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STAND NOT STILL!

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AS we face the challenge of 1963, these three words addressed to the people of God who were fleeing from Babylon, are appropriate to our situation. Babylon, then as now, was under the searching judgment of God. It was about to meet the destruction that its sins merited, and God spoke: "My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord." Jer. 51:45.

That this is paralleled by the call of the Advent message is clear from the corresponding verse in Revelation eighteen: "Babylon, the great is fallen. . . . Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:2, 4.

It is in this context that the appeal comes to us as individuals, "Stand not still." Jer. 51:50. Our Christian experience must be a progressive one. We cannot afford to "stand still." Ours must be a growth in grace and in personal fellowship with our Saviour. "Continual progress in knowledge and virtue is God's purpose for us. . . . Every day we may advance in perfection of Christian character." —*Gospel Workers*, page 274.

There are also areas of experience and activity that challenge us collectively as a church to go forward and occupy new ground. The ominous conditions in the world demand a more energetic and prayerful response on our part. The enemy is stealing a march on the church, and we must arouse to renewed and determined efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ.

In the vital matter of soul-winning, 1962 will go into the records as a banner year. Our workers

have toiled faithfully and the Lord has given the increase. Despite the many difficulties that confront the public evangelist today, the Word of the Lord is still effective in turning man from darkness to light. One of the encouraging features of the increase in membership has been the 200 souls won by the co-operation of the churchmembers.

Those who have tasted the satisfying joy of bringing a soul to Jesus will need no greater incentive to go on. "Stand not still" in leading men and women to the saving truth of God's Word. The year 1963 can be an even more fruitful one if more members share in the joy of witnessing and spreading the truth.

Our Sabbath-keeping and attendance at Sabbath school and church services can also make improvement. We are living in a decade of falling standards. The New English Bible translates Revelation 18:2, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!" Laxity in moral behaviour, laxity in business integrity, carelessness in honesty and courtesy is the prevailing mood of our times. To resist this downward pull, we need to avail ourselves of every means of grace provided by prayer, Bible study, church attendance, and Sabbath rest.

The Lord has blessed His people with material gains. This is reflected in the tithes and offerings that have flowed into the treasury during the past year. Here also, in the discharge of our stewardship, we must not "stand still." There are still some in the church who are denying themselves the blessing promised by the Lord to His faithful servants. If you are thus depriving yourself of a blessing,

Wishing all our Readers in 1963

A YEAR OF HAPPINESS AND BLESSING.

ponder prayerfully the following counsel from the Lord's messenger:

"Whenever God's people, in any period of the world have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all their labours just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements. . . . But when they robbed God in tithes and in offerings they were made to realize that they were not only robbing Him but themselves; for He limited His blessings to them just in proportion as they limited their offerings to Him."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 395.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and this is ever true. Again, the Lord's messenger states a principle in dealing with the question that there is no specific commandment about tithing in the New Testament:

"In like manner a tithe of our income is 'holy unto the Lord.' The New Testament does not re-enact the law of the tithe, as it does not that of the Sabbath; for the validity of both is assumed, and their deep spiritual import explained. . . .

While we as a people are seeking faithfully to give to God the time which He has reserved as His own, shall we not also render to Him that portion of our means which He claims?"—*Counsels on Stewardship*, page 66.

None of us should develop a parsimonious spirit in dealing with the Lord. He will not allow any of us to put Him in our debt. He "is a generous giver who neither refuses nor reproaches anyone." James 1:5, N.E.B. The work of God does not stand still and must ever thrust forward to conquer new fields and extend the frontiers of the kingdom of grace. That calls for sacrifice and surrender on the part of all who share God's compassion for the lost, that by co-operating with the Lord, the light of truth may be diffused abroad and the darkness vanquished.

The various projects and campaigns to promote the missionary work of the church overseas will also call for progressive advancement. But above all the activities that a living church must ever develop, is the need for a deeper spiritual experience on the part of each of us. It should give us much food for thought that this Advent message is the instrument for "carrying the seal of the living God," which will "set the seal of our God upon the foreheads of His servants." Rev. 7:2, 3, N.E.B.

That means much more than accepting certain truths of the Bible. It calls for a consecration of body, mind, and spirit to the will of God. It also means a submission to the leadings of "the Holy Spirit of God, for that Spirit is the seal with which you were marked for the day of our final liberation." It is deeply significant that in this connection, Paul appeals to us to develop a practical Christian character. "Have done with spite and passion, all angry shouting and cursing and bad feeling of every kind." "Be generous to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you."

"In a word, as God's dear children, try to be like Him, and live in love as Christ loved you, and gave Himself up on your behalf as an offering

and sacrifice whose fragrance is pleasing to God.' Eph. 4:30; 5:2, N.E.B.

Two harvests are ripening in the world today. As in nature, so in the kingdom of grace, we cannot stand still. The harvest will soon be ripe. "But when the fruit is ripe, straightway He putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come." Mark 4:29, R.V. We must "go out from the midst of her, and deliver every man his soul" from the contaminating corruptions of Babylon. "Stand not still," but go forward in strong confidence that the Lord who bought your redemption by His atoning sacrifice will also bring you to His everlasting glory.

"Standing at the portal of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day,
For His word shall never,
Never pass away."

Frances R. Havergal.

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Baptism at Bristol

SABBATH, December 8th, was a day of great rejoicing in the Bristol Central church. At the young people's service in the afternoon one of our own young people, Lynda Ogborne, followed her Lord through the waters of baptism. We have watched Lynda grow up in the church and it was a great joy to see her take this step and witness her faith in Jesus as her personal Saviour.

Four of our young people gave their testimony of what baptism had meant to them, and it was inspiring to listen to the youth of the church today who have given their hearts and talents to the service of our Lord.

Pastor T. H. Fielding conducted the service, and led us all in a prayer of reconsecration at the close, when we all stood to renew our own baptismal vows.

PRESS SECRETARY.

Bristol Welfare Rally

SABBATH, December 15th, will be long remembered by members of the Bristol and district churches. The Central church was filled as members from Croscombe, Weston, Bath, and Lodge Causeway joined us for worship on this special day. Pastor H. S. Pearce stressed the fact that kindness shown by us would be the only sermon some people would ever hear, and we must be ready to listen as well as talk, when we visit lonely folks.

In the afternoon we had a song service followed by an address given by Sister E. Rose, telling us of her experiences in Welfare work in London. The film, "Miracle in Middletown," was shown, portraying the Welfare Service at work.

A sacred concert was held in the evening, and a collection taken raised £10. 16s. to be used in supplying food parcels for needy people.

Leslie Riskowitz created an atmosphere of peaceful meditation with items on the piano and organ. His rendering of the Bach Chorale, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," was superb.

Uriel Porter carried us to heavenly places with his delightful rendering of negro spirituals, "The Lord's Prayer," and "Star of Bethlehem."

John Fetters rendered items from "The Messiah," and "The Holy City." We indeed counted our blessings while he sang to us the lovely song, "Count your Blessings."

From Bristol and district we say a big "thank you" to all the artistes taking part, and hope to see them all again soon.

PRESS SECRETARY.

Happy Little Tree

SLOWLY the little tree looked round the church. It was so tired after its long journey from the mountains in a big lorry and then in a little car to this hall it had never seen before; and it just leaned back in the corner. Presently the church mouse (for of course every church must have its mouse) popped out of its hole.

"Hallo," he said, "what are you doing here? You're a Christmas tree, aren't you?"

"Yes," replied the tree.

"Well," said the mouse, "it is no use your staying here; this is a church. Christmas trees are for parties and fun."

"I can't help that," answered the tree, "I don't know where else to go. I shall just have to miss the fun, that's all."

"Never mind, little tree," said the church mouse kindly, "you make that corner look very pretty with your green branches, so I don't think anyone will mind your being here."

For one whole week the little tree stood in the corner with only the church mouse to talk to, but when Sabbath came every child and many grown-ups brought a parcel or a toy, and soon a great heap of things surrounded the bottom of the tree.

"Whatever is happening?" it thought, "It can't be a party because the mouse says this is a church."

As soon as the hall was empty, out came the church mouse.

"I've been watching," he said. "Did you notice the way the children gave each toy a cuddle or pat as they put it down, just as if it was something they knew and loved?"

"Yes, and some of the little girls said, 'Good-bye Betty or Jeanie' to the dolls," replied the tree.

"Most strange, most strange," said the mouse, as he scurried back to his hole.

Afternoon came and once more the people arrived. A man called Chief Inspector Churchley started to tell the people about homes where one set-back after another had crushed the spirit from the adults until they lived in squalor incredible to believe, and so neglected their children who became living skeletons, sometimes covered in rags, sometimes not. These latter cases, said Mr. Churchley, were the ones that gave most concern to the voluntary organization, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which he represented, for it often happened so gradually that people only became aware of it after the condition had existed for a considerable period of time; whereas cases of downright brutality roused otherwise easy-going citizens to immediate action.

Why did the organization remain voluntary? In order that its work might remain one of restoration and not of prosecution, was the answer. Out of 118,000 cases dealt with in the last twelve months, only 400 had ended in prosecution. In the other cases, after much patient work by inspectors, conditions had improved sufficiently for the children to remain in their proper surroundings, their homes.

As the pictures were shown it seemed impossible that some of these filthy, wrecked homes could ever become normal homes again, but infinitely worse was the fact that it seemed equally impossible that some of these poor children could ever become normal children again. Yet later pictures showed these wonderful results achieved.

"Inspector L'Brun and I would like to thank you for these gifts," said Mr. Churchley.

At last the little tree understood. All these gifts were the fruits of love from children blessed with happy Christian homes, to those brothers and sisters who had so little. How proud the tree was to hold such gifts, for surely this was better than parties and fun.

Is this just another Christmas fairy story? No. This is what happened at Watford Town church on Sabbath afternoon, December 15th. How we wished we could add a nought to the £9 collected that afternoon for so worthy a cause.

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Leeds Baptism

It is always a thrill to see our young people growing up and taking their places in active church life, sealing their profession of faith in the ordinance of baptism. So on Sabbath, December 8th, the Leeds church was well filled to give prayerful support to three of its young people, who were taking this solemn yet joyous step.

Ruth and Glynis Owens and Paul Clee had atten-

ded the Laurieston church school and had carried offices most acceptably in church and Sabbath school. They had demonstrated their willingness to respond to active service for their Lord and Saviour. Both Ruth and Glynis have purposed to train as nurses, so that they can engage in medical mission service overseas, while Paul has set his heart upon the ministry.

We are sure these youthful Missionary Volunteers took careful note of the helpful counsel given them by Dr. B. Beach, whose deep interest in church schools and young people in general is well known. He was with us for this red-letter day in their lives and made a lasting impression upon all who joined in this happy occasion. His appeal to other young people in the audience to prepare for service and baptism, did not go unheeded. Dr. Beach chose to direct our attention to the song of Moses which all the ransomed and redeemed will sing on the sea of glass. (Rev. 15:2, 3.) This, said Dr. Beach, is the song of experience—of service, surrender, love, devotion, meekness, and loyalty.

We pray for these youthful candidates the choicest blessing Heaven can bestow; and upon the heads of their parents we call down the blessing of the Lord. Their cup of joy was filled to overflowing and their faith rewarded. Who will be next to hear the glad word, "Thou art My son, My daughter, in whom I am well pleased"?

H. K. MUNSON.

Baptism in Manchester

ON Sabbath afternoon, December 8th, there was a dual baptism in Manchester. A party from the Blackpool and Blackburn district with their minister, Pastor E. Cox, came to join us in Manchester, bringing two candidates for baptism.

Some words from the opening hymn, "O heavenly Dove, descend from on high," provided a fitting prayer with which to begin the service.

After a warm welcome had been given to the visitors, Brother I. Smith sang the Lord's Prayer as a solo. The address was given by Pastor Cox. He emphasized the duty of all churchmembers at all times to "sustain, exhort, and encourage" each other and to feel a special responsibility toward those "young in the faith." He spoke also of the need for cheerfulness and being "joyful in the Lord."

There were seven Jamaican candidates from Manchester, six sisters and a brother. These were baptized by Pastor R. H. Bainbridge and received into church membership. The two sisters, one from Blackpool and one from Blackburn, were baptized by Pastor Cox. The large congregation, by a show of hands, promised to pray for those newly baptized. May the thought of so many prayers on their behalf bring help and courage to those who have recently made their profession of faith as they go out to face the difficulties and disappointments they will encounter in the world.

CHURCH CLERK.

A Week-end of Emphasis

I Was at Newbold That Week-end

By a Visitor

NOR everything at Newbold is learned in the classroom.

The week-end, November 30th to December 1st, provided an example of the wider education that our College affords. At the invitation of the faculty, the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of the Union, in the persons of Pastors A. C. Vine, H. S. Pearce, and Alan Norman, took over the direction of all the services of the week-end.

The basic thought of Pastor Pearce's cheery chapel talk was that we should give a courageous straightforward witness of what the Lord has done for us. We should not, he said, through lack of courage, "dilute" our testimony, making it insipid and meaningless. The influence of our lives and the story we tell must grip the hearts of all whom our lives touch.

It has been said that there are two kinds of stories in which people specially delight—love-stories and conversion stories. Of course, conversion stories are love stories, too; the greatest of all invariably bringing to light the matchless, unailing love of the Father as He seeks out His dear ones. The experiences recounted in the young people's meeting were such as to make every heart burn, and all as the result of quiet witness quite apart from the public rostrum.

Douglas Sinclair told how the Lord sought him out on board ship, all within sight of his Master's Certificate.

Pastor Anderson, who has for some years been working in Sierra Leone and Ghana, and who is now studying for his degree, told of the earnest devotion of our African lay brethren in the promulgation of the Word.

Sisters Grant and Turner, from Scotland and Southern Ireland respectively, related how just a casual invitation by word of mouth, and the faithful witness of an isolated brother, had brought them into the truth. Their presence there in College and their dedication now to God and His cause, was a more than sufficient testimony to the efficacy of the timely Word.

A young nurse patiently and cheerfully and tenderly fed a helpless old man. She dared, with a trembling heart, to suggest a little prayer to another before she left him for the night. A business manager was so scrupulously honest as to return forty-five cents overcharge. Today a fine hospital, through large donations from an appreciative observer, is manned wholly by Adventists because of these simple, "as-unto-Him" actions. Another hospital

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which will be one of the most modernly equipped in the world, is in course of construction, a gift from a rich family who have been impressed by faithful Adventist witnessing. As told by Pastor L. G. Hardinge these stories made wonderful telling. It was altogether a most inspiring meeting.

Pastor Vine delivered the Sabbath morning address. He spoke on the Great Commission which Jesus gave to all disciples to the end of time. Even, and especially, in these days of marked unbelief, days of confusion, anxiety, and discouragement, the church is the greatest power on earth, and its members should be heralds of the mighty acts of God, labouring "in Christ's stead."

The afternoon, under the guidance of the three department leaders, provided opportunity for discussion of which, it was good to note, the students took gratifying advantage. With the possibility of future departmental leaders hidden among them, it was encouraging to see this respect for these phases of the work.

Two films rounded off the day, the one "Hazard," emphasizing the importance of attention to detail, and the second, "The Promise," a simple story relating to the promise of the Holy Spirit to all who ask.

Vocal solos by Miss Ruth Clee, and piano solos by Miss Elizabeth Vine, together with a fine item by the College male choir, added more enjoyment to the week-end's services, as did also perhaps the little extras the students enjoyed at tea-time, a gift from the Home Missionary Department.

Quite apart from their role in the future, as pastors and evangelists, Bible instructors, missionaries, and departmental leaders, it is good to know that the student body is already active in personal Christian service. Newbold is one of the most alive churches in the Union, distributing large volumes of our church magazines and tracts, and raising large sums in the Missions Extension and Ingathering Campaigns.

May God bless the young people of Newbold who have dedicated their lives to His service!

Missionary Training at Newbold

NEWBOLD COLLEGE is still a Missionary Training College. In these days of necessary rising academic standards and more extra-curricular activities, the training of future workers and leaders in God's cause is still uppermost in the thinking of the administrators of the College.

One of the ways by which this aim is furthered is to give the leadership of the College church

departments to students. Hence the MV leader, Sabbath school superintendent, and home missionary leader, together with their associate leaders and secretaries, are all students, with faculty members acting as committee advisers.

The home missionary department this year has been ably led by Alan Crowe from Lowestoft and David Newman from Watford, with Rod Nixon from Edgware, and Ruth Clee from Leeds, as the efficient secretaries. Taking as their motto, "God expects ACTION at this time," these student officers have, since mid-September, encouraged their fellow-students to engage in a "Favourite Bible Text Survey," covered the rapidly developing new town of Bracknell with personal invitations to take the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course; contacted the local Community Relations officer preparatory to giving a sacred concert on behalf of a local charity; increased the number of annual subscriptions of *Our Times* by 150 per cent; and in addition have had the thrill of seeing three people begin to attend church regularly on Sabbath as a direct result of home missionary activity. Several other regular Bible study appointments have been arranged by students and are being met week by week.

On the week-end of December 1st, the home missionary department secretaries of the British Union Conference came to Newbold to encourage this work and to suggest new avenues of approach. Led by Pastor A. C. Vine from the Union office, Pastors H. S. Pearce of South England, and A. Norman of North England, spent a packed forty-eight hours at the College. Through preaching services, discussion periods, and personal counselling, they sought to re-emphasize the great aim of their department—the supreme mission of the church—"By all means save some."

It was fitting that in the concluding social evening



The Principal of Newbold College, Pastor V. N. Olsen, presents a copy of the New English Bible to the local winner of the "Favourite Text" survey.

"Backward March!"

By LIONEL ACTON HUBBARD

SHOULD such a command be given by an N.C.O. in the British Army I am sure a full-scale inquiry would be made and the eyes of the ranking officers would be raised in consternation.

Yet it was just such a command—regarding all requests for service as commands from a Higher authority—that I received from Pastor C. B. Mensah, president of the Ghana mission, when he asked me to travel north and then east to assist at a camp meeting.

Many years ago now it was my privilege to labour among the people of North Nigeria, in our Jengre Hospital. Since that time my work has been in the beautiful location of the Kwahu Hospital in its mountain setting. Fine school buildings, and a new hospital with all modern conveniences daily near completion.

The invitation to the campmeeting at Akumindipe was not only a step back in location, but also in time and experience.

The Land Rover covered the excellent road from Kwahu to Tamale with ease. There we had a short break while we transferred our loads, camp beds, dressings, sterilizers, and drugs to the car of Pastor Reisburg.

Leaving Tamale at dusk we had before us many hours of tortuous driving over roads that are merely sand tracks through the swamp and bush.

Large snakes slithered away from the approaching car, owls standing like large grey sentinels took to the air, smaller night birds fluttered and crashed against the wind shield, and large hare darted to bush.

The road, newly opened after the rainy season, was nearly impassible in some areas. Eventually we arrived at our destination, down into a drift, over the swift Daka river, and up into the town—a cluster of thatched mud houses all tight closed without a soul to see.

Along the 200 yards of road passing the town we drove, past the leper colony on the fringe, and then back again.

A light appeared and then another and then another. Bright eyes illuminated by kerosene lanterns greeted us in the darkness and soon we were ushered into the native dwelling that was to be our abode for three nights and days.

Cold water from the river provided our bath, taken on a suitable stone, the whole scene clothed in glorious moonlight, and so to bed.

My section of the house was to double for accommodation and clinic room. It was inhabited by myself and two African boys who were to prove such a help and blessing. The lamp was lowered and we knelt to pray before settling for the night.

Settling may be the wrong word because it was not long before the mosquitoes discovered us, rats were noisy in our food box, and in the distance

after piano solos by the guest of honour, Elizabeth Vine, the challenging film, "The Promise," should be screened. Truly the need of God's church, your need and mine, is for the enlightenment of God's Holy Spirit that we might more clearly discern the present opportunities to uplift Jesus in our own community, and it is very evident that we need His Spirit's power to make these efforts productive. How thrilling to remember that, "the promise is unto YOU, and to YOUR CHILDREN, and to ALL that are afar off, even AS MANY as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

To fulfil the conditions of this promise, that His power may be seen in our witness, is the decision of those who join in the Week-end of Home Missionary Emphasis at Newbold.

ROY E. GRAHAM.

How to Get to Newbold

THINKING of going to Newbold College? Then look at the following list. All these students earned full or part scholarships. You could start as from January 1, 1963. Contact your local Publishing Department Secretary or write to me.

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- Bone, P. J.
- Bunker, Miss E.
- Clee, Miss R.
- Cox, D.
- Crowe, A.
- Delice, O.
- Duroe, J.
- Fielding, V.
- Frost, Miss C.
- Grant, Miss H.
- Harju, E.
- Mason, M.
- Jeffery, B.
- Maxwell, E.
- Newman, D.
- Nixon, R.
- Parkin, H.
- Robertson, N.
- Robinson, B.
- Solomon, Miss J.
- West, F.
- Worthington, Miss P.

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- Andreason, N.
- Everett, Miss A.
- Fidelia, R.
- Healey, J. H.
- Krusholm, A.
- Vine, M.

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- Conroy, A.
- Elias, B.
- Evers, Miss J.
- France, Miss E.
- Hodges, A.
- Meier, E.
- Meekcoms, Miss
- Whitfield, Miss G.

You will notice that there were six young ladies who were successful in gaining a full scholarship. So, young men, you could do it, too. "Christ calls for young men who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world. . . . The church needs new men to give energy to the ranks, men for the times, able to cope with its errors, men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of the few labourers, men whose hearts are warm with Christian love and whose hands are eager to go about their Master's work."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 103.

Why not go to Newbold and train to be a successful literature-evangelist?

W. J. NEWMAN,
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hyena howled their baleful call.

The hour of 4.30 a.m. found a group of us at prayer in the centre of the town—now completely dark as the moon had disappeared and as yet the solar knife of dawn had not cut the horizon.

The programme of talks, instruction, sermons, singing, and treatments went on day by day. Altogether 250 souls received the relief our medicines and dressings could give. Late into the evening my two young African companions and myself went into the compounds and houses of the town. We prayed and talked with the people, and endeavoured to point them to the Life-giver. Sometimes the evening was quiet, sometimes we worked against a background of native drums and passionate dancing.

A group of the people among whom we were working are almost lawless. They will not send their children to school, they will not be organized, and settle most arguments with an arrow in the back.

Some people refer to this experience as "Going bush." For the missionary it is a rich and rewarding experience. To come near to the people for whom Christ died, to relieve their sufferings, to show them a better way, and to see them buried in baptism before the pagan multitudes that gather at the river bank is a heart-warming and tear-provoking experience that lives for ever in the recesses of the mind.

It may mean strange foods to which one is not accustomed, cold baths in the river—crocodile in-

habited—after sundown, river water to drink, and the relentless searing sun by day, but the soul's reward is beyond expression. Yes, the command came and we obeyed the call to "Backward March"—only three days in time, but many years backward in conditions and experiences. No roads, no lighting, no well or piped water, no telephone, post or other communication, *no hospital or clinic*, at the mercy of fate with the possible passing of one or two lorries per week to relieve the routine of life.

Fellow-believer, the great African continent is on the march, progress is apparent all along the coast, vast projects are under way, and all around is activity.

There are, however, millions of square miles of the continent as yet untouched by this message which we hold so dear. Millions are suffering—men and means are few.

Dear fellow-believers, remember your brother and sister missionaries and all that wonderful indigenous worker force who give so much that others might have the more abundant life.

With your prayers, with your means, with the gift of your sons and your daughters you can help forward the course of truth.

"Give and to you shall be given;
God His beloved Son gave;
Gratefully seeking to serve Him,
Give Him the best that you have."

From a Wastepaper Basket

By J. ERNEST EDWARDS

A RECENT report from Houston, Texas, tells of unexpected results from an Ingathering call. Pastor R. A. Bata, conference home missionary secretary, tells the story:

"Two friends were doing their Ingathering together from home to home. At one house a man took the magazine but treated the solicitors very rudely, and they left. Now we know the rest of the story.

"David Sharkey, not an Adventist, was in the house at the time. When the man returned from the door he threw the Ingathering folder into the wastepaper basket and remarked something about the "odd balls." This charge aroused the curiosity of Mr. Sharkey, who picked the Ingathering magazine from the wastepaper basket to learn what had caused such a violent reaction on the part of his friend. He spent several hours in the public library doing research on Seventh-Day Adventists. Then he got in touch with our church, stating he wanted to know more about what we believe.

"After receiving Bible studies and attending some evangelistic meetings, David Sharkey was baptized and is now a member of the Houston Central church.

"I suppose the Ingatherers who called at this house will never know that they were the ones who made the contact, for Mr. Sharkey did not meet them. But Heaven has an accurate record."

—R. & H.



At work in a banana plantation.



STEVENS-NEWELL.—At Wolverhampton church, on September 30, 1962, Mary Newell of Kingston, Jamaica, was married to Oscar George Stevens, also of Jamaica. The wedding ceremony was performed by Pastor Bryan Ball, minister of the Wolverhampton church.

Mary, who was once a student colporteur at the Kingsway High School, Jamaica, is now a nurse. She became engaged to Mr. Stevens in August, 1957, before he came to England.

The bride wore a knee-length classic dress of white lace, and her bouffant headdress was held in position by white gardenias. For her bouquet she carried white carnations mingled with fern. She was given away by Brother Williams, and the best man was Brother Brown, both of Jamaica.

Photographs were taken of the happy couple after the ceremony, after which relatives and friends attended a reception held in the youth hall of the church.

We would ask God's blessing on their future life, and we wish them every happiness as they serve the Lord.

M. M. TITLEY,
Church Clerk.



TILL THE DAY DAWN

PHILLIPS.—On November 6, 1962, Sister Edith Lily Phillips of the Cardiff church fell asleep in Jesus. After eighty-eight years of active service in this life, our dear sister was tired and longed to go to sleep in Jesus. She had been ill for some months and toward the end suffered a great deal of pain, but she was cheerful and happy to the last. Baptized by Pastor S. G. Hyde in 1938, Sister Phillips has been faithful ever since. She attended church regularly until she had a fall about a year ago, as a result of which she broke her femur. Almost her last thought was to hand over a pound note and ask that it be her contribution to the 1963 Ingathering! We laid her to rest in the Cathays Cemetery to await the call of the Saviour whom she loved. Our sincere sympathies go out to the family who mourn the passing of a fine mother. May we be ready to meet her at the resurrection morning. K. A. ELIAS.

McCLEMENTS.—Dr. Samuel McClements passed to his rest on November 14, 1962, after struggling for some weeks with a painful illness. Many years ago Dr. McClements served as medical superintendent of the Stanboroughs Hydro, and subsequently engaged in private practice in London and latterly in Wellington, Somerset. The writer conducted a brief service in the home, where his family and some close friends were present, and the committal service at the Bristol Crematorium. The ashes were later transferred to Banbridge, Co. Down, where Pastor Roy Burgess held a memorial service when only the immediate relatives were present—Mr. Robert McClements, a brother and his wife; Mr. Joe McClements and three sons; Andrew and Harold McClements, nephews of the deceased. The ashes were interred in the small cemetery in Lochbrickland, Co. Down. To these relatives, and especially to his devoted wife, Doris, a faithful member of our Taunton church; his son and two daughters, who mourn his loss, we convey our tender sympathy and condolence in their bereavement, believing that a gracious heavenly Father will do all things well in the day of eternal rewards. JOHN H. BAYLISS.

RIDGER.—On Friday, November 16, 1962, the dark shadow of bereavement passed over the Wimbledon church, and took from us our dear brother, Walter Ridger. He was fifty-five years of age. Everyone respected this quiet, sincere man, and this made his long service as a deacon invaluable. Almost a quarter of a century ago, and within a short time of his baptism by Pastor C. A. Reeves in 1934, our brother suffered a near-fatal heart attack and his re-

covery, after an anointing service, was amazing. Thereafter he faithfully cared for his aged mother, and was married to the then church school teacher, Grace Thomas. They spent eleven happy years together. Some while ago the cardiac trouble recurred and quickly worsened. The end came within hours of a second anointing, which did, however, bring him great tranquillity. Preceding the interment at Magdalen Road Cemetery, Earlsfield, on Thursday, November 22nd, a service was held at the Wimbledon church, at which Pastor A. G. Tapping spoke words of hope and comfort, stressing the certainty of a soon-coming resurrection in Christ. Brother Walter Ridger rests in Jesus. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow, Grace, to Mr. and Mrs. David Ridger, and other relatives. GEORGE ELLIOTT.

Gratitude

SISTER STANDEN, in deep appreciation, thanks all who so kindly made inquiries, visited, gave gifts, and prayed with Brother Standen during his last illness.



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