

HUTTON'S NEW CHURCH

ELEVEN members, Australian Pastor Desmond Mowday, his two sons, enthusiasm, hard work and the Conference 1% Fund, combined to erect a brick-built church for £2,000 at Hutton, Billericay, Essex.

In place of the very small temporary building formerly used, a thirty-two foot by eighteen foot church now adequately caters for the needs of the members. As Pastor E. H. Foster commented at the opening morning service: "It would not compare with cathedrals, neither is it a museum for saints, but it is a hospital for sinners."

Pastor R. E. Graham officiated at the organization of the company into a church on that day January 9th, and at the same time Dr. C. F. Cumings was ordained as elder.

Pastor Mowday did the "spade" work in more senses than one: he obtained council building permission, had building and financial plans passed, and then with the help of his two sons and the six male members dug the foundations and worked on the erection.

The chairman of the Brentwood Urban District Council who performed

the opening ceremony stated that this was his first contact with Seventh-day Adventists, and wished the local members every success in their church activities.

The members wish to extend their gratitude to God, to Pastor Mowday and all who gave so willingly of their time and means, and especially to all in the South England Conference who contribute to the 1% plan.

There is a welcome for any member who wishes to visit and worship in this new edifice erected to the glory of God.

The Chairman of the Hutton District Council officially opening the new Hutton church. Right: Interior of the church.



INGATHERING—1971

IT'S A MIRACLE

Message from

V. H. Cooper,

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It's a miracle how everybody goes into action as soon as a certain eleven-letter word is whispered just before the end of March—often before the last snow of winter. As new life breaks into bud in the flower border, Adventists burst out of their winter somnolence with a display of neighbour-concern that is beautiful to see.

Each spring they visit two and a half million people—what a marvellous picture! Thousands of eager collectors up and out early on a cool and sometimes wet, blustery Sunday morning in March. The motorist generously offers his car to transport members to their territory. Sometimes Grandma cooks the dinner—more often than not she goes out, too (Lancashire "hot-pot" doesn't need a full-time cook). After a hard day's work in factory and office an army of voluntary workers joined by housewives spend their evening ringing doorbells (and in an increasing number of places advance parties of youth and children distribute World-Wide Advent Missions leaflets prior to a collector's call in order to increase the size of the gift). Some prefer shops and offices—others public houses and clubs.

They explain and invite support for the Adventist world-wide humanitarian programme. And they proudly tell of their fellow-believers—Adventists who have left home to serve in hospitals, schools, and churches around the world—65,000 of them rendering many varieties of service as doctors, physiotherapists, nurses, X-ray technicians, business managers and ministers, teachers and office workers, and a whole lot more.

Last year some 500 new workers were sent to the mission field—not including children and workers returning from furlough. They count on our holding the ropes. The whole mission programme annually costs more than £10 million. And British Adventists will loyally and joyfully go out to collect their share—some £110,000—as much as last year and just a little more.

And here they come—with sore feet or aching arms and bent shoulders—weighed down with a heavy mixture of old and decimal coins, but all very light-hearted especially because the occasional 50p piece and one pound note have been dropped in the collecting box to bless their efforts. *Many say that*

by the end of the campaign they are healthier and more buoyant in spirit due to the fresh air treatment and the joy of meeting people.

And it's not just a house-to-house collection. It's as missionaries as well as for missionaries that they visit each home. Keen eyes and ears are open to discover those whose hearts the Lord has prepared. Today, so many are looking for spiritual satisfaction. Some will gladly accept Christian literature or the suggestion of a Bible course. Some need help from the Welfare Society, while others may wish to contribute clothes or other supplies. So the collector notes names and addresses and promises to call back. And then of course he keeps his promise. This is Ingathering at its best: souls helped and saved abroad—and at home.

And what makes us go from home to home? Is it the love of Christ that constrains us? (2 Cor. 5:14.) As the New English Bible says: "*THE LOVE OF CHRIST LEAVES US NO CHOICE.*"

Do You Know ?

1. The 58th annual house-to-house collection for World-Wide Advent Missions (known to Adventists as Ingathering) begins March 27th and ends April 25th.
2. The police and local authorities have been notified.
3. Your church local agent will provide you with badge, permit, collecting boxes, advertising leaflets and folders, territory map, Chairman's report and audited statement.
4. Collectors requiring receipt books—for use in business premises—may obtain these from their church treasurer.
5. Seasoned collectors are invited to take with them former non-participating members for encouragement and experience.
6. To obtain larger gifts, churches are encouraged to experiment with the distribution of Ingathering leaflets by children and youth a day or two before the collector calls.
7. Names and addresses of individuals and firms making large contributions should be handed to your local agent for transfer to the charity's head office at Stanborough Park. Such donors will be sent World-Wide Advent Mission's quarterly newsletter.
8. Laymen's Year Ingatherers are invited to make every call a missionary adventure and note addresses for follow-up with Gift Bible Evangelism.

VICTOR H. COOPER.

Chairman's Report

THE 57th Annual Appeal by WORLD-WIDE ADVENT MISSIONS (British Section)—the Missions Board of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, resulted in the magnificent sum of £109,297 15s.

Our hearty thanks to loyal groups of house-to-house collectors, old and young, in all the major sections of Great Britain, and to the generous public. These funds help to maintain a world-wide programme in 193 countries, providing medical, evangelical, and educational facilities on a continually expanding basis. Then, wherever there are disasters, Adventists try to provide assistance. During 1970, in Peru for example, we undertook the following programme:

- 200 miles of irrigation ditches and canals repaired to prevent loss of crops.
- 10 wells dug.
- 70 schools restored to usable condition.
- 18½ miles of roads cleared and rebuilt.
- 300 miles of mountain trails rebuilt.
- 100 toilets dug to improve sanitation.
- 5 city sewers repaired.
- 2 bridges built.
- 52 homes built.
- 1.2 million pounds of food distributed.
- 30000 pounds of clothing distributed.
- 1300 blankets distributed.
- 315 new family-size tents provided for the homeless.

Two weeks after the civil war in East Nigeria, which ended in January 1970, our Aboada Hospital was reopened. It is the only hospital opened after the war for a population of half a million people. The Governor of River State has asked us to create four or five out-patient clinics in neighbouring towns and to build churches in all the villages, endeavouring to improve his people's spiritual condition, turning them from idolatry and superstition and helping with their education.

In Zambia, our workers at the Mwami Adventist Hospital and Leprosarium have just taken delivery of a new Cessna-185 plane, which will make it possible to bring emergency cases to the hospital. Some 30 planes are now used by WORLD-WIDE ADVENT MISSIONS to help make the service they offer more efficient.

For all the help you have given annually, monthly and weekly, we thank you gratefully. In the spirit of One who gave His life on our behalf—we continue our programme in 1971.

Our sincere thanks,

E. H. FOSTER.

Ingathering Achievements, 1970

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Church or Company	1970	Final	£.	s.	d.
Aylesbury	254	3	1		
Balham	594	8	6		
Bath	402	4	0		
Bedford	189	12	4		
Bodmin	423	8	0		
Bournemouth	966	1	6		
Bristol Central	887	9	11		
Bristol L.C.	454	18	3		
Brixton	1806	1	0		
Bromley	385	15	3		
Cambridge	275	12	1		
Canterbury	133	9	8		
Central London	2235	3	4		
Chalford	234	0	0		
Chatham	534	14	2		
Chelmsford	509	0	1		
Cheltenham	117	4	11		
Chiswick	2546	0	5		
Clacton	276	4	1		
Colchester	867	12	4		
Crocombe	297	4	0		
Croydon	857	6	9		
Ealing	1182	5	0		
Eastbourne	185	0	0		
Edgware	88	6	8		
Edmonton	449	14	0		
Ely	14	7	0		
Exeter	247	17	8		
Folkestone	178	7	3		
Forest Gate	538	15	10		
Gloucester	667	14	9		
Grays	98	5	6		
Guildford	238	18	8		
Harlesden	594	3	5		
Hastings	207	1	10		
High Wycombe	460	12	11		
Holloway	2657	1	1		
Hove	558	10	8		
Hutton	360	3	6		
Isle of Wight	196	0	7		
Ilford	688	15	0		
Ipswich	827	16	0		
Ladbroke Grove	128	2	7		
Lewisham	1247	16	2		
Liskeard	120	0	0		
Lowestoft	621	18	2		
Luton	784	6	11		
Newbold	4942	18	2		
Norwich	744	3	3		
Oulton Broad	350	0	0		
Oxford	843	2	7		
Peckham	464	6	7		
Plymouth	644	8	9		
Portsmouth	412	13	0		
Reading	1336	17	9		
Redruth	384	16	9		
Richmond	653	6	0		
Rye	20	16	7		
St. Albans	557	18	4		
St. Austell	267	10	6		
Slough	640	13	8		
Southall	443	6	5		
Southampton	581	11	10		
Southend	508	3	1		
Stanborough Park	4727	4	8		
Stoke Newington	1000	0	3		
Swindon	235	15	0		
Taunton	135	13	11		

Church or Company	1970	Final	£.	s.	d.
Torquay	595	8	10		
Tottenham	875	18	9		
Trowbridge	154	1	10		
Walthamstow	1102	7	7		
Watford	1082	12	7		
Wembley	261	12	5		
Weston	401	19	1		
Weymouth	268	13	1		
Wimbledon	1124	15	0		
Wood Green	450	0	0		
Worthing	348	19	3		
Yarmouth	168	5	8		
Isolated	1048	19	6		
Miscellaneous	598	7	2		
Legacies & Spec	1633	16	7		
Total	£58600	19	0		

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Barnsley	426	11	10
Barrow	164	10	0
Birmingham:			
Camp Hill	2797	2	3
Erdington	1071	5	11
Handsworth	1862	5	10
Blackburn	175	18	11
Blackpool	532	17	4
Bolton	483	0	2
Bradford	1051	19	9
Burnley	70	11	0
Burnopfield	45	9	4
Burton	120	0	9
Cannock	98	8	8
Carlisle	462	7	8
Chesterfield	166	19	3
Chorley	437	2	6
Coventry	735	12	0
Darlington	433	2	9
Derby	1064	19	6
Doncaster	583	1	9
Dudley	413	1	6
Grantham	1074	0	11
Grimsby	150	15	3
Halifax	255	2	9
Harrowgate	103	14	10
Huddersfield	626	18	11
Hull	660	16	3
Kettering	263	19	10
Killamarsh	33	7	1
Leeds	1186	10	11
Leicester	1133	8	4
Lincoln	183	12	10
Live-pool	625	14	2
Long Eaton	245	1	0
Loughborough	34	0	1
Manchester	2554	15	4
M'ddlesbrough	765	11	6
Newark	88	18	2
Newcastle	1483	3	11
Northampton	35	5	5
Nottingham	1617	19	2
Oldham	638	10	10
Preston	1150	18	0
Rochdale	62	4	7
Rotherham	83	18	7
Rugby	50	5	9
Rushden	86	11	9
Scarborough	180	2	0
Sheffield	1159	1	2
Sherwood	288	3	7
Skegness	117	0	0
Smethwick	288	15	3

Church or Company	1970	Final	£.	s.	d.
Southport	122	13	1		
Stamford	35	9	6		
Stockport	349	19	9		
Stoke	1452	16	0		
Stratford	71	12	11		
Sunderland	24	11	4		
Sutton	235	4	0		
Todmorden	294	6	0		
Ulceby	305	6	1		
Wakefield	107	0	0		
Wallasey	130	11	2		
Walsall	495	17	1		
Ward End	614	8	0		
West Bromwich	326	19	6		
Wellingborough	115	11	4		
Wolverhampton	1258	18	1		
West Park	795	0	0		
Worcester	231	16	7		
York	646	9	11		
Conference	461	9	3		

Total	£38512	16	5
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WELSH MISSION

Aberdare	242	8	5
Ammonford	4	7	5
Barry	310	9	6
Caerphilly	110	6	3
Cardiff	407	11	4
Ebbw Vale/Abergavenny	70	11	3
Gellygaer	210	0	0
Hereford	113	13	9
Llandudno	286	11	6
Newport	671	6	3
Port Talbot	301	6	6
Pontypool	71	0	0
Rhyl	497	0	8
Swansea	594	1	7
Shrewsbury	529	11	6
Trealaw	236	7	0
Wrexham	30	13	3
Welsh Isolated	208	6	7
Total	£4895	12	9

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	549	10	3
Crieff	135	0	0
Dundee	545	11	0
Dunfermline	220	10	6
Edinburgh	948	3	7
Falkirk	93	8	10
Glasgow	1542	9	5
Lundin Links	209	7	9
Perth	153	10	0
Scottish Isolated	22	9	8
Total	£4420	1	0

IRISH MISSION

Banbridge	330	5	9
Belfast	1195	16	9
Dublin	119	8	6
Kilmoyle/Coleraine	106	14	9
Londonderry	555	18	1
Larne	216	12	2
Portadown	205	11	9
Irish Isolated	5	3	
Total	£2730	13	0

WEST AFRICA CALLING

"Come Over and Help Us!"

*Part One of Impressions
From an Extended Tour
of Mission Hospitals*

by Dr. J. D. Henriksen, M.D.,

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THE West African countries are placed between the Sahara in the north and Angola in the south. The population is around one hundred million, scattered mostly in newly independent countries. Outside the cities the population is living under very poor conditions, the majority of them being mostly small farmers or labourers in mines and slowly developing industries. Compulsory school education is not common, even though a number of schools are gradually being opened up by the missions or the government.

The little opportunity for education, makes it understandable that the knowledge of prevention of illness is lacking in many places. Medical facilities are few and scattered and the people's superstition makes them often seek the native doctor before going to the hospitals or clinics, thus preventing or postponing real treatment of illness. It is therefore very frequent that children die before the age of five.

There are many diseases spread by polluted water. When you cross a bridge over a river, you will see people washing clothes, others bathing, while others are filling their buckets with drinking water, all at the same time, in spite of waste water running into the river from ditches and sewerage canals. Naturally, a lot of disease is spread in this way.

The people not only suffer from tropical diseases, but also have epidemic hepatitis, lung tuberculosis, syphilis and gonorrhoea, in great numbers. Leprosy is still spreading, dysentery, typhoid fever and cholera show up here and there. The people do not protect themselves against malaria, worm diseases, tetanus, and snake bites.

To attend a clinic in one of our mission hospitals for a day is a drastic experience. When patients attend one of our clinics, they start assembling during the night. They come walking, sometimes bringing their children, and food to eat while they wait. At times there are 200 patients waiting outside the gate at five o'clock. Then the gates are opened so that the patients can go into the waiting room. People then stampede over each other in order to get the lowest number, as this means they will not have to wait too long.



Nurse Jecilah Audu of the S.D.A. Jengre Hospital, holds a baby patient, Menjimina.

When the doctor starts, after his rounds in the hospital, the patients are sitting packed on the benches and the floor—talking, nursing babies, eating and getting registration cards. Others are having their temperatures, blood pressure, and history taken.

While waiting for the doctor the chaplain sings hymns with the patients, tells them Bible stories and gives them their first lessons in hygiene, nutrition, and prevention of illness.

One by one the 200 or more patients pass through the doctor's hands daily. He asks them about their symptoms, examines them, makes a diagnosis, orders laboratory tests, prescribes medicine and injections and refers them for admission to the hospital. Some of the doctors can speak the native language, but there are many dialects, so they usually have a native nurse present to translate the doctor's orders to the patients. Each patient pays a small amount for the service, the size of which depends upon the tests and medicine prescribed, or if they have to be admitted for surgery. Some of the charges may seem quite large to them, but compared with doctors' bills here today, they are extremely small.

If the mission could not pay the doctors' and nurses' salaries, medications, building, equipment and other expenses, these poor people would never get any medical help.

A mother came while I was there, with a baby six months old, who was almost stiff from tetanus. When inquiring how long the baby had been sick, we found out that she had been like this for a whole week, and it was almost too late to save this child. Every day I saw many patients who had jaundice, were underweight, and weak and tired because of epidemic hepatitis. The patients may recover from the acute disease, but may be marked with cirrhosis of the liver, suppressing their energy and shortening their lives.

The doctor showed me an X-ray of an old man who had acute tuberculosis

in the upper part of one lung. He coughed all the time. As there was no place that he could be isolated, he had to go back to the village where he now sits coughing and spreading his disease. He is receiving medicine, but it takes many months to inactivate the open tuberculosis and years to recover.

Hernias, either umbilical or inguinal, are plentiful. The doctor told me that he had a waiting list of up to two years for elective surgery because of lack of facilities and the time to perform the surgeries. The size of some hernias, appear as if they could contain ten pounds of potatoes! This is an awful situation for the patient. In the village he is looked down on and if the hernia is not repaired before he dies, he is just thrown out into the jungle and not given a decent funeral.

Among the patients who come are those who have lost fingers or toes and have ulcers because of leprosy. Since in this part of the country there is no leprosy rehabilitation centre, the patients have to be treated with tablets and a temporary ambulatory programme with perhaps no possibilities of treating his family or the village where there can be up to 25% acute leprosy disease among the people.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church Mission Board carries a very great programme in five hospitals with outlying clinics in West Africa. In Sierra Leone, a country of one and a half million people, 5% of the population have active leprosy and most of the population is exposed to it. Five years ago, the Government of Sierra Leone, found it difficult to continue managing a leprosy hospital and turned it over to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission to operate. This has been developed into a leprosy rehabilitation centre and is called Masanga Leprosarium. There are approximately 300 patients in the hospital constantly, including children who get their education in the hospital's school: and ambulatory adults who are able to get to the dining-room, have occupational workshops such as tailoring, shoemaking, cabinet making, carpentry, weaving, basket-making, etc.

Others who are infected with big ulcers, amputations, paralysis, etc., have to be in hospital where everything is done for them. Nevertheless they are not inactive. They do knitting, embroidery and many other crafts while they are sitting in bed or on the floor in the ward. The patients get medicine regularly, a change of bandages every other day, and some are in casts to protect their feet from small accidents and take off weight-bearing so that ulcers can heal. The cast is changed every six weeks and when their ulcers are healed, they use the special rubber shoes manufactured at the hospital to prevent further damage.

Surgical treatment as skin grafts for the ulcers, transplant of tendons, and loosening of contractures of hands and

BRITISH NURSE GIVES FIRST IMPRESSION OF SERVICE IN AFRICA

by Nurse Christine Broadwell

THE green "bush" never stays far away from Ile-Ife Hospital here in Nigeria, and some of its teeming life both frightens and charms. I cannot imagine myself killing even one of the small snakes visiting us, let alone the bigger ones. Fortunately, a boy usually runs to our rescue when snake-danger threatens. At first the lizards speeding round the walls of my sleeping-room, or nodding their orange-red heads while staring at me, did not calm me either. But one gets used to them. Now I almost consider them my friends. Butterflies in abundance make this place a collector's paradise, and the rich bird-life never fails to intrigue me.

Ile-Ife, commonly called Ife, is the traditional Holy City of the Yorubas. The Yorubas are thought to have migrated to Ife at some early point in history, and to have dispossessed the original inhabitants. From there they spread in all directions.

The people are mainly Yoruba, but in many villages they speak a language of their own which cannot be understood by other villages. Here, in the midst of this confusion of tongues, customs, and practices, our Seventh-day Adventist church and hospital operates. Well known all over the area, it accommodates one hundred and fifty patients, more during a busy season—patients then lying outside on the porches.

Month by month the hospital grows. At the moment there are five wards—a very new male surgical ward, a female surgical, male and female medical, and an obstetrics and gynaecology ward. A paediatric unit cares for the children. The Out-patient Unit caters for approxi-

mately two hundred patients per day, all of whom are seen by the doctor on clinic duty. Some patients travel as much as sixty miles to attend the clinic.

At all times the hospital meets local emergencies; the man who has all but cut his finger off with a cocoa knife, the woman who experiences a difficult delivery, the child involved in a road accident—all kinds of cases needing emergency surgery. There is staff continually available to deal with these cases even though sometimes it means surgery in the early hours of the morning.

African nurses work in all the wards and departments. This is a teaching hospital where nurses train for their State finals. The three resident doctors, the Matron, the Director of Nurses, the nursing sisters, and the staff nurses all give lectures. One new class per year is admitted. At the moment there are approximately eighty-six student nurses in the hospital and twenty staff nurses. The students live on the compound and have free board and lodging, also their uniform is provided for them. Necessary books they buy themselves. Every Saturday night the youth play games such as volley ball or table tennis, or watch film shows or slides of interest. They also enjoy quizzes, discussions, and debates.

The housing accommodation for both nurses and overseas workers is quite good. The male students all live in one dormitory. Unfortunately the night nurses also have to sleep there, so their rest may be disturbed by their colleagues.

The Mission provides basic furniture for the overseas workers. The rest we

care for ourselves. After the war prices soared, and many things are not obtainable at all. Our electricity comes from the town, and sometimes it is cut off. Then we fall back on lamps and candles. Fortunately a small generator on the compound supplies electricity for surgery when needed.

On the compound we grow bananas, guavas, mangoes, oranges, lemons, limes, avocado pears, paw-paws, and some

Felicia Alao preparing to give an injection during a nursing class.



pineapples, all of which fruit the workers share. Everything we buy in the way of fresh food we disinfect to make sure that it is free from germs. We use powdered milk, there being no fresh milk available, and cheese is an expensive luxury not always there to be had.

On Sabbaths a very active number of groups conduct Branch Sabbath schools, most of which are located several miles away. These we hold out in the open under palm branches or large trees. Unfortunately, small flies bite badly, and often we see people come back from Branch Sabbath schools looking very much as though they had measles, their faces, arms and necks covered with tiny red spots. The people, however, really thirst for the message. Usually one overseas worker joins each group of Yoruba nurses. Often we present a short health talk in addition to the usual Sabbath school proceedings. We see many children at the hospital with tetanus due to unsanitary surroundings



Isaac Aratunde shows the location of the left ventricle, while others look on. Miss D. Kuester is the instructor.



Left: E. Moon, director of nursing services, teaching sterile technique for the operating theatre.

during child-birth. These weekly visits are really appreciated.

Our own church counts approximately two hundred members. Services are always conducted in Yoruba and English as people from town come in to the Sabbath services. The weekly prayer meeting is open to all, as is the M.V. programme on Friday evenings. Sabbath closes with a vesper service. The young people greatly enjoy singing, so the choir at Ife is quite large. The pastor conducts weekly baptismal classes, and it thrills us to see the Holy Spirit bringing these young people to the feet of the Saviour. On the wards we pray each morning with the patients, and in the clinic the doctor conducts a short ser-

vice for the out-patients. In the surgery also we always pray with the patient before surgery.

As well as the clinic here in the hospital, we have several isolated clinics. At Arundun, eighty miles away, a Nigerian male nurse and his wife who is a midwife run a small "bush" clinic. Their dispensary serves an average of twenty-eight patients per day. In the busy season their small maternity unit cares for about eighteen deliveries per month. At Arundun there is also an Adventist church with a membership of one hundred and fifty.

Inesha, fifty miles away, is not so isolated, and usually about one hundred patients come to the dispensary every

day. Three midwives run the maternity unit with twelve beds. An Adventist primary school flourishes also on the compound.

Ondu is only thirty miles away and has a clinic similar to the others. One of the doctors visits Inesha and Arundun once a month, taking supplies and seeing patients who need transferring for surgery.

Time and strength do not permit us to cover all we want to do, but we try to go as far as possible in serving people who need our help. Our earnest prayer is that we may be able to lead these people to the One who is the only true God. Please pray with us to that end.

VISION OF THE MISSING HAIRNET

As told by Arthur White

It all happened many, many years ago in Northern California. Mrs. Ellen G. White, the Lord's messenger, was living at Healdsburg only a few blocks from our new college. Since her husband, Elder James White, was now dead, Sister White invited several young ladies to live in her home as they attended school. Among these was one young lady of considerable ability who did some teaching at the school.

How this young lady enjoyed living in Sister White's home! It was a large, white, two-storey, frame house, surrounded with garden and orchard. Sister White was a big-hearted, understanding mother to the girls who lived with her. All went well for a few months. Then it happened. As this girl went through Sister White's bedroom on some errand, she saw something on the dresser she wanted very much. She stopped and looked at it. The longer she lingered, the more she felt she just had to have it. She looked this way and that, and seeing no one around she reached out her hand and took it.

And what was it? A watch, or something valuable, you think? No. It was just a hairnet. The women at that time often wore a net over their hair. True, it was a well-made, silk hairnet. Sister White would not miss it, the girl thought, and it was just what she so much wanted.

Leaving Sister White's bedroom, with the hairnet in her closed hand, the young lady went to her bedroom and opening her trunk, put the net in the corner of the tray. She closed the trunk and went about her duties. But there was no song in her heart now. You know why.

A few hours later in the day, Sister White was preparing to go out, and entering her bedroom to get ready, she brushed her hair, and thought to put on the net, as was the custom of that day. But she could not find the net anywhere. It was not on the top of the dresser. She looked behind it, she looked under it, but could not find the missing article anywhere. Giving up, she did without it.

That evening at worship time the girls gathered with Sister White around the open fireplace. Often Sister White, in connection with the worship, told a story of the early days. How they did enjoy these stories! But this evening, Sister White had a question to ask the girls.

"Have any of you seen my hairnet?" she asked. Continuing, she said: "It was right there on my dresser in the bedroom. When I went to get it, it was

gone. It must be found. It could not go away by itself." But no one seemed to know about the hairnet, for no one responded. There was one girl there, however, who wished Mrs. White would not say anything about a hairnet. The matter was dropped.

A day or two later, as Sister White was passing through this girl's room, a voice spoke to her as she passed the trunk: "Lift the lid of that trunk!"

But it was not Sister White's trunk and she would not think of looking into someone else's trunk.

Again the voice spoke to her: "Lift the lid of that trunk!"

Now she recognized the voice to be that of an angel, and she obeyed and opened the trunk. In the tray was the missing hairnet. She left it there, closed the trunk, and went about her tasks.

That evening, as the family came together again for worship, the hairnet question came up. "Does anyone know where the hairnet is?" Sister White asked. "I am sure it can be found. It could not go away by itself." But there was no response, and no one seemed to know anything about the hairnet. Sister White did not press the matter further. One girl was worried and in her heart she determined to destroy the hairnet, lest Sister White should discover that she had taken it. How ungrateful it would seem for her to take something from Sister White who had been so good to her!

A few days after this, Sister White was seated in the living room in front of the fire in the fireplace, busy with her writing. It may have been a personal testimony she was writing to someone, or she may have been working on some of the last chapters of *Great Controversy*. For several hours she had been busy with her pen and her hand was tired, her mind was tired, and her eyes were tired. She laid her pen down and looked into the fireplace, and then just for a moment she was in vision. This was one of the shortest visions ever given to Sister White.

In this vision she saw the hand and arm of a girl. In the hand was a hairnet. She also saw on the table a kerosene lamp which was burning. She saw the hairnet held over the lamp and then lowered inside the globe until the net touched the flame. In a flash of light, the silk net burned, and it was gone. The vision was over, and Sister White found herself in the living room by the open fire. Now she knew what had happened to the missing hairnet.

That evening when the family was

together around the fireplace, Sister White again asked about the hairnet. Did not someone know what had happened to it? Someone must know about it. But nothing was said; no one seemed to know. Sister White dropped the matter.

A little later Sister White called aside the girl in whose trunk she had seen the hairnet. She told her about the voice that spoke to her. She told her what she saw when she opened the trunk. Then she told her about the short vision and of how she saw the hairnet burn up over the lamp.

The girl broke down in tears. "Yes, Sister White, I took it," she confessed. "I wanted it so much, and I did not think you would miss it, but when you began to press the matter I feared you would find out that I had taken it, so I held the net over a lamp and burned it up, just as you saw in the vision, and I said to myself, 'Now no one will ever know about the hairnet.'"

But Someone was watching from up in heaven. The angels made a record of what took place, and God sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about the hairnet. It was such a small thing for the Lord to bother about. God, who created the earth and guides the planets, sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about a hairnet a girl had taken. But it was a matter much more important than the value of the hairnet. Here was the soul of a young lady at stake.

She was a member of the church. She went to Sabbath school and to church. She was a Seventh-day Adventist, and she felt that she was all right. She did not realize that there were little sins in her life—sins which led her to steal and to deceive. But when she saw that God loved her so much that He sent His angel down to this world with a vision for Sister White just about the hairnet, then she began to see some things differently. Some of the seemingly little things now seemed much more important. How much the Lord must love her! How important the little things were!

Not only did this girl confess her sin of stealing and make the matter right with Sister White and with the Lord, but this experience became the turning point in her life.

This young lady gave her heart anew to God, and she lived a sweet, consistent Christian life. And that was why the vision was given to Sister White. It was to help men and women, and boys and girls to live sweet, consistent Christian lives that so many visions were given to Sister White. And the counsels were written out in the Spirit of Prophecy books to help every one live good lives, and to get ready to meet Jesus.—*Spirit of Prophecy Committee of the General Conference Washington, D.C. January, 1970. [Story based on account as given by W. C. White.]*

SECRETARIAL TRAINING at NEWBOLD



THE Apostle Paul says: "God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

For a few moments I would like us to consider the government, or administration of our Church organization; and more specifically, the invaluable assistance our young ladies can give in our Church offices in this country, and maybe abroad.

To those of you who are about to leave school and are interested in secretarial work—have you thought of dedicating yourselves to God's Cause by working alongside the ministers in one of our conference offices? This is not a case of humdrum office work, sitting at a desk all day doing clerical work and not being able to take a real interest in your job. Church work offers a challenge: opportunity to attend week-end conventions and rallies, and meet many members of the Church; youth camps, week-end camps, congresses abroad, conference sessions.

There are the routine matters, of course—reception work to be done, letters to be typed, and filing to contend with. But there is a different atmosphere about these duties from that in a worldly business organization. Each day commences with worship and each person in our offices feels he is really working for the Lord.

Everyone cannot be on the front line witnessing in evangelistic campaigns, someone has to stay in the background and do the office work. Without our office staff there would be no link between the churches. Who would send Sabbath school supplies to each church, who would organize the youth camps, who would issue the baptismal robes and type the certificates and letters of welcome to new members if there were no central office? In our offices we work for the Lord and work for people and we often see the end result. There can

never be quite the same lasting reward for those working in a worldly organization. Those doing the Lord's work in an office may not be able to say how many people they have brought to the Lord, but one day they will know just how much their work has assisted someone *else* to bring people to the Lord.

You will be wondering what all this has to do with Newbold College. Well, I will tell you. After twelve years of secretarial work in our Church offices and obtaining several teacher's certificates (including the Certificate of Education from Birmingham University specially designed for commercial teachers in Colleges of Further Education), I was asked by Newbold College to head up the Secretarial Department. Having worked in our offices I realize the work is rather specialized. This does not mean that those who have trained in state schools cannot do the work—far from it—many of us have to thank the State for our education; but it is my aim at Newbold to offer a secretarial course which is geared to the needs of our offices *as well as* the needs of what I term "outside firms." So whatever type of secretarial work you wish to do—either in the business world or in Church work, why not come to Newbold to train?

I can imagine some of you muttering: "Why go to Newbold to train when I can go to a College of Further Education at almost no cost?" All right, then, why should you come to Newbold and pay for your training when you can get it elsewhere for next to nothing, especially as you may well learn commerce and accountancy in a State college, which Newbold cannot now offer? Apart from these subjects the course would be basically the same except that we give additional instruction for our own type of office work.

I have taught for several months in a College of Further Education and am

not condemning them. They do a good job, and it is a difficult one. Many of the students have no ambition; their only thoughts during classes are for break-time when they can nip out for a smoke, and for five o'clock when they can meet their boy-friends and go off to the cinema or dancing. These students are being *trained*, but are they being *educated*? The much-maligned General Studies Department is doing its best, but does not seem to get very far. Newbold students are trained for secretarial work and they are being *educated*.

Quite recently I had to write a thesis on any topic related to education. I chose to write on the ancient Hebrew education system—highlighting the effects of the system rather than the system itself; and this fully confirmed my belief that no education system is truly valid and worth while, if God is not acknowledged as the source of all wisdom and knowledge. So, parents, your daughters deserve the best education available, and Newbold is able to offer that God-centred education.

Let me tell you just a little of what I plan for Newbold. For the last two or three years Gregg shorthand has been taught, but we are now reverting to Pitman shorthand, which is the system most used in this country. Those who are commencing their second year in September need not worry; they will be able to continue using the system they learned last year. We are also in the process of calculating how much it will cost to trade in our typewriters for brand new ones. The course, in general, is going to be of a very practical nature. As soon as students have acquired the basic skills and feel a little more confident they will be given actual office work to do. Furthermore I believe it is important that students take external examinations such as the Royal Society of Arts. The world wants these office certificates and students have a right to demand them. As Newbold is not a State college we cannot take the R.S.A. exams here, but I have made contact with the Head of the Commercial Department of Bracknell College of Further Education and he is willing for our students to sit their exams, with his. There will also be educational visits, and we hope to visit local business offices as well as our own conference offices. I will be teaching all the shorthand, typing, and secretarial duties, but other lecturers will teach Bible subjects and electives, along with Business English. The course for those wishing to graduate will be two years and we recommend students to do the full two years—not for our benefit, but for theirs!

We look forward then, to great things at Newbold in the future, and we look forward to having you with us. The college is there for your benefit—make the most of it.

R. E. FARRER,
M.F.T.COMM.

ROUND and ABOUT WITH THE M.V. SOCIETIES

SLOUGH YOUTH CLUB SING THREE CAROLS AND COLLECT £5

WE need a new organ at the Slough church and all fund-raising projects recently have been given to the Organ Fund.

The young people have been especially busy. On December 12th the chairman of the Youth Club, Miss Angela Skinner, organized a sale of work. The sale raised £17 which was an excellent total considering the number of members present.

Then on two evenings just before Christmas, the Youth Club were at it again. This time carol-singing, and what an experience they had! At one house the group were asked if they would come inside and the occupants would give them a pound. After singing three carols they were given not £1 but £5. So in one street they collected £7 15s. You can well imagine how the group felt after that. God really was with them, and indeed blessed their efforts.

D. W. DOWNER.

NORTHANTS INVESTITURE

SABBATH, December 19th, Wellingborough enjoyed yet another Investiture service. Six young people received recognition for their months of study and Christian endeavour; from three Busy Bees right up to the two Friends.

Unfortunately Louise Heal had completely finished her Busy Bee course and had prepared a story about the Birth of Jesus, but was ill on the day of her Investiture. However, after Pastor Huzzey told all of us a very well-known story, the Good Samaritan (which also had a good moral at the end for all young people to remember), we presented Louise's sister, Susan, with the certificates and honours Louise had won.

Pastor Huzzey then invested each of the young people.

Several honours were also obtained by some of our young people. Errol

LUTON YOUTH CLUB

AT Luton we are fortunate in having a very fine group of juniors and young people. We have twenty-five studying for their Friends and Companion pins. Because we found that some of the requirements were not suitable for teaching on Sabbath, it was decided last autumn to start a Pathfinder Club.

We have really got into our stride this year and have a number of very interesting activities in progress. One of our new members, an ex-army instructor, is teaching a class in orienteering; our pastor is guiding us through the weather honour, and his wife is

helping the girls to gain their cookery honour. One of our nurses is instructing us in first aid and we have great fun bandaging each other. Our Pathfinder Club leader and his assistant are teaching aeroplane modelling and glass painting. We are also building our own canoe, and so that we will be responsible enough to use it, most of us are taking swimming lessons on a Sunday morning, working for our beginner's intermediate, and advanced swimming honours.

Our Pathfinder Club leaders have spoken of plans for a camping holiday with some of our older young people this summer, if we work hard and complete the honours mentioned above.

Last year 31 children and juniors at Luton were invested and we earned 107 honours. We hope to do even better this year.

Why don't you get a Pathfinder Club started at your church? It is great fun.

A LUTON PATHFINDER.

CHELMSFORD INVESTITURE

SABBATH afternoon, November 28th, was a particularly memorable occasion for the Chelmsford church. It marked the occurrence of the first M.V. investiture service to be held in the present church, to which we were pleased to welcome children, members, and friends from Hutton and Basildon.

Sixteen young people were invested, either as Busy Bee, Sunbeam or Builder, and each received badges and certificates for various honours gained during the previous months of much earnest endeavour.

Our sincere thanks to Pastor Rex Riches, who conducted the investiture, in addition to preaching at divine ser-

vice in the morning. His fatherly manner with the children was much appreciated by all present. One little boy expressed the wish that a return visit by "Uncle Rex" should not be long delayed!

Our thanks, too, to Sister Ashworth and Brother Way, who, as M.V. leaders, have set the young people firmly on the road to further Christian honours.

Brother Martin conducted a spirited song service, and an enjoyable diversion was provided by Brother Hope, who sang: "I belong today to Jesus," to a guitar accompaniment.

Last, but far from least, the children recited various stories, poems, and Bible texts, then proceeded to show their musical paces in "We'll march along together," "Jesus is a wonderful Saviour," and "This little light of mine."

Everyone sang "Onward, Christian soldiers" to conclude an occasion which, we are sure, will serve as the forerunner of many more as the children make further advances in the fields of Christian education and service.

N. D. WAY,
M.V. Leader.

and Philip Clements both received Missionary Service honours; Pauline Clements her Missionary Service and her Spotter honours. Ian Clements and Ian McLeod both received their Helping Hand honours. Louise Heal who has done considerably well gained five honours: Helping Hand, Spotter, Road Safety, Missionary Service, and Stitchcraft.

M.V. SECRETARY.



VIEWPOINT

on knowing your God

"AND this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

I suppose Abraham would have hesitated just like any normal man if he had not realized that it was God who called him out of Ur of the Chaldees. True, he was courageous to venture forth along an unknown way, but he knew well the One with whom he journeyed and that was more important even than knowing his destination. To have stayed behind would have been foolhardy, for then he would have been alone amid the forces of evil and without the hand of God to support and sustain him. He was safe anywhere with God for he knew the Lord, and the Lord would never let him down.

It is a knowledge of God which has given His followers courage and faith down through the ages.

It was because Moses knew God that he was willing to venture on the impossible task of repatriating a whole nation across desert and ocean, across mountain and plain, and with enemies within and without the camp.

Daniel knew his God was able to shut the lions' mouths, and the disciples knew that death could be conquered for they knew a risen Saviour and Lord.

And Paul could say calmly: "I am now ready to be offered," because he had become well acquainted with the One he first met on the Damascus road. He was sure of life eternal, and that made this life of little consequence once he had accomplished his purpose. He could afford to be calm and courageous in the face of death, for God had promised him a crown of life, and Paul knew God and God would not let him down.

During this M.V. Week of Prayer get to know your God. Talk to Him and let Him know your heart. Let Him talk back to you as well, by reading His words in Scripture, and by listening to the still small voice of the Spirit for it is by talking, communing with a person, that we get to know him: and that is just how we get to know God. "And this is life eternal!" **The Editor.**

BOOK REVIEW

PETER: FISHERMAN, DISCIPLE, APOSTLE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This book by F. B. Meyer is one of the Senior Reading Course books for 1971, and is the first of a series we shall be reviewing in the forthcoming editions of YOUTH.)

THEY are a poor-looking lot now, but none the less precious therefor. Most of them were old enough when we first secured them, for as little as 3d. one or two of them, and none for more than 1/-. Some we bought when we were teenagers, and young ones at that: *Joseph; Beloved, Hated, Exalted; Joshua; And the Land of Promise; David; Shepherd, Psalmist, King; Abraham, or The Obedience of Faith; Moses, The Servant of God*; and others not of the biographical series. There is not one of them that is not much underlined, not one of them in which we cannot put our finger on some particular passage that was particularly helpful and applicable at a particular time. Like this one, paralleling our own experience with that of Moses: "So often do we shrink back from the sacrifice or obligation to which God calls us . . . little realizing that He is forcing us . . . into a career which includes, among other things, the song of victory on the banks of the Red Sea; the two lonely sojourns for forty days in converse with God; the shining face; the vision of glory; the burial by the hand of Michael; and the supreme honour of standing beside the Lord on the Transfiguration Mount."

A beautiful paragraph in beautiful language, one almost to commit to memory.

And there are many such in this other F. B. Meyer volume, *Peter: Fisherman, Disciple, Apostle*, which has been chosen to be one of this year's M.V. Reading Course books. As we read this book Peter comes very much alive. We see him plainly, Peter of the loud voice and heavy tread, forceful, vehement, boastful, animated by the spirit of adventure; Peter, impetuous, his sword-hand altogether too ready at the draw; Peter, so ready to proclaim his uttermost allegiance but so pitifully quickly, cowardly to betray and deny. Peter, in fact, very like us. Peter nevertheless who proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that nothing is impossible with God; Peter who *did* become Cephas the Rock; Peter who *did* humble himself under

the mighty hand of God that he might, ultimately, be exalted; Peter dreaming of Christ by night and waiting for His coming by day; Peter who could and did learn the supreme lesson that only by the sacrifice of tears and blood, the filling up of that which is behind of the sufferings of Christ, does the Kingdom come and the Father's will be done.

Also, as we read, little phrases that we perhaps scarcely discerned in our Bible reading take on reality. For instance, the miracle involving Peter's wife's mother may often have raised a query in our minds: "What of Peter's wife? What kind of a woman was she? A help or a handicap?" We could have known of course, but did we? F. B. Meyer reminds us of something we may have passed unnoticed—Paul's reference to Peter in 1 Corinthians 9:5. Peter's wife had obviously as sacrificial a spirit as Peter himself. In one of his concluding chapters Meyer quotes Clement of Alexandria as reporting: "They say that when Peter beheld his wife led out to death, he rejoiced at her calling of her Lord and her conveyance to her heavenly home; and he cried out, encouragingly and comfortingly, addressing her by name, 'Oh, remember thou the Lord!' Such was the marriage of that blessed pair."

We shall read the gospel of Mark with new enlightenment when we have read F. B. Meyer's book. It is a beautiful picture he draws, Peter's face shining with the light of loving memory and Mark's bright mind grasping each colourful facet as Peter tells over and over again the many incidents in his experience with His Lord. So that when Mark came to write it down, the gospel story, there were those intimate touches that could only have come from a closely-involved eye-witness.

But read the book. It is wonderful to be young in such a time as this, with a great battle to fight, a great task to accomplish, and a great culmination in such close view. And F. B. Meyer's *Peter* is just the right book for our encouragement. Peter could by no means have been accounted a saint when Jesus called him. As Meyer says: "Would he so easily have taken to swearing when the maid accosted him in the hall of Caiaphas unless he had been addicted to the habit in early life?" But "from good to better," he was led, and "from better to best," so that we find him chosen as God's special emissary, and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, through faith in His Name, working wonders. Don't let it lie on the shelf, this book. Queue up to get it, or buy it yourself. Maybe then you will be inspired to keep your eyes open for the others.

MARY J. VINE.

a prayer

by Michael Cowen

HALLO Lord! Mind if I have a talk with You? I've got a few minutes to spare. I haven't got around to talking to You just lately, I've been so busy—lot of work at the office, and the evenings have been taken up with . . . well, so many different things.

A lot's happened since I last chatted to You a few weeks ago. I've been right across the country for the company I work for—in their car, of course. Had a near miss on the way back, just this side of the fly-over. This car came out just in front of me. My! was I lucky. I just swerved in time! really shook me up though. I stopped at the roadside and a little chap came up and asked if I was O.K. Funny little fellow: where he came from I don't know. He offered me a glass of water. My! did I need it. He was very kind.

Jackie had a bit of trouble the other week. She broke her leg playing ball in the park. We took her to hospital, saw a very nice doctor. She had to have an op' but she's getting on fine now, bless her little heart. But the way, I passed that exam I spoke to You about, passed easily. Jan is pleased. She's a good girl, she's right behind me in everything. I guess I made the right choice there. Some fellows are always fighting with their wives, but I'm very lucky. We had a lovely holiday back in the spring. My! the blossom looked terrific, and the grass, talk about as green as emeralds, and the weather was just perfect.

But wait! Why am I telling You all this? You know all about what I've been doing, even though I haven't talked to You for weeks.

You know I've been working hard at the office. It was You who spoke to the boss before me about getting Sabbath off.

You know I've been travelling for the company. It was You who turned my steering wheel hard over, just in time, saving me from that smash.

You were that little chap who came up and offered me a drink when I'd stopped and was all shaken up.

You guided the surgeon's hands during my little girl's operation. You guided those hands that made little Jackie's leg straight again.

You were the kindly nurse who held her hand all the way to the operating theatre, that held her close when she cried for her mummy.

It was You who helped me with that examination. You gave me the brain to reason out the problems.

You gave me Jan. You chose her for me out of all the millions in this old world of ours, and guided me to her. You helped me realize that I needed a girl like her, with a strength of character that I shall never have. You are in our home, giving it peace and quiet in a world that sees fighting day and night.

It was You who allowed us that lovely holiday together. You knew all about that blossom before I was born. You created that emerald grass. Oh God, forgive my selfishness and unweariness. **HELP ME NEVER TO FORGET THEE OR THY GOODNESS.**

BRITISH V.S.O. WORKER RETURNS

FRANCIS KING of Newport, Mon., returned to Britain on flight BA696 from Lima early on Sunday morning, February 7th. Desmond Pimm and Diane Anderson from his home Youth Society met him at Heathrow Airport, together with Roy E. Graham, representing the British Union Youth Department.

During the past eighteen months Fran has served on the faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Bogota, Colombia. A familiar figure at church youth functions and motor-camps, he found this V.S.O. service challenging especially as he was not fluent in Spanish before he went out.

Referring to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Francis said, "We're everywhere!" He had gone on a trip to the famous Lake Titicaca area and had seen the church on the floating islands of that district.

ADVENTIST BOY WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO OXFORD



RECENTLY we received the following newspaper report published in *Portsmouth News*, of the success of Brother Jean-Marc Michel of the Portsmouth church. YOUTH congratulates Jean-Marc, and wishes him rich blessing for the future.

"A 17-year-old Leigh Park boy has just gained a scholarship to study medicine at Pembroke College, Oxford.

"Jean-Marc Michel of 195 Purbrook Way, has been awarded the Theodore Williams Scholarship—and he was selected from at least 19 other candidates. The scholarship means that his college will contribute £60 a year towards the cost of his study in Oxford.

"He is a pupil of the Southern Grammar School for Boys. Headmaster Mr. H. J. Mills says the scholarship is

the most brilliant ever won by a pupil at the school.

"The Michel family came to England from Mauritius in 1963. Said Jean-Marc's father, Mr. Marc Michel, who is head of the modern languages department at Warlington Secondary School:

"My mother still lives in Mauritius, and I promised Jean-Marc that one day we would go back to visit her. After this good news I shall see if we can go next year."

"Jean-Marc is the public relations officer for the Young People's Society at his church, the Seventh-day Adventist church in Chichester Road, North End. He gives a talk there once a fortnight, and for the past five years has attended their summer camps in South Wales. . ."

M.V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

M.V. WEEK OF PRAYER, MARCH 7-13

NOTTINGHAM STUDY CONFERENCE, "New Testament Theology in the Seventies." All applications to Pastor James Huzzey, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5BZ. (March 19-21.)

ANNUAL WELSH YOUTH RETREAT AT ST. ATHANS, MAY 7-9

Details from Pastor R. Burgess, 72 Tilstock Crescent, Sutton Farm, Shrewsbury, Shrops.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN PATHFINDER JAMBOREE, Vesterong, Sweden, July 20-27.

Pathfinders between the ages of 11 and 15 years should apply to their local Conference Youth Secretaries for details. Apply soon, as our numbers have been limited to fifty from Great Britain.

MOTOR CAMP WITH A DIFFERENCE, JULY 20-AUGUST 3

Travel by 41-seater coach throughout southern Ireland for two full weeks. Tour Glendaloch and the Vale of Avoca. Visit Blarney Castle, go for a cruise up the Shannon, and visit Killarney, Bontree Bay and Galway, and some may wish to visit Ballymahon along the Shannon. The cost of £30 will include the journey from Shrewsbury on July 20 and returning to Shrewsbury on August 2. All ferry charges are included.

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Literature- Evangelists' HIGH DAY AT BRISTOL

by Ron Davey,

Publishing Department Secretary,
South-west England and Wales

SUNDAY, January 17th, was a "high day" for the literature-evangelists of south-west England and Wales as they met together at the Bristol Central church.

The morning message was by Pastor P. H. Stearman, President of the Welsh Mission, who directed us to Christ as our inspiration, and the source of power that would assure success in our calling as literature-evangelists.

We were happy to have Pastor W. J. Arthur, our Union Publishing Department Secretary, with us, and he introduced us to the many new publications made available to the British fields thanks to the merger of The Stanborough Press and Review and Herald.

Some twelve months ago in Cardiff at a similar colporteur gathering, Brother P. Fanstone of Gloucester was asked to give a talk, as a new recruit, on: "My first impressions." An obvious sequel to this was: "One year later." This good brother related God's leading in his work. How the Lord had provided and, better still, that over the eighteen months as a full-time literature-evangelist he had earned more than he had done previously working in a factory. Most important of all, he had been able to leave message-filled books in many homes which, with prayer, would ultimately lead souls into the kingdom of heaven.

An integral part of any colporteur institute is the time given to demonstrations. Much benefit was derived from those given by Brethren McIntyre, Fanstone, and Cotton. This is an occupation in which one is continually learning, and we appreciated the "know-how" of such workers.

Thanks are due to Sisters Davey, Arthur, and Atkinson, for a fine three-course lunch. Their hard work was rewarded by their seeing everyone enjoy it so much.

January can be a time when some colporteurs may feel a little down in the dumps due to the cold weather and the customer reaction of "Christmas has only just gone"! We listened to (Doctor) W. J. Sanders' prescription for such a "malady". Once again there was food for thought and much to help and encourage one.

An unusual feature was that of "the prospect's viewpoint," provided by the two Publishing Department Secretaries' wives, Sisters Ruth Arthur and Iris Davey. As "Mrs. Prospect" they were



Colporteurs at Bristol, with their leaders: Brother and Sister Ron Davey (extreme left) and Pastor and Mrs. John Arthur (extreme right). Photo by Allan Moore.

bombarded with questions for an intensive thirty-minute session. This helped to indicate the best methods of approach, demonstrations, and closing sales.

When one realizes that he is one of many thousands of literature-evangelists around the world one can visualize the extent of the Church's publishing programme. Pastor Arthur introduced a report on film by Elder Higgins, Publishing Department Secretary of the General Conference, which covered the globe,

showing Book and Bible Houses, Publishing Houses, colporteurs from the various areas, and the publications they use. Yes, one can justifiably feel proud to belong to such a large universal family as that of the literature-evangelists.

It is good to meet with one's fellow workers. The colporteur meetings always have something special about them. This one at Bristol was no exception—thanks to all who made it possible.

West Africa Calling

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feet are often indicated. Complications of leprosy take a long time to heal, so the hospitalization is usually over periods of a half to two years. This means that only a small part of a great many sick people can be treated adequately. So, it is not the survival of the fittest, but rather the good fortune of those who are able to get into a rehabilitation centre for leprosy, that determines the fate of many.

Physiotherapy plays a big role in treating leprosy, and because of your gifts in previous years, we are now able to build a new physiotherapy department which will be of great advantage to the treatment programme. The faithful Scandinavian physiotherapists, Ole and Birthe Kendel, are of great value to this rehabilitation institute. Miss Margaret Schulz, a registered nurse, graduate of Hjorring Hospital in

Denmark, is the only nurse at the present time. She has to be director of nurses, head nurse, staff nurse, instructor of nursing, and urgently needs to be supplemented by two or three other nurses. This can be done if people in European countries are willing to contribute to this programme. A couple of physiotherapists, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gronert from Gjøvik, Norway, were due to arrive a few days after I left. Dr. L. N. Magnussen was the medical director, clinical physician, surgeon and manager of the hospital at the time of my visit. Happily, thanks to your great contribution last year, we are now able to invite another physician and a manager to take up work there. It is important that this institution develop into a real model for the treatment of leprosy in West Africa, including instructing leprosy workers to go out into the cities and villages to give out medicine, and refer patients to the right form of rehabilitation.

(To be concluded.)

IRISH MISSION



President: R. M. A. SMART

With "Ventriloquist Jimmy" on the Temperance Front

Report by
Robert McCormac

LONDONDERRY.—The work of the Temperance Department in Northern Ireland was given a very effective boost during the second week in February, when Brother Robert McCormac of Belfast took a week's holiday from work to join forces with the minister of the Londonderry church, Brother C. Rhodes. They were accompanied by "Jimmy," Brother McCormac's ventriloquist doll. A number of schools in the Londonderry area were visited, when the effects of "Demon Nicotine" were very strongly presented to the pupils.

Two films were shown: "Countdown," which tells the story of a space scientist at Houston who developed lung cancer through smoking, whose story had a happy ending following a successful operation; and: "Dying for a smoke." This was a cartoon which looked at the problem in a more light-hearted manner, but still carried a most effective message.

"Jimmy," who has unfortunately taken up smoking, talked about the dangers to the pupils; and following a smoke, he displayed his "lungs" to the young audiences. The interest shown by the children was really wonderful, and Brethren Rhodes and McCormac had to provide answers to numerous questions during the week.

Among the schools visited were some in the famous Bogside, a place previously unknown but which in recent years has become quite a household word all over the world. Here also, the team received a very enthusiastic welcome from all concerned.

On Thursday, Brother Andrew Gebbie joined the team, and two schools in Maghera were visited with wonderful results. In the County Secondary School the audience included the clergy of the local churches, and the interest was really outstanding. Inquiries have since been received regarding the running of a "Five-Day Anti-Smoking Clinic," and it is hoped that arrangements for this will be finalized very shortly.

Brethren McCormac and Gebbie concluded the programme by visiting a school in the town of Garvagh, while



Brother Robert McCormac "interviews" Jimmy during the Londonderry Anti-Tobacco effort. Picture copyright: "Belfast Telegraph."

Brother Rhodes returned to Londonderry to visit a large school for girls with the film: "Narcotics—the Decision."

Altogether a very successful four days' work has taken place which we are sure will be richly blessed.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



President: DONALD LOWE

York Church's 50th Anniversary

It was fitting that in this year of grace 1971, when the civil authorities here are celebrating the 1900th anniversary of the founding of Eboracum [York] by the legions of Rome, that the Adventist church should also be celebrating an anniversary: that of fifty years of witness in this cathedral city. And what more fitting way to crown a half-century of achievement than to invite all the ministers who had served the York church to meet with us on Sabbath, February 6th, to praise and worship the God who had made all this possible. It was, in fact for us a double anniversary, for on February 6, 1954 our present church building was dedicated.

It was not possible for all our invitations to be accepted, but we were more

than glad to welcome Pastor Donald Lowe, our Conference President; Pastor A. R. S. Rodd, whose father sowed the original seed and reaped the first harvest in York; Pastor W. M. Lennox, who took up the reins laid down by the late Pastor Rodd; and Pastor C. Smith, whose ministry left such a gap for his successor to fill. We are also glad to welcome members from Scarborough, Bradford, and Hull.

Pastor Lennox stimulated much interest and healthy discussion in his presentation of the Sabbath school lesson from the desk. Following Sabbath school, our resident minister, Pastor K. H. Clothier and his wife, accompanied at the piano by their nine-year-old daughter Eleri, delighted our ears with their singing of "Grace Greater Than Our Sin," before Pastor Lowe gently led us into his morning message. He began with a recollection of the footsteps of the Roman legions entering the Vale of York, and imagined the possible presence among them of the soldier who told them of his presence at the hanging, in Jerusalem, of that Teacher from Nazareth; of his experience as he mounted guard over the tomb of this crucified Leader; of the appearance in glory of the angel, who rolled away the tombstone; and the later appearance in the city of the missionaries, who brought news of the same crucified Jesus.

Pastor Lowe reminded us that of the

forty churches that once stood within the walls of the city of York, very few remain, because of the spiritual apathy and the social gospel preached from the pulpits. His gentleness slipped into urgency as his message emphasized: "Now is the day" for York to receive a spiritual injection in order to accomplish in the present and the future what has been done in the past.

This rallying call many in our little church took to heart, and will, I am sure, heed in the time left to us to witness.

The anniversary "cornucopia" was not empty, and the hour of 2.30 p.m. found a good group re-assembled to hear our guests reminisce on the years they had spent in the midst of our older members. Pastor Lennox, who came to York in 1937, was able to pay tribute to the late Pastor Rodd, who founded the church in 1921. Incidentally, three of the charter members are still with us today, and one of these, Sister G. Hanson, still efficiently carries out three important church offices. For fifteen years, before the arrival of Pastor Lennox, when the church had no minister, her father shepherded the little flock in the capacity of church elder; and in those days of unemployment and little cash, York's handful of Ingatherers "topped the charts" with the highest per capita achievement in the whole of the world field.

After Pastor Lennox had recounted the church's wanderings through York in rented properties, Pastor Lowe added homely, down-to-earth touches connected with the purchase and reconstruction of the present church property. As York's eighth minister he had served with Pastor John West. With the help of Brother Barton, one of the respected churchmembers, he had built the solid oak rostrum at which he stood, and from there he related his discoveries of a gap between the walls and the roof trusses, which caused a race to instal mental braces to avert the threatened parting of the walls and the collapse of the roof. Happily, he won the race to save this one-time stable (surely an auspicious origin) as the house of God.

When Pastor Smith addressed us he mentioned that he was not so interested in church structures as in people, and though he could not claim to be an outstanding evangelist, he would never like to feel that he leaves a church barren. His warm friendly manner was much appreciated.

All good things must come to an end, and we reluctantly tore ourselves away at the end of a very full and happy day. We say "Thank you" Brethren Lowe, Lennox, Smith, and Rodd, for giving us of your valuable time, and for making our anniversary so memorable. It will remain with us for a long time to come.

P.R. SECRETARY.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



President: R. E. GRAHAM

Accent on Soul-saving at Weston

"LAYMEN'S YEAR" was the challenge before the Lay Activities leaders of the South England Conference as they met from the 29th to 31st of January at Weston-super-Mare. Over sixty delegates under the chairmanship of Pastor K. H. Gammon participated in the programme of lectures, discussion, and demonstration.

The five ministerial brethren who provided the devotional and promotional material have all served at some time as Lay Activity Department Secretaries and so we knew that their counsel had been given from the solid basis of experience.

Pastor E. H. Foster, Union President, took for the Sabbath morning topic: "Dimensions of Effective Christian Witness"; and this was a practical enlargement of Pastor Graham's opening theme: "I Must be About My Father's Business."

The comfortably appointed hotel with its excellent food encouraged the "off duty" exchanges of ideas and experiences, and the friendly discussions engendered a warm family spirit that went far to make the week-end the success which all voted it was.

All avenues of service were advocated in soul-winning, but great emphasis was laid on Gift Bible Evangelism. Two of the lay leaders testified that they had been brought into the Church by this method, and the fact that they were now holding such important church office was evidence of the effectiveness of this plan.

Pastor V. H. Cooper and Pastor J. W. Ginbey taught the mechanics and details of the scheme and introduced the "New English Bible" plan for 1971. The Church Calendar and Lay Evangelism through the closer co-operation of all departments was thoroughly discussed.

There was a short time of testimony which brought even greater conviction for personal readiness and witness and quiet enthusiasm mounted. All felt the divine obligation for greater effort and the necessity of training for action in all of our churches. We believe that there is a part and place for every member in the soul-saving work that the Lord has set before us. We know that the members of the Weston-super-Mare church, who joined with us during the

Sabbath hours and in whose church we gladly worshipped, also share the conviction that the Lord has called us not merely to membership but to service.

As Pastor K. H. Gammon closed the convention he called on us to be leaders of vision, of enthusiasm, and consistency that we may lead our members and fellow believers to attempt, and to complete the task appointed us to do.

There must be a surging tide of activity as a result of such a spiritually challenging convention and we look with eager anticipation to 1971—Laymen's Year—being the greatest yet in soul-winning in South England.

Mandy Was Thrilled by the Vacation Bible School

TORQUAY.—My name is Mandy Jones, and I am eleven years old. I was thrilled when a kind lady put an invitation through my door on Sunday, December 27th. Christmas and its excitement were over, and the following week would be a long one before school began again. But here was something to do, a Holiday Bible School at the Seventh-day Adventist church. I could go every morning that following week, and I'm so glad I did!

On Monday morning I took my little sister along. We really didn't know what to expect and felt a bit shy, but not for long. Mr. Robertson taught us some lovely songs as he played his guitar, and soon we were all happy and friendly. Then Mrs. Kehoe told us a Bible story, every day it was a different one, and was made even more interesting with flannelgraph pictures to look at. When the story finished we made an activity picture to help us remember all we had learned.

Later Mrs. Goleby, Mrs. Clement, and Mrs. Robertson showed us how to make all kinds of interesting things. I think my favourite was the Promise Box, full of promises from God's Word. My little sister liked her "Helping Hands" best. On each hand we wrote an idea of how we could help Mummy at home.

The time went quickly and when we had finished our crafts it was time to go home for dinner. Still, next morning we were back again in spite of the snow and ice, and we took more of our friends with us, too. On Friday we felt a little sad that our week was over; but never mind, Mr. Robertson said we could come on Saturday morning too, for more singing and Bible stories. Now we can look forward to our "Bible school" every Saturday morning.

Submitted by
N. ROBERTSON,
Minister.

Baptism

WIMBLEDON.—Sabbath afternoon, February 13th, was a special occasion for Wimbledon church, when Sister E. M. Young and her two daughters Pamela Winsome and Olive Emily witnessed to their faith in a soon-coming Saviour as they were baptized into the Remnant Church.

After an instructive address Pastor Ian E. Trevena who comes from New Zealand, took mother and daughters through the waters as the congregation sang "I rise to walk in Heaven's own light, above the world and sin." Sister Young and her daughters will be living in north London and are to be received into the Harlesden church.

May God bless them and give them a place in the fellowship of the saints.

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Till the Day Dawn



MRS. FRANCES MADGWICK

On Tuesday, December 8, 1970, the Ilford church suffered a great loss by the death of Sister Frances Elizabeth Madgwick, at the age of 78, after a very brief illness.

As a girl she learned about the Sabbath from her cousins in the Armstrong family, and prayed that God would show her whether it was true. In her late teens she went to live with her uncle, Pastor Walter Armstrong, in Watford, and soon afterwards asked for baptism. From 1912-1914 she attended Stanborough Park College, then took the Nursing Course at the Sanitarium, where

she graduated in 1917 and from 1918-1921 served in our Sanitarium at Caterham. In 1921 she was united in marriage to dental surgeon, A. A. Madgwick, and came to live in Ilford.

Sister Madgwick was a pillar in the church, having held most offices at one time or another. She was a member of Forest Gate and later of Walthamstow, and in 1938 was asked to transfer to the newly formed Ilford church to help there.

The funeral service at the Ilford Crematorium on December 11th, and subsequent interment at the Watford Cemetery, were conducted by Pastor A. H. Cowley, who referred to Sister Madgwick as a true mother in Israel, and spoke of her home as a haven of rest where people liked to linger and were blessed. She lived for her church in which she took a most active part to the last. Her quiet, happy and serene presence will be greatly missed.

We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband, to her two daughters, Merle and her family in Canada, and Belle and her family in Ascot, and to her grandson Michael, a member of the Ilford church, pointing them to the soon-coming of the Saviour she loved, and the great resurrection day when, if faithful, we will meet our loved ones again.

MRS. G. V. COWLEY.

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