

MISSION '73

and other Union News by Edwin H. Foster, Union President

MISSION '73—no more important announcement can be printed in the 1972 MESSENGER than that concerning Mission '73. This convenient catchphrase envisages the fullest commitment of the largest number of members—workers and laity—for the greatest soul-winning endeavour in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles, in 1973.

But why announce events of 1973 so early in 1972? Is this present New Year to be a fallow one as far as Christian service and soul-winning are concerned? God forbid! Often Church leaders are justifiably criticized for trying to rush programmes into immature implementation and thus excellent methods have failed through lack of adequate preparation. In Mission '73 we seek to avoid this mistake. A whole year (or almost) is given for preparation, instruction, training, practice—then with a carefully-selected, fully-committed, adequately-equipped

group of soul-winners we concentrate our combined efforts on direct soul-winning projects for 1973.

During 1973 we are requesting our departments to place a moratorium on the holding of conventions and to limit their indirect evangelistic activities to the barest essentials. We are asking our administrators to maintain a general standstill on workers' transfers thus ensuring that no valuable time is lost in workers becoming orientated to new locations. We are calling upon all of our workers, pastors, teachers, administrators, stenographers, department secretaries, and selected laymen to become involved in some form of systematic, direct evangelistic endeavour in 1973.

As a Union, we have set a goal of 100 evangelistic efforts during 1973. South England has accepted 50; North England 35 and the three Missions 5 each.

Such an evangelistic thrust will need dedicated men, women, and youth. It

will require financial support. The Royal Albert Hall Appeal Fund will be used for this purpose. *If you have not contributed to this £5 for five years appeal, will you not do your part now? Send your contribution to the Union treasurer today.*

Mission '73 must not falter because of inadequate funds for suitable literature, visual aids, hall rents, advertising, and scores of other expenses connected with evangelism.

Above all in Mission '73 we need Spirit-filled, Spirit-directed workers to co-operate with Divinity in soul-winning. Let us examine our lives; let us pray for cleansing, then for power, and thus let us be prepared for God to work through us. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

More will be said about Mission '73 in print and in pulpit. Church pastors, visiting preachers, elders, will all be encouraged to challenge God's people to the greatest evangelistic commitment in the history of Seventh-day Adventism in the British Union.

Diamond wedding

BROTHER Laurence Porter and his wife, Elsie, of the Bournemouth church celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on New Year's Day. Brother and Sister Porter, who are both 84, were married and lived most of their life in north London, where Sister Porter had become an Adventist in 1899 together with her mother and two of her sisters, one of whom subsequently became Mrs. Uffindell, the mother and grandmother of a well-known Adventist family. Brother and Sister Porter's three children are Mr. Sydney Porter of Shenley, Herts., Sister Mabel Crawley of Bournemouth, and Brother Dennis Porter of Oxford.

We congratulate Brother and Sister Porter on their marvellous achievement by the grace of God.



How better could we express the good wishes of MESSENGER readers than in the blessing outlined by God Himself in Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: . . . and give thee peace."—ED.

Scottish Mission President

Pastor Amos Cooper has requested and has been granted leave of absence for study and further ministerial experience in the United States. He and his family plan to leave Edinburgh about the middle of this year. The many friends and acquaintances of the well-esteemed Cooper family will wish them God's rich blessing in their future plans.

On December 8th the B.U.C. accepted the recommendation of the Union Nominating Committee, augmented by two laymen from the Scottish Executive Committee, that Pastor K. A. Elias be appointed as president of the Scottish Mission as from March 1, 1972. May God mightily use Pastor Elias's administrative and evangelistic talents for unprecedented progress of the Advent Cause in Scotland.

Edinburgh Campaign

As a Union we welcome back Pastor J. F. Coltheart for this evangelistic effort and assure him of our prayerful and practical support. The campaign begins in March. We thank the Welsh Mission for seconding Pastor Malcolm Pedlar to this campaign. We anticipate that practically all the Scottish Mission workers will be involved in this effort. We are particularly honoured and encouraged by the intention of our Division president to spend some weeks in Edinburgh as a member of the team. Pastor K. Wright, associate Division evangelist will also be in Edinburgh, and we are pleased that he has been made available to lead out in a programme of effective follow-up work.

Field Schools 1972

The British Union has authorized, and the General Conference has approved, two Field Schools, in Glasgow and Plymouth, during the summer. Pastor Dale Brissett will direct the Scottish campaign and Pastor Don Doleman the one in Plymouth. Both these men have already had successful evangelistic experience in the British Isles and we cordially welcome them back. We are also grateful to Dr. Banks of Andrews University for arranging these Field Schools and for encouraging students to participate in them.

Medical Adviser to the B.U.C.

At our last Union meeting Dr. L. G. White was unanimously appointed to

this honorary office with a seat on the Executive Committee. We welcome Dr. White back to the Union Committee and confidently anticipate helpful professional guidance from his years of successful medical experience combined with indefatigable service to the Church.

This appointment is in lieu of the office of Medical Department associate secretary formerly held by Dr. B. W. T. Richardson whose service we have appreciated and whose counsel led to this re-arrangement.

Local Conference/Mission Sessions 1972

Dates for these meetings have been fixed as follows:

- May 20th to 24th
North England Conference
- May 28th to June 1st
South England Conference
- June 9th to 11th
Welsh and Border Mission
- June 16th to 18th
Scottish Mission
- June 30th to July 2nd
Irish Mission

Changes in Office Staff

On Wednesday, December 22nd Brother and Sister W. G. C. Walton flew out to West Africa. Brother Walton has been appointed treasurer to the Union and we know that West Africa will be blessed by the same conscientious and competent service that Brother Walton rendered to Britain.

Brother S. V. Maxwell is getting fully

acquainted with his responsibilities as secretary-treasurer of the Missions. We are glad to welcome him and his family to Stanborough Park.

Miss Sheila Masters has accepted a transfer to the Division staff and her place in the Union will be filled by Miss Joan Townsend of the New Gallery.

Granose Foods Ltd.

Among the appreciated contributions to Union evangelism for 1972 is £1,000 from Granose Foods Ltd. We value this direct interest in evangelism and will seek to invest this gift in specific campaigns which we believe will have a special interest for the Food Company staff. £500 has also been made available to the Voice of Prophecy.

Literature-evangelists' Council

The annual Council is scheduled for February 22nd to 27th in Leamington Spa. Special visitors will include Elders H. White from the General Conference, and J. T. Knopper from the Division. Invitees will be informed by the Publishing Department.

In Conclusion

To all our members we would say that we value your prayers for God's blessing on the work in this Union. We sincerely thank you for your unstinted support of the Work during 1971, and we have confidence in your continued co-operation during 1972. May this be an outstanding year of true progress.

EMPHASIS EVANGELISM

Looking Forward to '72 and '73

by Bryan W. Ball, Ph.D., President,
North England Conference

"We are now living in the closing scenes of this world's history. Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are to their God. . . ."
—*Evangelism*, page 16.

Familiar sentiments, these, to Seventh-day Adventists, but never more meaningful or more challenging than at this particular hour of history. There is more evidence now than at any previous time, more even than only ten years ago, to suggest that the final fulfilment of remaining prophecy is close at hand. The irrefutable case for divine intervention in human affairs has never been so obvious as it is today.

In the light of this sombre fact Christ's Church must take hold of her appointed task of communicating the Gospel to the world with new zeal and

consecration. An impelling sense of responsibility must come upon us. Evangelism, and evangelism in its broadest meaning in every sphere of Church activity, must be our all-consuming concern. The time for pious platitudes and the formal ritual of accustomed ways of worship and witness is over. Action, co-ordinated, sustained and purposeful, is demanded if the Church is to survive the onslaughts of scepticism, materialism, and apathy, and carry through to the kingdom.

But before we talk of plans for the future, consider some facts and figures which make the need for positive evangelistic endeavour even more urgent. Statistics, it may be granted, can often be made to support more than one conclusion. Nevertheless, in thinking through the following figures let each concerned churchmember in North England candidly ask himself whether there can be any doubt over the implications. If more than a positive belief in our Lord's soon return is needed to

motivate action, then it may be found in what follows.

These figures are samples of current population/S.D.A. membership ratios for different parts of the world field, with emphasis on those other lands of Northern Europe which have religious backgrounds similar to that of the British peoples. They are approximate figures only, rounded to the nearest ten or five, and based on latest reports available. They clearly indicate the present standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in those areas. In the Caribbean Union, for instance, the ratio of Seventh-day Adventists to the general population is 1:90; in Australasia it is 1:135; in Norway 1:665; North America 1:730; Finland 1:820; Denmark 1:1130; Germany (including East Germany) 1:1950; Sweden 1:2000; Netherlands 1:3650. The world average is 1:1715. In the South England Conference the figure approximates 1:3000. The figure for North England is in the region of 1:6500—one Seventh-day Adventist for every six and a half thousand of the population, four times higher than the world average which includes all of China, India, and Russia.

To give a completely fair assessment, and this is essential if we are to under-

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Literature personalities No. 3

A. T. Brownlow (Londonderry)

FROM time to time we are quite sure the Advent family have heard the name of Brother Anthony Thomas Brownlow, but who is he, and what does he do?

Well, our brother is of Irish descent, and is now a literature-evangelist in Londonderry, Northern Ireland—actually living in "no-man's land" between Ulster and Eire! He is a missionary worker for God if ever there was one, for he has dedicated his life to the spreading of the everlasting Gospel through the printed page. Yes, the bombs are exploding and the bullets are flying in Derry with people being killed, and though our brother is in physical danger day by day, he visits the people to tell them of a Saviour who can offer love in place of hate, and peace instead of strife.

Brother Brownlow, a married man



Literature-evangelist Tony Brownlow. Centre: Brother Brownlow as a bandsman in H.M. Irish Guards. Right: Brother Brownlow with a lady he won to the truth.

with three children, first became a literature-evangelist in the year 1955 and since that time not only has he sold thousands of pounds' worth of books, but he has won many souls for Christ. He works successfully among Protestants and Catholics alike. He is studying with Presbyterian and Pentecostal ministers among others; and has placed our literature in most of the schools, libraries, and convents in his area which incorporates counties Londonderry (in Ulster) and Donegal (in Eire).

At one time Brother Brownlow was a bandsman in the Irish Guards, wearing the busby, etc., but now he is a member of God's army winning converts for the King of kings. One day, we feel

sure, he will wear a crown of life, if faithful.

When asked what influenced him to become a literature-evangelist, Brother Brownlow said: "Because we came to a knowledge of the truth by a colporteur selling a book to my mother I responded to God's call when an appeal was made for literature workers during a Conference in Watford in the year 1955."

May God continue to bless Brother Brownlow's witness for the truth in Ireland. Tony not only has the conviction that God is with him, but he also has a tremendous earthly helper, and that is his wife, Tina. God bless Brother Brownlow and his family, and may many more be encouraged to follow his example.

Emphasis Evangelism

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stand our task objectively, it is necessary to realize that the figures quoted for England include those of our members with an overseas background. If we were to relate the figures solely to an indigenous membership, as is the case with the other European countries mentioned, the differential between members and non-members would be greatly increased, making the figures for Britain among the largest in the world. Accession figures for the past four or five years in North England prove that the percentage of new members entering the Church with an overseas background is significantly greater than those of native British descent.

The conclusion which these facts indicate present a serious challenge to loyal churchmembers of every age and background. We suggest four such conclusions—there are undoubtedly more—with a few pertinent questions:

1. The impact of the Advent message on the British people through the years has been significantly smaller than in most other parts of the world.

Is this due to lack of interest on the part of the people, or to poor communications on the part of the Church?

2. There are proportionately fewer Seventh-day Adventists in Britain than in the majority of lands in Northern Europe.

Is this in harmony with God's plan that all men should hear the message of the three angels?

3. The percentage of Seventh-day Adventists in North England is less than half that of our sister conference in the South, and is therefore one of the most urgent evangelistic challenges in the British Union.

Can you do anything to improve this situation?

4. Since there is a smaller membership and a slow growth rate in North England, it follows that greater and more determined effort is required to reach the entire population with the message.

Where does the responsibility for this effort lie?

Fellow-believers, these problems and challenges do not belong to the Conference administration alone. This Church is your Church, and its problems are yours as well as mine. They belong to us all, to the laity as well as to the ministry. If our present worker force of forty were to spend just one hour per person explaining the Advent message to the unreached millions in our territory, it would take them no less than 180 years at the rate of ten hours per day, seven days per week. Long before then, of course, the majority of the people would have died without ever hearing the message, to say nothing of the workers themselves or the increase in population. Yours, and mine to-

gether then, is the responsibility for taking the message to the people of North England in this age which is without question the last age of man on earth.

It is against this background that we can intelligently consider specific plans for the immediate future. At its last meeting your Executive Committee unanimously accepted a comprehensive and challenging plan for evangelism in 1973. This plan, known as Mission '73, envisages a powerful evangelistic thrust in all the countries of Europe, and comes to us as the result of much careful preparation by the General Conference and the Northern Europe-West Africa Division. It will be the largest simultaneous, co-ordinated plan for S.D.A. evangelism yet seen on a continent-wide basis. Workers and members together will hear much more of Mission '73 in coming months.

In view of these proposals, the Executive Committee also gave careful thought to the preparation which will be necessary to make this evangelistic programme successful. Accordingly, action was taken designating 1972 as a year of specific preparation in North England. "Project '72" will therefore precede Mission '73 and the action of your committee in this respect reads thus:

VOTED:

1. That Project '72 be the selection, training and equipping of suitable

workers and laymen for participation in the Mission '73 evangelistic programme in the North England Conference.

2. That provision be made in the budget for Evangelism to include the following items as part of the Project '72 programme:

- (a) Conventions as per outline plan 1972.
- (b) Training Institutes for selected participants.
- (c) Participation in Evangelistic endeavours for practical experience.
- (d) The purchase of necessary equipment.
- (e) The acquisition or preparation of suitable literature supplies.

The committee's authorization that provision be made in the budget for

1972 to meet the extensive requirements of this preparatory year was voted with a large measure of faith. Funds for projects of this nature outside normal operating costs are virtually non-existent at present, and any gifts for this specific task of preparation for evangelism will be invaluable. Once again, coming months will bring further details of conventions, rallies, training programmes, special week-ends, and Days of Fellowship which will be specifically related to the vital task of preparing for the great evangelistic thrust of 1973.

But all human plans need an unction from on high. Divine blessing must rest on human effort. Will you begin to pray NOW, and *continue* to pray throughout this year of preparation that the Lord will bless the consecrated efforts of His people? And will you pray *specifically* that He will send His Spirit in large

measure to guide and foster the plans that are laid? This is surely the time when the Latter Rain is due to finish the work. Let us be united in praying that it will indeed be so.

We close as we began, with a relevant comment from the servant of God: "Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. *Decided efforts* should be made to bring the message for this time *prominently* before the people. The third angel is to go forth with *great power*." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 16.)

Brethren and Sisters, do you believe that? Do you believe it with reference to North England? Do you want to see it accomplished soon? Then pray, and work, and give to make Project '72 and Mission '73 all that, under God, they ought to be.

LITTLE BETTER THAN AN ANT

by James W. Ginbey, Stewardship Secretary, British Union

THE other day I read this statement: "It is essential that each person clearly understands his relation to God, and the lofty plans which God has for him. If he does not accept this concept, then he is little better off than an ant who goes through life rearing its young and trying to store up enough food during the summer months to last through a hard winter. If all there is to living is a day-to-day existence with no life beyond this world, the wonder is that there are so few suicides."

Man was created on a higher plane than the animals and was given intellectual and spiritual powers that were capable of considerable development. He was given dominion over this world. History and present-day ecological studies reveal what a poor job man has made of his management responsibilities. If man is to be entrusted with a new earth—that will never again be spoiled—he needs to learn here and now how to look after all that is placed within his sphere of responsibility. "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted also in great" (Luke 16:10, N.E.B.).

It is interesting to note that down through the ages the enemy of God and man has corrupted and perverted the institutions ordained of God to help man. In the days of our Lord the Sabbath (intended to remind man of creation) had been weighed down with burdensome restrictions, and the tithing system (a reminder of God's ownership) was spoiled through an incorrect emphasis. Since Jesus's day tithing has been further abused by making it a legalistic requirement to support a state-church

system, and the basis for the Sabbath has been attacked through the evolutionary theory. Today the Sabbath has been turned into a day of sport and worldly activity, tithing has been largely forgotten in the emphasis on material things. Added to these, Satan has largely destroyed the home (designed by God for mutual help) and the spirit of benevolence which should be seen in helping fellow beings to a better way of life (by giving to the underprivileged for physical well-being and to the Church and its work for the eternal and spiritual welfare of mankind).

Seventh-day Adventists sometimes

claim that they were raised up by God to complete the Reformation begun in the sixteenth century. Let them demonstrate the fulfilment of this mission by a true and balanced keeping of the Sabbath, by a faithful yet unforced practising of the tithing system, by keeping their homes unspotted by worldly attitudes, and by revealing true benevolence. Then the world will know that there is a great God who is our Creator and Owner, and that there are people who live better than ants and who are preparing themselves for management in a sphere of which most businessmen have not even dreamed.

Stewardship plan for evangelistic progress

THERE can be no doubt that the spiritual prosperity of any church is dependent upon the attitude of its members towards their financial responsibility to the Lord.

Where there is a definite commitment to planned systematic giving to meet the needs of the church budget, resultant spiritual blessings are always in evidence.

Proof is provided by those who are operating the stewardship budget plan and also enthusiastically engaged in soul-winning activity. This is shown by the following extract from a letter received by a South England minister.

"Last year the blessings of heaven were poured upon us as we adopted and operated the Stewardship plan. Our greater financial strength has given

us money with which to conduct Gift Bible Evangelism, a Church Campaign, a Welfare programme, a Vacation Bible School and to increase our Church Building Fund substantially. We expect to reap baptisms this year as a result of this investment. The actual increase in our offerings over the previous year was more than 150%."

As more and more churches are going on to the Combined Budget Plan of Stewardship, the obvious advantages in spiritual blessings and soul-winning achievements are realized. Such letters and testimonies as the one above constitute the highest form of recommendation to those churches which as yet are not so committed.

Inquiries from church boards and pastors for information on the Stewardship Plan will be welcomed by Pastor K. H. Gammon,

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STEWARDSHIP SABBATH is January 22nd

YOUTH

TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE?

RECENTLY this letter was handed to me by two senior pupils of our secondary school. I believe it reflected the thinking of other Adventist youth. The letter is published in full with a reply from a man who has spent the past ten years working with and for young people. I believe you will find his comments helpful. R. H. SURRIDGE,

Editor.

WHY is it that two of us, from one of the Church's educational establishments, choose to write an article with the above title? It is because we believe that most young people today, in our position, are facing problems which many people in the Church do not realize exist—and if they do, often do not understand. Many thoughts entertained by us are expressed here. Often presented in these pages are reports of camps, M.V. honours, and baptisms. This is all very well, but behind this what do young people today really think, and why do so many leave the Church? A point we rarely talk about, but a problem which is still very great. Some of what follows might appear to be "heresy" and not fit for a church magazine, but we believe that these are vital issues and necessary for publication. If these questions, are *not* resolved the Church will lose many thinking young people.

This article is written by two people who have been born and bred in Seventh-day Adventist homes and baptized at an early age. This background can enable us to say that we have little difficulty in understanding and believing most major doctrinal issues—such as Creation, Christ's first coming, Christ's second coming, and the belief in God. The Church is able, generally, to provide many satisfactory proofs for most of these. But a second point which arises, is because we have led a "sheltered life" (not meant in any derogatory sense) the beliefs we held in younger days were never subject to much questioning. However, you cannot carry your parents' religion all your lives—you must have your own. And now, reaching the age of majority in the next year, we are starting to question some of the old ideas, as we discover what life is about.

One thing we believe is that many of the offerings to the god of Tradition are obstructing communications with the God of heaven. Every Saturday morning, each church has its sermon, three hymns, attendant Scripture lesson, and public prayer (other equally regular forms existing for other services). We certainly do not condemn this especially as this may be a part of sincere worship on the part of many churchmembers. But there must be *something* wrong when so many of us (and not just young people) leave afterwards without any improved relationship with God, a situation which we can honestly say is not the fault of not trying.

We have already said that in each service there is a public prayer, often lasting five minutes or more. We do not suggest that we stop praying, either; but this prayer often seems so meaningless, the same pat phrases being repeated week after week (witness our own abhorrence of Latin phrases in the Roman Church). It is not our aim to judge others, but it is interesting to speculate how surprised many would be if some of their prayers were answered. Borrowing from Paul—when we were children we thought and consequently prayed like children; but now that we are older, our thoughts and prayers should mature with years. Somehow, sincerity in the case of some church prayers just does not seem there. Coupled with this is a basic problem of young people today, that of prayer *per se*. Many of us are very earnest in our search for God, but somehow our prayers do not seem to get through. If God is interested in sinners (Matt. 9: 12) why can't we get through to Him? Looking to the Church for inspiration gives us little profit. On this question hangs the whole life of an intended Christian. If he has this relationship, undoubtedly he is a member of the strongest team, and other things will either be a natural outcome e.g. future vocation, or an integrated part e.g. standards, of a Christian life. But if he has not this relationship, everything is meaningless—and some of us don't have it.

The next question is that of many of the standards laid down by the Church. For example, going to the cinema, dancing, and drinking. From childhood,

these words have carried an aura of sinfulness but now as we come into contact with the above, and those who accept them, we often find it hard to justify, both to ourselves and them, our reasons for holding these standards. The only reason for not indulging in these practices *should* be that our own personal relationship with God convinces us that they are wrong. When this is not so, the keeping of these standards becomes the result of either humanistic idealism, or hypocrisy. There is a tendency to criticize and/or condemn these practices merely for their sake only, and because they always have been criticized. Yet nothing else is left in their place, and those who criticize do not seem, for most of the time, to be able to give satisfactory reasons for their opinions. Notably, there is the person who has *never* gone to the cinema and strongly condemns the practice, yet is willing to sit at home and watch X films on television (or any other film for that matter). And numerous are those who will crowd to see a film shown at any of our institutions, yet who would never have entertained the idea of seeing it elsewhere. To many a thinking person today, there is often much to be learned from seeing some films whether at the cinema or elsewhere. There are many good films to be seen and you do not need to go to the cinema (or to see a film anywhere) to hear the few swear words which might be in it. We believe it is more important what film you see than where you see it. It seems irrational that so many will listen to a musical concert, but will then object to the "atmosphere" when the same cross section of audience is at a cinema.

Again, we do not believe in excessive drinking or alcoholism and there is a very strong Church viewpoint on alcoholic drinks. Many of us may never have taken alcohol in any form, but arguments *against* the social drinking of the "glass of wine" have not yet proved satisfactory in truly convincing us that there is anything wrong with drinking this "glass of wine" with a meal. We are in even more of a dilemma when it is proved that there is no case for saying that the wine of Matthew was non-alcoholic.

These are only some of the problems which face us. We cannot mention them

all. Please do not think that we are trying to break down the Church—this is not our intention. But what we do feel is that while we are being criticized for some of our ideas—as far as respecting individual *standards* are concerned—the true essence of Christianity is being forgotten. God *must* be personal to us—we can't live on others' experiences, and stenographically repeat theoretical proofs. When God comes first everything else will follow. We *want* to know God—find, and follow His plan. We do not claim to speak for *all* the young people in the Church, but we do know that many share similar experiences, opinions, and hopes as ourselves. Some of our ideas may be wrong—this we are willing to accept, and if conclusive proof can be given to us to prove that anything we think is wrong we hope we can say we have open enough minds to be willing at any time to change our views. Until then, all we can say is—may we find God, and let Him lead us, and may the Church do the same.

Pastor John Shaw Replies . . .

Just believe

To write an adequate reply to your letter (page 1) would probably be impossible as many books have been written on each of the various issues that you raised. What you have written is, I know, the feeling of some young people, especially those who are thinking seriously about God and life. I liked your honesty and the fact that your letter is considerate of others—and I hope my reply will at least play a little part in helping you and those for whom I know you have spoken.

The problem you posed is this: Christianity consists of a living relationship with God, but you have not been able to find this at the educational institution of the Church, or through regular attendance at the formal services of the Church, in your home, or through that Church magazine which is supposed to help youth live the Christian life. *How can you find God and is there any point in continuing with attendance at church and refraining from doing many things such as going to the cinema, dancing, etc., when such discipline is meaningful only if one has a living relationship with God?* You also made the point that it is difficult to see how watching a good film in a cinema would have a detrimental effect on the life of one who has found such a relationship with God and you feel the same could be argued for well-organized dances and the occasional social drink.

If you have not found God yet, you are very near to finding Him because you have already discovered that a

living relationship with Him is the essence of Christianity. Consider the millions whose miserable existence of church-going, tithe-paying, and withdrawal from the social engagements of their fellow human beings is all done with the object of earning a place in heaven. Jesus' statement to Nicodemus, who fasted two days each week, prayed two hours each day, tithed all his income, attended church regularly, and refrained from all the "pleasures of sin" in order to get to heaven, was: "You need to start again, be born from above, be converted." Either your home, school, or church, or maybe all three, has saved you from the drudgery of the religion of people like Nicodemus. My observation is that many Adventist-reared youth who have not been to a Church school fall automatically into this formal religion and when they reject the Church they are not rejecting Christ because they have never met Him. They are just throwing off a strict and narrow code of morality.

You now find yourself at an interesting point. You believe in God and that He came to the world about 2,000 years ago to provide a way for you to eventually live with Him. You also believe that He is soon to return to this world for you. You have strong reasons for striving to find God and for making Him a reality in your life. The sheltered existence and Christian environment have played their part in keeping you away from certain pleasures which could have sapped your desire for God and prevented you thinking seriously about life. It need not be "humanistic idealism or hypocrisy" that keep you from participating in things like dancing and cinema-going. You may abstain on the grounds that Christians could be right in stating that these things do not help in a single-minded search for God. This however, is not a reason that you could give to non-Christian friends.

I believe, and this may surprise you, that you have already found God, but don't realize it. The knowledge you have of God is such that I expect you have asked God in prayer to forgive your errors and to come into your life, but because you didn't feel anything or notice some dramatic change, you are still searching. The whole of this relationship is outside the realm of feeling or physical demonstration, but is based on what the Bible calls faith. "Faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for, it means being certain of things we cannot see." (Heb. 11:1, 2, J. B. Phillips.) Being sorry for your wrong acts and thoughts is the beginning of this living relationship and asking His forgiveness and *accepting* it is a further development, enabling you to appreciate and love God for forgiving you. This love deepens when you realize that He had to die to forgive you. You probably begin every day by asking God to come into your life but feel no different after asking. Be-

lieve He is there—live so as to keep Him there. You may not feel different but I assure you others see something different. Although you may never have any physical evidence of God in your life, continue practising the "life of faith" and you will develop a very real relationship with God.

You may ask whether this is faith or self-deception. It is definitely not self-deception because it is all based on fact—your forgiveness is a fact, His presence in your life is a fact—all you have to do is accept these facts by believing, and live to please Him. You know these things are facts because God has said so and you can trust Him and take Him at His word.

Personally, I do not feel that watching a good film in a cinema would be a hindrance to the cultivation of that relationship but I do not consider dancing helpful in any way, although I would not expect my non-Christian friends to understand my reasons. I refrain from the social drink because I believe alcoholism is a disease or sickness that destroys millions, none of whose victims realized when they touched their first drink that they would start an insatiable desire for alcohol. Even if I knew that I could control myself I would still not accept a drink—my example as a Christian could be condoning it for another whose makeup was such that he could not withstand the chain reaction of strengthening desires for drink. This reasoning may not be good enough for you but it satisfies me, and as long as one accepts fruit juice at a cocktail party boldly rather than sheepishly, tactfully rather than arrogantly, I think one is respected rather than despised.

You are both young—accept by faith the life that God has called you to live and cultivate that life and the communication of it in the way you think is meaningful in our society. You must be prepared to be misunderstood by many without and criticized by many within the Church, but be true to God—He has a good number of other young people to join you in a very challenging and interesting life in warning the world of its impending fate and helping many to find real life. PASTOR JOHN SHAW.

The Sinclair story

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safely into harbour!" (Ps. 107:23, 24, 28, 30, The Living Bible.)

Looking back it is easy for me to see how gently and patiently God arranged circumstances and led me into a life of happy commitment to His service, and how true that portion of Psalm 107 has been for me.

You do not have to go to sea to experience "the power of God in action"; "we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans." (Rom. 8:28, The Living Bible.)

GOD'S ALTERNATIVE TO EMPTINESS

WITH the passing of summer, activities are launched here in Coventry. Vibrant with stored up energy Coventry church is poised for Christian witness. During the College recess students came to serve Christ in Coventry and have left behind them footprints into which our young people have gladly stepped.

This is the story: A group of students, burdened to tell of the love of Jesus, dedicated themselves to the "Gate." An appropriate name indeed as through this "Gate" sinners and saints were to clasp hands with the Saviour of the world. The foundations laid with much prayer and humility, there quickly followed signs of God's blessing. The difficulties and expense of hiring halls are known to us all but their hall came week by week as a free gift from Coventry Council. Those attending the Sunday "Folk Song and Talk" programmes were earnest young people with inquiring minds. What an opportunity to tell of one's own experience of "What the love of Jesus means to me." This was the great objective—to testify that Christ can give happiness here and now.

The infidel, the sceptic, and the agnostic all attended, not once but successively, and the students were undaunted. Their simple approach in the "vernacular" of modern youth, namely group-singing, drew between fifty to a hundred young people each week.

When the singing ended, Christ was presented and discussion began, and folk had to be told when to go home!

The question is raised: "What now?" The students have returned to college or university. Is this the end of a noble venture? By no means. While here, they prepared the young people of Coventry church to continue the "Gate" programme and uphold Christ. It is a great burden placed upon them, but they have risen to the challenge with tremendous enthusiasm and joy. Prayer is the keynote of their witness, and in their prayers is the constant request that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts and make them fit channels through which the love of Christ might flow.

Many success stories could be told: Philip, for instance came along to the "Gate" as an atheist. He was not happy about his lack of faith in God. One of our young people, great in faith, drew this confession from him and concentrated all her efforts on sharing her faith with him. He continued to attend. The group united in earnest prayer for him. After a week or two of Bible study he made a decision to follow Christ. When he had accepted Christ he had already conquered the

damaging habit of smoking. On a number of occasions he has been along to church worshipping with us.

Terry, an agnostic, seemed unimpressed the evening of his first visit to the "Gate," but the following evening he called to see two members of the study group in what can be described as an unsettled state of mind. He said he couldn't get Christ out of his mind and wanted to talk. He now attends Bible studies and has decided to be a Christian.

The great success story is "Doreen." She is among us now as a baptized member of Coventry church, still thirsty



for truth. She represents the "first-fruits" of "Gate." We are on our knees praying that barriers will fall and Scriptural truth may have an overwhelming victory in the youth of Coventry. Many tears were shed when Doreen stood in the waters of baptism. If the "Gate" can lead one honest heart to Christ, we believe there are others to follow. Pray that this witness will yield a good harvest for the Lord.

With Doreen was Sister Cook. After they were baptized by our minister, Pastor Paul Smith, they were accepted into church fellowship. Sister Martin was, on this same occasion, taken into fellowship with the Rugby church. We pray their daily contact with Christ will continually refresh and uplift them. We were greatly blessed on this same Sabbath of October 16th by Pastor R. E. Graham's ministry. W. B. DORSCHLER,
Church Clerk.



Editorial

I RECEIVED a suggestion the other day from an older member of the Church who, strange as it may sound, still remembers being young. Don't you think it would be a good idea, he said, to have a section of YOUTH set aside for the Spirit of prophecy quotation that has proved most helpful or inspiring to any one particular young person.

I thought it was a rather dull idea but after all maybe we should be clearer in our thinking. If God has given these books to us through the authorship of Ellen G. White to be of a specific help to the Church in this era, then what she has to say must be relevant. If the books are not relevant then their claim to being inspired is suspect, to say the least.

Read Ellen G. White's books then with such thoughts as these in mind. What message do they have for me personally? Is the advice stated relevant to our modern society? Does the book indicate that the author is limited to any great extent by being a product of her own age and the society in which she lived? So often our ideas are based on what others think and say, and on what we want to believe. No valid opinion can be gained unless we read the books for ourselves.

If you find a quotation or you know one already that has been of great help to you, please write it out and send it to me stating the reason for your choice and how it has been of personal help to you. We will then set a regular section aside for the quotation and your comments. Maybe your experience will prove of value to all of us. R.H.S.

CHOOSING A CAREER

Parents! Both you and your teenage children will benefit by reading this article

An address given to students of Strathfield Adventist High School, Australia, by A. L. Knight, B.A.(Syd.), F.A.I.M., F.I.D., F.A.I.F.R.C., M.A.C.E.

TONIGHT I propose to speak simply, frankly and, I trust, helpfully, on one of the most vital decisions each one here has to make in his life: choosing a career.

Why most vital? Because the choice you will make will determine your future—socially, economically, intellectually, materially and spiritually. For the first time in your lives, your real worth is soon to be assessed and your potential evaluated.

So far, your path has been a bed of roses. Your parents have given you food, clothing and shelter, and a Christian background. You have been privileged to have been given a good education. Some of you have conscientiously tried to benefit to the full from these gifts in preparation for your future. Some of you have not. Now all of you are soon to go out into the world, to leave the sheltered, ordered, and controlled environment of home and school, and to begin fending for yourselves. It sounds exciting, doesn't it? Are you eagerly anticipating the challenge ahead? Or are you fearing the unknown?

Regardless of your attitude, soon you will be out in the world—pretty much on your own—and the world, with complete objectivity and lack of sentiment, will pay you what you are worth. For most of you, your lives thus far have been showered with gifts. You have continually been on the receiving end. From now on, what you get, you will have to earn. To get, you will have to learn to give. Ominous though this may seem, let me reassure you that in your own hands, very largely, lies your own destiny—by the goals you set and the course you choose to attain those goals.

What Are My Aims?

Abraham Lincoln, many years ago, gave some practical advice which, I believe, is particularly apt today. He said: "If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what and how to do it." Then Abraham Lincoln outlined the two essential considerations which any person, young or old, must review when called upon to make a vital decision:

1. *Where am I now?*
2. *What am I aiming for?*

And when these have been established, he says, the way to attain your objectives will become clear.

In other words:

1. *What are the elements or ingredients in the situation?*

2. *What is the ultimate that these elements must accomplish?*
3. *When these are known, the guidelines to follow in enabling these elements to obtain the desired objectives will become known.*

Let us take point one

"What are the basic elements?" One must first recognize one's own individuality. Let us ask ourselves the question: "Who am I?"

I am Tom Brown, or Betty Smith, or Harry Jones. I have my own name. No one else has this name. Therefore I am an individual, a person with my own views, opinions, talents, likes and dislikes, skills; I am different; I am unique.

And now from this simple consideration emerge several guidelines to each person choosing a career. Here is the first guideline: As I am an individual, if possible my career should suit my interests, my personality, and be compatible with my tastes, hopes and ambitions.

I am not my father—so it is not inevitable that I should follow my father's vocation.

I am not my sister—what is good and satisfying to her may be unsatisfactory and frustrating to me.

I am an individual who must find his own niche and role in life.

Guideline Number Two. As an individual I have talents and special skills. There are certain things that I prefer doing. I have special interests. Therefore my career should be one which capitalizes on these talents, skills, and interests. So, when considering a career you might follow, you should try to determine what you like doing most, what you can do best, what activity you feel you would like to continue to do, what activity gives you most personal satisfaction and stimulation mentally, and uses your abilities fully.

Guideline Number Three. As well as being an individual, I am also a Christian—a Seventh-day Adventist. I believe that I have been created in the image of God. I have accepted a set of standards for my life and for my living. My ultimate desire is so to live in this life, that I will be worthy of a place in the heavenly kingdom.

This Important Consideration

Guideline number three is vitally important in choosing a career: Your career must not cut across your religious principles or standards or desires. The hereafter is more important than the

present. You must not jeopardize your future by choosing the wrong career now. You must not compromise your standards. It is an uncomfortable experience to live with a guilty conscience.

When you know what is right, you will be happy and contented only when you do what is right. Job satisfaction is a key consideration in anyone's life, and you will have job satisfaction and peace of mind only if your work is ethically and spiritually compatible with your Christian standards and goals.

It is important to stress this point. Some young people, in their search for a good career, put material considerations of monetary reward high on the list of priorities. This is foolishness. Money is not the most important criterion when determining your career. Job satisfaction and personal peace of mind are far higher on the list. And remember the advice from the Good Book: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Where Are We Going?

The second part of Abraham Lincoln's practical advice is related to "whither we are tending"—Where are we going? What is our aim in life?

This question has already been answered in part. However, let me put it to you in another way. For Christian young people, the ultimate goal can only be a place in the heavenly kingdom. And this will come only as reward for faithfulness in living and service here on earth. If this is the main goal one can have in life, then all other considerations must surely be relatively unimportant. If this is the main goal, then the significant question for each one will be "How can I best serve my Master?"

I can serve in many ways, no doubt. But I suggest, if I look carefully and objectively at the situation, if I define and evaluate my personal capabilities, relate these to the guidelines recommended, and purposefully align these with the ultimate goal all Christians desire to achieve, then the way best to serve my Master will become clear. As Abraham Lincoln said: "If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it."

At this stage, the cynics will say: "This is nonsense. I have to make a living and be able to earn my bread and butter. Surely this is the primary goal, and if in the process I can make a reasonable attempt to 'serve my Master,' then I have done enough." To the serious Christian, this philosophy is intolerable. Don't forget what the Bible says: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Young people, at the outset of your careers, get your priorities right, get

your goal clearly in view, and don't deviate from that purpose. Don't let any enticement distract you from your main mission in life—to serve your Master.

Well then, how may I best serve my Master? Obviously for an Adventist the ideal way—the way which seems to have most attraction—is as an employee of the denomination. During our school careers, and often in our church environment, we hear calls to serve as members of the organized work.

Consider These Points

To many, the possibility of serving in this direct and important way offers a wonderful challenge and satisfying prospect. But may I suggest, before you contemplate this possible avenue of employment, you carefully set yourselves certain clear determinations.

1. Determine that your real motive for entering denominational employment is to give the best service you can.

2. Determine that, early in your career, you will do whatever you must to equip yourself thoroughly so that your service will be the best you can possibly provide.

3. Determine that you will continue to consider it the highest possible calling any person could hope for.

4. Determine that you will do all in your power to be a dynamic force for good, and one who is prepared to go the extra mile in giving service.

5. Determine not to regard the denominational employment as a comfortable and secure haven where the "Lord will provide" with little service required and few results being expected.

6. Determine to accept whatever comes your way, in terms of responsibility or disappointment, as being in the best overall good.

I congratulate any of you who eventually have the opportunity of service in the work in this way. I hope you will deserve and earn the respect of all by your significant and worthy efforts for His cause.

What About the Others?

Now what about the others of you—those who do not enter the organized work?

While employment in the organized work may be the best through which service may be given, remember it's not the ONLY avenue. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination cannot possibly employ every churchmember—nor would it be desirable that it did so, even if it could. So don't be disheartened if you have to look elsewhere for your livelihood. You can still attain your goal in life and provide meaningful service to your Master. If you keep the above guidelines before you, you can choose a vocation which is compatible with your religious standards and principles, and can provide you with an adequate and satisfying financial return and can, at the same time, afford you the time and means to give service.

As a non-denominational employee you can:

(a) Provide know-how, gained from your vocation—which can support the knowledge and skills clearly available within the denomination;

(b) Bring a new flow of income into the Church—by your tithes and offerings gained from non-denominational sources;

(c) Provide lay activity assistance without cost to the cause and indeed provide service in one form or another, which denominational employees—because they are denomination employees—are often unable to give.

And now I come to the last part of my remarks on choosing a career.

Before you make any decision—whether it be in or out of the organized

CONTEST FOR 1974 SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF PATHFINDERS

CONTEST A CLUB ENTRY

SLOGAN CONTEST

- Participants** Pathfinder clubs from all over the world.
- Awards** Awards will be given to the clubs providing the best slogan: 1st—US \$75.00, 2nd—US \$50.00, 3rd—US \$25.00.
- Languages** Slogan may be written in any language, but it must be accompanied by an English translation.
- Guidance** We are looking for a short slogan, not a long phrase! The Pathfinder Silver Anniversary theme will be built around this slogan. The Boy Scouts have an interesting slogan: "Boy Power—Man Power." Here are some others so that you may have an idea of what we are looking for: "Training to save," "Train right, save heart," "In training today, in service tomorrow!"
- Deadline** March 1, 1972—Entries must be received on or before MARCH 1, 1972.
- Send to** Send your slogan entry direct to Pastor L. Ranzolin, Pathfinder Contest, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20012, U.S.A. Don't fail to enclose the name and address of your Pathfinder club.

CONTEST B INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

PATHFINDER DAY BULLETIN COVER CONTEST

- Participants** Pathfinders from all over the world.
- What?** An award to be given to a Pathfinder from ages 10–15 presenting the most acceptable drawing or painting in colour suitable for the bulletin and programme cover for Pathfinder Day.
- Theme** "PATHFINDERS OUTDOORS." The drawing or painting must be built around this theme or it will not be valid. If there is a flag in the picture, use only the Pathfinder flag.
- Award** A credit line and award will be given to the Pathfinder for the art work selected:
1st—US \$50.00, 2nd—US \$25.00, 3rd—US \$10.00.
- Material** Painting may be made with oils, water colours, acrylic, collages, chalk, ink, line drawing, etc., and should have a vertical format. Painting must not be smaller than 8" x 10" or not longer than 10" x 15". Send painting encased in cardboard for protection. *Do not fold.*
- Send to** Pastor L. Ranzolin, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20012, U.S.A. Include name, age, address, class in school, country and club to which you belong.
- Deadline** MARCH 1, 1972. Entries must be received on or before March 1, 1972.
- Attention**
- ★ Materials presented will become property of the General Conference, M.V. Department. They will not be acknowledged or returned.
 - ★ In case of a tie, entry with earliest post mark will be considered.
 - ★ Overseas entries should be sent by air mail.
 - ★ Divisions and unions will be informed of the winners through personal correspondence, youth papers, bulletins and "M.V. INTERNATIONAL."

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work—conduct your own thorough market survey or, if you like, find out all you can about;

- * What each career requires by way of qualifications;
- * What each career demands in terms of time and service and skills;
- * What each career pays in terms of remuneration, job satisfaction, long-term prospects and benefits, and opportunities to achieve your own personal goals.

It is complete foolishness to decide on a career without satisfying yourself on these three facets.

Getting the Answers

How do you gather the answers to these questions?

1. As far as denominational employment is concerned.

(a) Talk with the leaders already in the work who are doing this type of work in which you are interested.

(b) Inquire of the conference secretary about conditions of employment and requirements of various types of careers.

(c) Check up with Newbold College as to the career courses offered there and insure that your qualifications are adequate for the denominational vocation that interests you.

2. As far as non-denominational careers are concerned.

(a) Talk with other churchmembers who are already following the career which interests you.

(b) Discover the qualification requirements of the profession. Find out advantages and disadvantages of the work.

(c) Check with the university or the Vocational Guidance Bureau operated by the Department of Labour and Industry on the requirements of various types of career. Leaflets, vocational guidance advice are provided on request without charge.

(d) Relate these to your goals, and your own personal capacity.

Talk with successful Adventist business and professional men and de-

nominal workers to get valuable advice from them, based on experience. It is essential to do some careful investigating at this critical time in your life. You must make the correct decision.

Don't be discouraged or overwhelmed at the seeming enormity of the task. Your goal may seem to be a long way off, but remember it is never far to the next step towards it. The first two letters of the word GOAL are GO—and this you must do. No one can make your decision for you in this matter of choosing your career and it is yours alone.

Personal testimony of Pastor Douglas Sinclair, youth leader, South England Conference

The uttermost parts of the sea

Story of the conversion of 1st Mate Douglas Sinclair

"THERE are the sailors sailing the seven seas, plying the trade routes of the world, they too observe the power of God in action." Ps. 107:23, 24, The Living Bible.

"You mark my words, ministers at sea are a menace, something will happen," said the old Anglo-Swedish carpenter on the S.S. *City of Durham*, as the ship approached New York. We had just heard that a number of passengers were coming aboard at New York for the passage to Ceylon, and "Chippy" was regaling the cadets with some salty superstitions. Among the passengers was a family of missionaries. We were not so worried about the possible tempting of fate, as we were interested in that the family included two teenage girls.

Alongside the pier we soon forgot the passengers in the hustle and bustle of loading the general cargo and batten-

And as you consider your future, never forget that you have a kind heavenly Father caring for you and watching over you. Ask Him for help and guidance; He will not let you down.

If your motives are right, and your determination true, He will stand by your side. It is not weak or foolish to call on Him. God can do without us but we cannot do without Him. *So reach up as far as you can and God will reach down all the way.*

May He bless you and guide you into a full and purposeful life of service for Him.

ing down for the long haul across the Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, down the Red Sea, and across the Indian Ocean to Colombo.

When we did get away to sea, the weather turned very nasty and Chippy was very satisfied that his dark prophecies were coming true. It was so rough that the passengers did not appear until well into the Mediterranean. The Scott family turned out to be very pleasant people, especially the girls, but any conversation soon came round to the subject of Christianity and the Bible. We cadets were even prepared to put up with that, to enjoy their company. We learned of a number of strange doctrines, among which was that Christians should worship on Saturday if they were following the Bible as their rule of faith. Now that was obviously ridiculous and I set out to prove it. That turned out to be difficult—in fact, impossible, and I was so intrigued that I enrolled in a correspondence course from the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Poona, India.

When the Scotts left the ship in Colombo I studied the lessons and could see that the Sabbath did apply to Christians—very interesting!—but I was not a Christian, and anyway Sabbath-keeping was impossible at sea! I had just gained my Second Mates Certificate and as an officer at last was earning a very good wage. Yet Christianity as practised by the Scott family had appealed to me, and in order to try to find the satisfaction and peace they had in their lives, I went to church every opportunity I had when ashore on Sundays. There was little satisfaction in it, even when I went three times to church in one day. Trying to quieten a conscience under conviction on a point of truth by showing great zeal in another direction, just does not work. Nearly right is still wrong! "Their worship is worthless for they teach their man-made laws instead of those from God." (Matt. 15:9, The Living Bible.)

"The Power of God in Action"

After a time I dropped the attempt to find satisfaction by church attendance. I loved my job at sea and I rationalized

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY PATHFINDER CONTEST

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Name of Pathfinder Club

Name of Pathfinder Club Director

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that it was impossible for everyone to keep Sabbath: somebody had to go to sea and bring food back, or Britain would starve. I was sure God would not only understand but even approve my sacrificial attitude. How devious we can be when it suits our purpose! So religion was pushed to the very back of my mind.

A couple of years later I was on a ship called the *City of Newport* when the first of a series of strange coincidences happened. We were discharging cargo at Dubai in the Persian Gulf when our mizzen-mast fell over with all the derricks used for loading and unloading. Miraculously no one was seriously hurt, but the ship had to be directed to Bombay so that we could be loaded by cranes.

When we arrived in Bombay I received a parcel of *Youth's Instructors* which the Scott family had left for me. I started to think about the Bible again. "The power of God in action." Nobody likes to be wrong, it is a very uncomfortable feeling. I had no arguments left against the Adventist teachings, but that was still a long way from wanting to change my whole life and career. So once again—better to forget it.

After more exams I passed First Mates Certificate and was sailing as second officer in the *City of Chicago* running between America and India. I had opportunity to go and see something of the Adventist set-up in Washington and was very impressed, but being with Adventists was still an uncomfortable experience. I did not smoke in their company and even after leaving them, my pipeful of best Turkish tobacco did not taste so good for some days. "The power of God in action."

At the end of that voyage I asked if I could stay on round the British coast discharging the cargo so that I could have my leave after the *Chicago* left to go foreign again. I wanted to change ships to get experience on a different type of ship before going for my Masters Certificate. In Dublin, colporteur Frank Male came aboard and had a long friendly chat that started me thinking about God again.

After only a few days at home on leave I was asked to rejoin for a guaranteed ten-week voyage to East Africa and back, then I was assured I would be given my full leave and a change of ship. I agreed, but when we had discharged at Mombasa, instructions came that we were not going home but were to go in ballast to the U.S.A. and load for India. At the time I was very annoyed, but nothing could be done to alter the situation. Another strange happening—"the power of God in action."

In New York another family of S.D.A. missionaries boarded for the trip to Ceylon. The Andersons were going out to relieve Pastor and Mrs. Scott whose tour was completed. Having a mutual acquaintance in the Scotts I soon became close friends with the

Andersons. Pastor Anderson often spoke of his own belief on a personal level: "Jesus Christ is as real a person to me as you are, Douglas, only I know Him better." Those words impressed themselves deeply in my mind. Was such an experience really possible? I could see that it was real for him but I still had doubts about the existence of God. How could I be sure?

Before they left the ship the Andersons gave me a number of books and I knew they were praying for me. They always seemed to assume there was no doubt I would become an Adventist. I was reading through the Bible and when I got to Deuteronomy 4:29 the text seemed to be just for me. In the N.E.B. it reads: "But if from there you seek the Lord, your God, you will find him, if indeed you search with all your heart and soul."

Smoking was a serious problem to me. I was a pipe-smoker because cigarettes no longer satisfied me. I inhaled the smoke and was getting very short of breath whenever I had to exert myself physically—which was often. I was in my early twenties. I had tried many times to give up smoking, but could not do it. Here was the chance to test God. I prayed a very tentative prayer for help, promising God that if He really was there and would help, I would do whatever He indicated. With all my pipes and tobacco ready to hand

on my desk top (to make it as hard as possible for God) I asked for help and to my great surprise, He gave me strength I had never known before. I did not smoke, but I craved for tobacco almost desperately. I remembered then something the Andersons had told me about food and stimulants—and reformed my diet. I ate only salads and fruit and drank only orange squash. In a few days the craving had gone and with their help I had discovered the essence of the "Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking" for myself and proved that it worked.

My conversion was a continuing gradual process from that time and doubts and reservations that I had been clinging to as a protection against involvement disappeared. "The power of God in action," or, as Jesus expressed it, "If any of you really determines to do God's will, then you will certainly know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own." (John 7:17, The Living Bible.)

The inner peace that I had detected in my Adventist friends and so much wanted, became a reality. "There are the sailors sailing the seven seas, plying the trade routes of the world. They too, observe the power of God in action. . . . They cry to the Lord in their trouble, and he saves them. . . . What a blessing is that stillness, as he brings them

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Don't chip holes in the system

Those who can, do: those who can't, teach!

WHAT! You don't mean teach in a church school? As a "veteran" with three month's experience let me give you my first impressions of church school teaching in a junior school.

About the school—the children, aged five to eleven, study everything from football to French. Their sport includes swimming, athletics, and football. Some of the children have swum two miles. Football too, is a favourite activity, although I have heard a disgruntled remark about the injustices of having female referees. Observing the rough and tumble in the playground a passer-by remarked: "There certainly are no cissies here."

The children also have opportunities for missionary service in the community. Harvest is not only a time for praising God for all His bountiful provisions but also for the children to take fruit and flowers with words of cheer to the patients in the local hospitals and to needy families. Christmas is an opportunity for giving as well as receiving—Operation Santa Claus is a means of giving to children who do not have the usual happy Christmas.

Have you said as I have: "Evangelism only seems to bring dear old ladies into the church"? Surely the opportunity to

teach the truths of the Bible: God's love for man, and the need of the Saviour, to twenty-three eager young minds each day and to show the influence of Jesus upon the individual, would be the envy of any evangelist. Did I hear you mutter "indoctrination"? We are admonished in the Spirit of prophecy to "teach the children to be thinkers and not mere reflectors of other men's thoughts."

The influence of Christian education is also felt by the parents. One of my ten-year-olds convinced his father that he should give up smoking. No handbills or newspaper ads. are necessary to bring the parents to an Adventist service if their Mary or Tommy is singing in the school choir or is saying a poem with their class. At a recent M.V. investiture some of our non-Adventist children were invested.

Church school teaching is demanding—your teaching will lose its effect if your life denies the principles you profess to believe. "Higher than the human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children, Godliness—Godlikeness is the goal to be reached."

Will you accept this challenge? Don't chip holes in the system! Study God's instructions that you may help build it up and improve on it so that when Christ comes in the clouds of glory, you may have been instrumental in preparing the hearts of these, his precious little ones to meet him.

ERICA MCKEE.

ATTENTION!

Items and events for the interest of all M.Vs.

Students please note that March 19th to 21st is the date set aside for the 1972

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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



President: DONALD LOWE

South coast Day of Fellowship, November 20th

At our special Day of Fellowship, held in Portsmouth on Sabbath, November 20th, the emphasis was on fellowship in worship and belief, and later, fellowship in service. We were glad to welcome representative members of the Southampton, Bournemouth, Hove, Worthing, and Isle of Wight churches, who joined us for the day's programme sponsored by the "South Coast Welfare Federation."

The morning began with a most enjoyable and instructive presentation of the Sabbath school lesson by Pastor K. H. Gammon. Typical of the thought-provoking lessons he gave on the health of the body and mind was one which has stuck in my mind: "There is no such thing as work," he said, "unless there is something else you would rather be doing."

We were very fortunate to have Pastor P. Ceislar from Poland preach his first sermon in Britain during the divine service. Pastor Ceislar, the newly-appointed Lay Activities department secretary for the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, gave a most inspiring and obviously inspired sermon. He spoke of his experiences as a young man during the difficult days of war in Poland, of how he became a shepherd of sheep and later of men and women. Thank you, Pastor, for your fellowship, for raising our sights and showing us Jesus. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Anne Wilmot and Mrs. Rita Jackson who travelled from Crocombe and graced the services with their singing.

When all the paper bags had been folded, and the tins and Thermos flasks put away, the afternoon began with a rousing song-service conducted by members of the Rhodes family from Bournemouth. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Miss De Courtney of the "Help the Aged" society, who gave a most informative, illustrated lecture on the work of the society at home and abroad. After the inevitable "technical hitch" with the projector she showed a film of the society's efforts to help the aged and poverty-stricken of India, China and Africa.

The day closed with tea prepared by the ladies of the Portsmouth church. We are grateful to all the ladies who worked hard preparing the food and drinks.

During the tea the Welfare Federation Nominating Committee met. The newly-elected president of the South Coast Welfare Federation is Mrs. D. Paine of



Sister Ruby Mayes

PALACE PRESENTATION.—Recently one of our members at Stanborough Park church was honoured at St. James's Palace.

Sister Ruby Mayes was presented with the long service badge representing twenty-one years of faithful and efficient service to the Queen's Institute of District Nurses. She received her award at the hands of Princess Anne and also present was the Duchess of Gloucester who is president of the Institute. We wish Sister Mayes many more years of useful service to her community.

P.R. SECRETARY,
Stanborough Park church.

the Isle of Wight, and the secretary is Mrs. C. C. Bell. We are grateful to Mrs. I. Howard and Mrs. R. Fordham who have served as president and secretary respectively during the last term of office.

In retrospect, our enjoyable and uplifting "Day of Fellowship" should remind us of the words of the motto printed in the programme for the day: "Among the blessings for which daily thanks should be given is the blessing of being needed. Having someone to whom our help is valuable and our presence is a comfort, gives life dignity and meaning, and makes all worth while."

G. MARTIN BELL.

DAWNING GLORY

I've wrestled on towards Heaven
'Gainst wind and storm and tide;
Now, like a weary traveller
That leans upon his guide,
Amid the shades of evening,
While sinks life's lingering sand,
I hail the glory dawning
From Emmanuel's Land.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



President: BRYAN W. BALL

£150,000 miracle

At an extra cost of £150,000 the authorities are willing to curve a proposed six-lane highway in order to preserve Birmingham's Camp Hill S.D.A. church which otherwise would have been demolished.

Pastor George Bryan and his large congregation call it "a £150,000 miracle." Who could doubt that this decision of the road planners for the Midlands area is a result of the Lord's intervention?

Camp Hill church is ideally located not far from Birmingham's celebrated Bull Ring. But the area is due for redevelopment. Radical reshaping of the metropolitan area has thus far been so resolute as to bewilder Birmingham citizens, and the process is already operating in Camp Hill. Whole blocks of Victorian property have been erased in readiness for the total transformation envisaged by the City planners. Most prominent feature of the plan will be the six-lane highway from Coventry that would normally require the very area occupied by our beautiful church.

Relocation of the church would be difficult. To be torn from the city's hub would be a tragedy. A suburban location could spell real difficulty for many members, it would reduce the prospects for public evangelism, and rob us of the priceless publicity afforded by the present prime position.

Brother Campbell and the prayer band earnestly prayed for God to prevent the "inevitable." Letters were written by Pastor George Bryan, Camp Hill minister and evangelist. Personal visits were made. In the planners' office, maps were studied. Near the church would be an underpass, three hundred yards away would be a huge roundabout, here would be the city's inner ring road, and there the six-lane highway—a development making present maps quite useless and spelling obliteration for the church.

"But we regard your church as an asset to the community," said Mr. Proudfoot of the Planning authority to Pastor George Bryan. "We have learned of your activities, your welfare work, your educational programme, your youth clubs. We are therefore prepared to re-route the proposed highway to leave your church intact."

Re-routing will be such as will assure quietness for the church, the church precincts will be smartened by eventual landscaping, refurbishing of the area will enhance its attractiveness, and give it a conspicuous prominence.

No wonder Camp Hill members are in a jubilant mood. R. D. VINE.

Baptism at Lincoln

JUST prior to the return to West Africa of the Keith Lethbridge family, two of the boys, Julian and Adrian, were baptized in the Lincoln church. The Lincoln members were very happy to be able to extend this kind of hospitality to furloughing missionaries, and especially as one of their own dear young people, Maxine Pain, was baptized on the same occasion.

The little church was filled to capacity with well-wishers for this happy service, in which Pastor Ray Vine baptized the young people, after the address by your reporter.

These three young people participated in their first communion service on the following Sabbath day—a heartwarming thing for their good parents and all the churchmembers.

Our prayerful good wishes go out to the missionary family, now in Liberia, and to our young people at home who so much need divine care and blessing in these times. PASTOR A. C. VINE.

IRISH MISSION



President: VICTOR H. COOPER

Onward in Ulster

THE Londonderry air is not as clear and clean as it used to be. As I drove through the shopping centre on Sabbath, people were hurrying with handkerchiefs up to their streaming eyes, produced by CS gas used by troops in nearby streets.

But there were no tears on the faces of our believers. As they do not yet have a church building of their own, they gathered in the local Orange Hall. Joyfully and eagerly they participated in Sabbath school lesson discussion in a building where some of the windows had been smashed from the blast of an explosion earlier in the week, two doors away at the public library. The members of the most north-westerly church in the British Union under their minister, Brother Charles M. Rhodes, are of good courage and send greetings via the MESSENGER to their fellow-believers in Britain.

We had passed through four army control points *en route* to our Sabbath appointment, a fifth in Londonderry *en route* to Colporteur Brownlow's home and four more on our way back to Belfast. We passed within a block of Paddy M'Gurk's bar and had just arrived home when we heard the explosion in which fifteen were killed.

As we travel through Belfast it is always comforting to remember that we are in the hands of God and supported by the prayers of our members. Five or



Literature-evangelist Mrs. Ruby Stephenson of Birmingham, who came as "a missionary" to Britain in 1966, recently witnessed for her faith on B.B.C. Television. "I am accepted by white people," she said, "because I have no prejudice. I think prejudice is due to the coloured people as much as the white." No wonder Sister Stephenson is a successful worker for God.



Belfast S.D.A. church and some of its members. Despite present dangers, the work of God is advancing.

six Adventist families in Belfast have had to move out of their homes because of the troubles, but have now been rehoused in reasonable comfort.

Encouraging is the number of Irish youth who, searching for solutions to today's complex problems are looking for a new way of life and discovering some of the answers in our Bible and Health correspondence courses. Many living in isolated country areas, are more naturally drawn to acknowledgement of the Creator as they study the Word.

One student who accepted the Adventist faith through study of the V.O.P. lessons, advertised in his local newspaper in an attempt to find other Adventists in the area. There were no replies. More than fifty miles from the nearest Adventist group, this student has already enrolled seven others in the Bible School and wishes to have regular meetings in his home.

Your prayers for the work in Ireland will not be in vain. VICTOR H. COOPER, President, Irish Mission.

BELFAST CAROLS.—On Sabbath December 18th the Belfast church was well filled for the Annual Christmas Carol Service given by the young people, and we were very happy to see quite a number of visitors present. The floral arrangements were most tasteful and the illuminated Christmas tree added much to create the seasonal atmosphere. The service was arranged by Sister Madge Ellis, who deserves so much thanks for the time given and the work she does.

The troubles in Northern Ireland show no sign of ending, but then what is taking place here is just a small part of the unrest, dissatisfaction, and instability, which is taking place throughout the world. Bible prophecy makes it so very clear that troubles and wickedness will increase as the time of the end approaches. We can be certain from the signs around us that this tired, sick, old world cannot last much longer and we pray that the message of the Gospel will soon be proclaimed to all the world so that the return of Jesus Christ will not be long delayed, and that the everlasting kingdom will soon replace all earthly kingdoms. This is the blessed hope we all look forward to.

BOB MCCORMAC.

WELSH MISSION



President: P. H. STEARMAN

Tredegar's accent on youth

YOUTH evangelism is being effectively carried out in Tredegar by the local members under their Pastor, Stuart Ware. At the time of reporting there is now a regular Friday night Pathfinder Club attended by an average of thirty young people. A number of these are of baptismal age and are regularly attending the Sabbath and Mid-week meetings.

More details of this venture will appear in later MESSENGERS.

I would, however, like to tell you how all this began. On a lovely afternoon in the middle of August I found myself outside The Little Theatre in Tredegar. I wasn't the only one there either, for queuing up in a long line was an impatient group of children.

Why were they there? you might ask; or even stranger, why was I, who lived thirty miles distant, so far from my home? Well, I had been invited to come down to the Holiday Bible School.

Inside, the theatre had been made to look as interesting as possible in order to appeal to the children. Figures of Christ and little children from different lands had been set up and some good Gospel records were played during the time between the theatre opening and the programme commencing.

The attendance on Monday, the first day, was 77. During the afternoon a reporter from the *Gazette* visited the meeting and took several photographs. The children sang songs, listened to stories by Sister Ware or Brother Watkins, and did handicrafts. The programme closed with a Bible film. The theme for the first day was the life of Abraham.

Each day's programme followed the same pattern. The second day's theme being Moses and Joshua. The attendance was 89. On the Wednesday with a wonderful attendance of 106 the subject was David and a special group photograph was taken. Thursday was an extra special day and the number of children increased to 128. The programme covered Jesus and the children of the New Testament. Friday found us still going strong with an attendance of 118, and the programme theme was Jesus and His disciples.

Everyone wondered what the Sabbath day would bring for this was "Graduation Day" when the children would receive their certificates and prizes. This was a special day and the children had been asked to bring along their parents. The attendance was 190 and of this number 50 were parents.

The children took part in the programme themselves and we saw a real display of talent as they sang, recited, read from the Bible and played musical instruments.

Prizes were given out to children who had attended 4 out of the 5 days of the Holiday Bible School. 160 certificates were presented. Twenty of the children were absent and their certificates were either posted to them or taken home by friends. Every child who attended, if only for one day had a certificate.

It took a great deal of time and effort to put on this special week and not a little faith. Brother Stuart Ware gave himself unstintingly, taking care of all the small details which have to be undertaken in a project of this nature.

This was one of the largest Bible Schools ever held in Wales by any denomination, and was instrumental in gaining contacts for the public campaign which was held several weeks later.

Five adults who took part are now possible candidates for baptism, including a young married couple whose children also attended.

The Press coverage was exceptionally favourable and included three articles in the two leading papers for the eastern valleys of Wales. A photograph was also published.

The sad thing about this wonderful achievement is that after such a favourable reception we have nowhere to invite these people to meet with us for there is no church building in Tredegar. This will not be commenced until June next year. Meanwhile our Sabbath meetings will be held once again at the rented



Boys and girls who attended the Tredegar Holiday Bible School in the Little Theatre.

hall in Ebbw Vale which is six miles away.

However, another Holiday Bible School is planned for the Easter and summer holidays next year. We hope this will prepare the way for our new church.

Of course, when an event like the Holiday Bible School is planned the organizers need all the help they can get. Besides Susan Ware and Brian Watkins, both of whom coped admirably with the stories and classes and

also led out with the choruses some days, we had Frank Keefe singing, playing his guitar and leading the children's choruses. Brother Ware was responsible for the films, lights, and stage effects. Other helpers were: Dorothy Beynon, Brenda Espley, Elaine Price, Dorothy Goleby, Mrs. Edwards, June and Waldron Thomas, Mrs. Davies and Beatrice Barker.

A Holiday Bible School is a great way of becoming involved. After all I only went as a visitor.

BEATRICE BARKER.



TILL THE DAY DAWN

MAHON.—In 1929 Florence Mahon of Blackburn, then aged 50, forsook her allegiance to Ramsay MacDonald and the Labour party for Jesus Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her other diversions—the theatre and musical comedy—were at the same time exchanged for real life dialogue at neighbourhood doors over *Present Truth* magazines. Her reading habits similarly suffered abrupt change and her favourite authors, Dickens, Scott, and Marie Corelli, were never devoured so avidly as *Great Controversy*, *Bible Readings*, and *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*. What made the change? Some spiritual alchemy coincident upon the public meetings in the town's Overlookers Hall of the young evangelist Robert (W. R. A.) Madgwick. To this man, his wife and health lecturer, Isabelle Madgwick, and the two "Bible-workers," Minnie Holding and Irene Himsworth, she was to pay a debt of gratitude all through her new life, which brought her a wealth of new friends and rich experience. In 1931 her daughter Kathleen went to Newbold College. In 1938, a victory of her own prayers and the lay ministry of W. A. Girling, was her husband Alex's baptism at Southend. After his death in 1946 her widowhood was brightened by the arrival of seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her own five children remember her with real affection as a woman of unusual energy and enthusiasm. The excellent health they still enjoy bears tribute to her skilful manipulation of the tiny but tithe-enhanced income. In a time of great depression in Lancashire "between the wars" they remember the abundant diet she provided of brown bread, well-ripened fruit and the fresh vegetables from the family allotment. Few of the working class families around fared so well as hers yet many a fresh loaf or tasty morsel from her shining black-leaded kitchen range found its way to the table of a needy neighbour.

Nine years short of her first century after a painful fall and fracture she closed her eyes for the last time. Pastor Donald Lowe came from Watford on November 21, 1971, to speak words of comfort to her children and grandchildren who were all present in the beautiful chapel at Pleasington Cemetery. Local minister Pastor Robert Vine, assisted. The members of the family who "sorrow not as others" were her three daughters, Evelyn, Kathleen, and Ethel, sons Francis and John [Pastor Jack Mahon], daughters-in-law Vera and Margaret, and sons-in-law Jack Woolmington and Pastor John Freeman.

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Mr/Mrs/Miss

Address

..... Date of birth

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