is your Sabbath school availing itself of this service? If not, why not use this means to increase the interest of your children at the Primary and Kindergarten lessons? The number of each roll available at present varies from twelve to thirty for the whole Union, so to avoid disappointment write to your conference Sabbath school secretary *now* for next quarter's roll.

*South England.*—Pastor A. C. Vine, 25 St. Johns Road, Watford, Herts.

*North England.*—Pastor E. H. Foster, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperly Park, Nottingham.

*Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.*—Pastor E. R. Warland, B.U.C. Office, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

## MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

### This Gem of a Book

It will interest readers of the MESSENGER to know that the latest medium price book, *God's Answers*, by R. D. Vine, is selling rapidly. Covering as it does so forcefully the main doctrines of the Advent message, its ready acceptance and appreciation by the public is particularly gratifying. Over 20,000 copies have already passed through the hands of our literature evangelists into homes in many parts of the country. And it was only in January, 1953, that "this gem of a book" was officially launched at the Colporteurs' Council.

Student-Colporteur F. C. Barfoot reports from the heavy woolen district of Huddersfield concerning *God's Answer*: "Many people have stopped me in the street since delivering their copy, telling me how much they enjoy this publication. I have every evening booked for Bible studies in six of these homes, and another study group of ten persons."

And *God's Answers* is finding its way across the seas, according to an interesting story which has just come to light. Someone over here sent a parcel of various articles to friends in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. In the parcel was a copy of *God's Answers*, probably bought at the door from a British colporteur. On finding it to be a religious book in which they were not much interested, they turned it over to their relatives, whom they knew to be interested in religious things.

This family discovered it was an Adventist book, and having become so enlightened by its presentation of the truth, the mother phoned the nearest

Adventist minister to tell him of their great interest through studying its wide range of subjects. We have now posted another copy to be presented to her nephew, and the Adventist minister has already commenced studies and is hopeful of this family fully opening their hearts to the message.

So as *God's Answers* continues on its winning way, we invite the prayers of the MESSENGER family on behalf of its widening circle of readers.

B. BELTON.

### Giving the Message to the Mau Mau

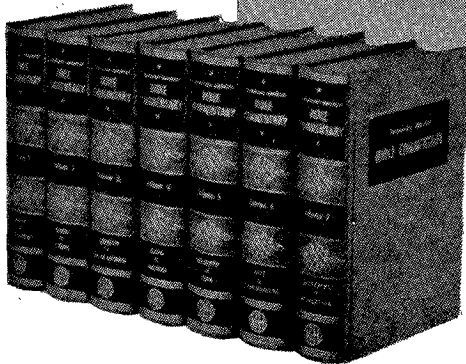
You have doubtless read in the papers, and heard over the wireless, about what was termed "Operation Anvil," when the police and military made a sweep

of Nairobi, and close to 30,000 Kikuyu have been detained in various camps for careful screening. Among them are a number of our mission teachers and students. In fact, I heard just the other day that a Kikuyu pastor had also been taken to the detention camp. In a circular letter sent to all our mission workers Pastor R. J. Wieland tells of the spiritual needs of these detainees. He says:

"Reports of our eleven Kikuyu workers and students who were detained at Langata recently indicate that the anti-European, anti-Government, anti-Christian spirit of the thousands of Kikuyu crowded together in these camps is increasing daily. A speaker in Legislative Council recently referred to this spirit developing in these camps as a wall of hatred.

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selves caught in the midst of this tragic situation, entrusted with the only message of truth that can bring light and peace to these bewildered and tempted people. The enemy of souls seems determined to capture an entire tribe—of nearly two million people. We cannot preach to the people in the camps in person—we are not permitted to. . . . We are permitted to speak to them from the tower in the centre of the camp, over the loud-speaker system, which privilege we are at present taking advantage of. But obviously we can do that only for Langata, near to Nairobi.

"We have obtained permission to distribute any quantity of Christian literature in these camps. We therefore wish to appeal to you to help us meet this challenge by sending to us whatever literature you can, as follows:

"1. Used copies of *Signs of the Times*, *Our Times*,

*Youth's Instructors*, etc. Even some *Review and Herald* could be used. Many read English.

"2. Any of our English books such as *Crisis* books, etc., which you might wish to donate to these camps.

"Detainees are not permitted to have pencils or pens, so the Kikuyu Voice of Prophecy lessons cannot be used. However, we shall stamp each book or piece of literature with the Kikuyu Voice of Prophecy address, so that the reader will know where he can apply, when possible, for more information.

"Thank you in anticipation for your generous help. We pray that this unclean spirit that troubles this unhappy land may not penetrate the peaceful and happy lands where most of you labour."

If any in the homeland would like to help in this urgent task please post your papers to us as printed matter to: Pastor R. J. Wieland, P.O. Box 1352, G. A. CLARKE, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

## Till the Day Dawn

PAGE.—We much regret to record the passing of our Sister Elsie Page, on June 28, 1954, at the age of sixty-eight years. Sister Page was baptized by Pastor L. E. A. Lane just over four years ago, and, owing to illness, has been cared for subsequently in the home of Sister Eyre at Westcliff. Our sister ended her earthly witness for her Master in a nursing home at Bexley Heath, and the last rites were conducted by the vicar in the parish church. We extend our sincere sympathy to the loved ones left to mourn, and look forward with the greater expectancy to that glorious day when the sleeping saints "shall hear His voice." E. Cox.

Mrs. Joan M. Zins wishes to thank the many friends and fellow church-members who sent messages of sympathy following the sad loss of her late husband, Pastor Eric Zins. She was much comforted by these kind expressions, and appreciated the many prayers which were offered.

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