

"CATCHING UP"

Report of the Opening of the New Library and Research Centre at Newbold College

by Helen Pearson

USUALLY, it's a time for catching up with oneself: sleeping, reading, cleaning, talking. Relaxing in old clothes and slowing down generally, students and staff members do not choose Sunday morning for high-powered activity at Newbold.

Sunday, April 20th was different. At 9 o'clock, Salisbury Hall was a buzz of activity. The Principal, immaculate in his dark suit, was moving chairs; some students, also dressed in their best were moving with unwonted speed from one building to another, and the car park, usually empty on Sundays, was filling with unfamiliar cars, some of them with foreign number plates. Slowly, the numbers of people in Salisbury Hall grew—and they were all dressed in their Sabbath best—on Sunday.

They might have been dressed for Sabbath, but if "catching up" is a Sunday activity, then these people had chosen the right day. They were "catching up" all right. The occasion was the dedication of the new library and European Ellen G. White Centre. For too long, the students at Newbold have been

using a library inadequate for their needs. The old library, situated for the past sixteen years in Salisbury Hall, seated only sixty students and demanded almost ape-like gymnastics of the borrower looking for a book in the "stacks" as the main housing area for books was known. This was a cramped space of fifteen by twenty feet holding at least thirteen-thousand books. The new library, an oblong two-storey building placed on a site behind Salisbury Hall where, in pre-gymnasium days, the Graduation marquee was pitched, seats at least one hundred people and will, in the near future, hold forty thousand books and periodicals. It already houses the European Ellen G. White and Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre.

This is the other area where, on this Sunday, significant in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Europe, we were "catching up." As Dr. Jean Zurcher, secretary of the Euro-African Division pointed out in his remarks after the dedication of the new centre: "In Europe, there has long been a love for the person of Ellen G. White,

but there has been an ignorance of her writings. This has been no one's fault, but simply a result of the geographical position of Europe in relation to America and of the barriers of language and culture." Now, however, we were catching up.

Deposited in the vault of the new research centre in easy reach of Europeans and Africans on *this* side of the Atlantic, are between fifteen and twenty thousand xeroxed pages of Ellen G. White manuscripts and copies of indexes from the parent body—the Ellen G. White Estate in Washington D.C., these being the product of seventy years' work in that office. In addition, there are copies of Ellen G. White's letters to European workers, document files relating to the history and growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a question and answer file recording questions on the writings of Ellen G. White and the answers from those writings which have been given by the workers at the White Estate.

There is an obituary file dealing with
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Pastor R. E. Graham, Principal of Newbold College, welcomes Dr. Paul Steiner, newly appointed Curator of the Ellen G. White Research Centre. Elder Arthur White, grandson of Ellen G. White, looks on. Right: The New Library and Ellen G. White Research Centre. Photos by Krzysztof Zygowiec.

EDITORIAL

PRESERVING THE BEAUTIFUL

IN this prosaic age poetry ranks low on the popularity scale, but most readers will know the verse which suggests:

"God gives all men all earth to love
But since man's heart is small,
Ordains for each, one spot shall prove
Beloved over all. . . ."

For the poet Rudyard Kipling this "spot" was "Sussex by the Sea." For the present writer, it is a tiny bit of the south-west corner of Sussex's western neighbour. It is a headland named after Hengist, which bravely thrusts out into the Solent, as if in an effort to connect up with the Isle of Wight. Some of its sheltered hollows are heart-melting for beauty, and powerful stimulators of devout thoughts.

But that lovely spot is losing ground. Two hundred yards out at sea, when the tide is low, can be seen a ridge of rocks called Beerpan—actually huge ironstone boulders. At the turn of the century that headland reached right out to those rocks which then formed its shore. Since then, erosive forces have been at work. Restless waves have mercilessly ground away that "beloved" spot. The process, unhappily, still goes on. Were time to last, and protective measures to fail, the entire beauty spot would succumb for ever to the sea.

Such facts, we feel, are also a symbol.

We are reminded of God's description of the unrighteous: "The wicked," He says, "are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace . . . to the wicked."

Good things can so easily be spoiled—eroded and lost for ever.

Good things like love of God and truth.

Good things like Christian homes and happy marriage.

Good things like relish for Bible reading—and the practice of it.

Good things like goodness, kindness, humility, and compassionate concern.

Well known are the opening lines of Poet John Keats's "Endymion," which affirm:

"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever;
Its loveliness increases: it will never
Pass into nothingness, but will still
keep

A bower for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and
quiet breathing."

Keats was wrong.
Beautiful things are not necessarily

"for ever." They must be treasured and nurtured. They need guarding against erosive forces. Else they will most certainly "pass into nothingness."

Satan's hosts, says God, are "like the troubled sea"—like restless waves whose erosive activity never tires; they are like battering breakers casting up "mire and dirt."

The world's churning ocean of unregenerate humanity is a constant threat to beauty and truth. Its erosive capacity was never more powerfully harnessed—thanks to the public information media.

The other day, during a visit, we saw on TV an episode in the domestic life of what purported to be a normal family. It was one of a weekly series. Photogenic young wife—pretty face, flowing hair, innocent eyes; lovely child; handsome husband. Vacuous conversation vehemently spluttered. Many references by her to him: "You sod" (short, of course, for Sodomite); several "bloodies"; "damns" by the dozen. The whole thing so "normal" it was disgusting.

A typical home? We doubt it. But making its uglifying impact on perhaps millions of homes around Britain, so that it could indeed be typical of years to come.

Just like the "troubled sea" voraciously eating away at our beloved southern headland.

Incidentally, it took the *Sunday Express* and *London Times* to protest against the erosive nature of so much that emerges from the BBC, prepared as it is "by left-wing extremists, Marxists, scions of the London School of Economics who imagined it was clever to pour scorn on once cherished standards." (Quoted from *Sunday Express*).

The eroding process proceeds apace, gnawing away at every sphere of beauty and goodness: so that humility, tenderness, respect and reverence become "old hat"—even "dirty words"; true religion becomes an irrelevancy; the Bible is belittled; the Creator becomes "the God hypothesis"; marriage is degraded into a mere social contract, to be annulled when the whim demands. The list could be lengthened *ad nauseam*.

It all adds up to a sign of the times described by Christ and New Testament prophets. All is evidence of Satan's death struggle envisaged in Revelation 12:12.

We are not, of course, hitting TV and Radio as such, for they offer so much that is good and informative. But we are suggesting the need for discrimination,

and above all, for balance in our programme of seeing and hearing—so that time for nurturing the finer and more vital things is not crowded out of our daily schedule. It is good that we specifically take stock of our efforts to guard and appreciate those things which are pure and lovely and beautiful, such as: happy homes, happy church fellowship, happy fellowship with God, happy prospect of soon hearing the Divine commendation: "Well done."

R. D. VINE, *Editor*.

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the lives and work of leading men and women of the Seventh-day Adventist Church plus original and microfiche copies of all the Adventist periodicals you can think of, and some you've never even heard of, from their beginnings until the present day. Since as many as sixty pages of the *Review and Herald* can be reproduced on one microfiche slide alone, the centre needs the machinery necessary for making these slides readable to the researcher. The centre owns two readers and one reader printer for these purposes.

Can you wonder that all this material, housed in a light, modern, well-equipped centre makes Mrs. Hedwig Jemison, curator of the Ellen G. White Estate at Andrews University slightly envious. Her offices are situated on the ground floor of the seminary building where artificial light is constantly necessary! Pastor Arthur White told us that in all his forty-five years as an Adventist worker, he has never found a project which has called forth more enthusiastic co-operation between administrators, treasurers, and other workers, than the setting up of the Ellen G. White Centre to serve the people of Europe and Africa.

The dedication programme consisted of a short service in Salisbury Hall in which representatives of the Northern Europe-West Africa, the Euro-Africa, and the Afro-Mid East Divisions participated. Everyone then proceeded to the new library which had been officially opened in a civic ceremony on the previous Friday by Councillor F. W. Cain, Chairman of the Bracknell District Council. On Sunday then, after a short act of dedication in the library foyer, the guests moved to the Research Centre for its official opening performed by Arthur White, Secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate, Washington D.C., and grandson of Ellen G. White. Responses were made by Jean Zurcher, Secretary of the Euro-Africa Division, and Alf Lohne, President of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division. Finally Paul Steiner, the new curator of the centre, was welcomed by Newbold's principal, Roy Graham.

The whole ceremony was illuminated by the arc lamps of a film unit, capturing the event on celluloid. The film,

it is hoped, will be part of many Sabbath school missions appeals in the fourth quarter 1974 when part of the thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering will go to Newbold. The photographers' lights gave a dazzling sheen to the occasion and somehow were appropriate symbols of the light which the writings

of Ellen G. White can bring to the people of Europe and Africa if we will simply put the centre to the use for which it is intended.

It was certainly an unusual Sunday morning activity—only the support of ordinary Adventists can turn it into a significant beginning.

(If there are any readers of MESSENGER who have any material of any sort relating to the history of the S.D.A. Church in Britain and Europe, Dr. Paul Steiner, newly appointed curator of the Newbold Centre, would be happy to hear from you. The address: Newbold College, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 5AN.)

"I HAVE A DREAM"

Dedication Address, Newbold Library and Research Centre

by Dr. B. B. Beach, Secretary, Northern Europe-West Africa Division

THIS is an auspicious occasion, a happy moment for each one of us. Dreams have become reality; plans have been converted into steel, concrete, bricks and glass. Hopes have become a research centre, a library.

Today we are dedicating a library—that is no mean accomplishment in itself. But more: we are dedicating the "E.G.W.—S.D.A. Research Centre" for Europe. In doing this we are not only recording past history, we are making history. This is the first concrete and continuing co-operative venture of the two European Divisions. What is more, the General Conference and Ellen G. White Estate have been full-fledged partners in this great venture.

It may not be a mere coincidence that this project was decided upon in 1972, the centenary year of Adventist education. One hundred years of Adventist education have converged upon this centre.

It is most appropriate indeed, that this "E.G.W.—S.D.A. Research Centre" has been established at a Seventh-day Adventist College. E. G. White and Adventist education are inextricably linked together. Not only has E. G. White provided the basic Bible-oriented philosophy which undergirds Adventist education, but without her messages and writings there would be no Adventist education—no Newbold College. Realizing the importance of her writings for Adventist education and for the Church as a whole in Europe, a number of us have had a real burden to see this centre established. Every one has been most co-operative: The E. G. White Estate, the General Conference, Andrews University, the Northern Europe West-Africa Division Committee, and the Euro-Africa Division has been generous with its counsel and funds and, perhaps most of all, by making available one of her distinguished sons as curator of the centre.

There is a great maxim that comes to us from *Life Sketches*, page 196: E. G. White says: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." A fearful future awaits us if we forget our past. Our future success and triumph are tied to the past. We must know God's leading and His teaching in our

past history. This teaching comes to us essentially from two sources: 1. "greater light" of Scriptures and 2. "lesser light" of Spirit of Prophecy writings. This is the humble terminology used by E. G. White herself. The "lesser light" was given to lead men and women to the "greater light." And what a privilege and blessing these two lights have been to the S.D.A. Church!

The great maxim we have quoted from the inspired messenger speaks not only of *past teaching* but also of *past history*. This research centre will operate and serve on these two levels: shedding light on the *past teaching* and on the *past history* of Adventism. *Superb documentation* has been graciously made available by the White Estate. More is in the offing. We are counting on the support of the Conferences, workers, sustentees, and older members to make available documents and correspondence, thus providing us with a full picture of the past history of the Church in Europe. It was Philosopher Kierkegaard who wrote: "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." This is true of Adventism. This centre looks backwards in order for the present generation of students and members to better move forward.

This is not only a research centre, it is also a regular college library. A library is a place where the dead live. The books and manuscripts are monuments of these vanished minds. We have here a diary of the human race, of the Church, of the great controversy, between good and evil. Henry A. Dobson, a contemporary of Ellen G. White, wrote: "Who, without books, essays to learn, draws water in a leaking urn." We are all in need of books to plug our leaking urns.

When it comes to libraries and book-reading, Europe has led the way—not America. It is time that European Adventism close the library gap between itself and American Adventism. This is the first separate Adventist library building in Europe and yet the typical Englishman reads nearly three times as many books as his American counterpart.

We need books, yes; we need many more thousands of books, yes; we need good books. Let us not overlook the

statement made by E. G. White: "Religious experience is . . . determined by the character of the books you read." (*Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 204). It is good to love books, but we must not idolize books (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 224). Most of all, we must never forget that "the great educating book is the Bible." It must be a central purpose of this library and E. G. White Research complex to point to God's Word as "the most perfect educational book in the world" and as the book that "stands the highest among books" (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 394).

Finally, let us, in this hour when we underline the importance of books, remember that a complete education—and E. G. White makes this crystal clear—consists of more than book knowledge (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 538). Living faith in God should and must bind off book knowledge (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 347). There is a Latin inscription on an old library: "Food for the Soul." Here we are providing not only food for the mind, but food for the soul. This library will replenish the intellect, but above all it must help to provide heart education and thus combine—as E. G. White taught—the work of education with the work of redemption. The triumphant result will be the development of body, mind, and soul, and thus bring men and women back to the perfection in which man was originally created. (*Education*, pages 15, 16.)

Dr. Woodfield spoke at the opening ceremony about the dreamland in which students at old Newbold could live, while in the college library. I don't live in dream worlds, but I do have a dream: A dream of a finished work in Europe. A dream of an army of young people marching and proclaiming the Eternal Gospel. A dream of rays of light and information radiating from this European centre. A dream of a people fully knowing and benefiting from the writings of the Lord's Messenger. A dream of this library bursting with books, knowledge, research, and becoming too small to house its collection. A dream of this centre becoming a great educational institution serving the Church in Europe. A dream of having here a centre for post-graduate training for our ministry and teachers in Europe.

So, I dream, but I'm not a child of the night. What we see realized today is the stuff that dreams are made of. Great dreams must make men of action while it is day.

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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

President: DONALD LOWE

Delivered From Satanism

FOR six days Eric Fagin lay as if in a trance, aware only of the fact that he was under the influence of Satan, and that he was dying. Three months later, on March 28, 1974, he was baptized. This baptism was the climax of one of the most remarkable and miraculous conversions witnessed by the Walthamstow church in recent years, as Eric was converted from Satanism by divine intervention.

Eric's interest in the Black Arts came simply from a small book called *White Magic*. His curiosity was aroused and he quickly read a further book called *How to Cast a Spell*. Very gradually a change occurred in him. He gathered and read as much occult literature as he had access to, and found it began to dominate his thinking. Slowly he became aware that he was not the master of his thoughts and actions, for he realized that much of what he was thinking and saying came from outside his own experience. He found that he could talk intelligently and learnedly about psychology to a friend who has a B.Sc. in that subject, and which is something Eric has never studied. At the same time he read a pamphlet on palm-reading. Eric attempted to read his wife's palm. The result was amazing. He was able to define incidents in her past life which she had never confided to him.

With this newly-found understanding Eric became ambitious, and decided to use it to earn money. He realized that it was the Devil who was supplying him with this knowledge and subsequently wrote a poem exalting Satan, and blaspheming God. Although he was aware that this was morally wrong he had insufficient control over himself to do anything about it.

However, instead of going ahead with his ambitions Eric became morose and found his mind dwelling on morbid thoughts. He considered life to be futile, and realized that for him there was nothing to live for. At the same time he lost both his appetite and the proper function of his senses. His sight became blurred, his hearing lost its clarity and his sense of feeling was numbed. One day he held a burning cigarette on the back of his hand, and to his horror felt—nothing!

Under this distress Eric went to bed



Brother and Sister Eric Fagin.

and fell into a trance-like state. He remained there from the first to the sixth of January, neither eating nor drinking anything. Over this period a darkness enveloped him and he felt that he was going to die.

After almost a week in this state the realization of his condition suddenly

"Have You Heard?"

NORWICH.—Joanna mournfully lays the table for a meal, her eyes red with weeping. Jesus is crucified, and the awful events of the past days have left their mark upon her. A knock upon the door and Lazarus enters: "Have you heard anything?" she asks, but he only knows that the friend who raised him from the grave, is himself dead.

One by one those who have been healed and blessed by Jesus enter, and discuss what Jesus has done for them: the healed woman, the child that Jesus set in the midst of them, the sister of the man healed of the palsy, a maid servant at the feast at Cana, the disciple with Jesus in the boat when the storm arose—they speak of the wonderful works and words of Jesus, as ordinary men and women do, after a funeral, until an excited Mary comes in to ask: "Have you heard? Jesus is risen." Joy fills the hearts, with every word she utters, and desolation departs.

Such was the presentation of the

Anniversary Gift

OVER £50 was raised for the Ward End (Birmingham) church building fund at a social celebrating the 17th wedding anniversary of Brother and Sister Blake, on March 9th. Ward End members are aiming to raise £1,000 for the church building fund during 1974.

MRS. E. M. YADKA,
P.R. Secretary.

came to him and he cried aloud from his bed for God to save him. Suddenly cutting through the darkness he was experiencing, a light shone. Eric described it as one which he had never seen before, and which was no earthly phenomenon. Somehow he realized the heavenly nature of this light, and for the first time in six days lifted himself out of bed and there and then, prayed.

During the following week Eric could feel an internal struggle for the mastery of his mind. Twice he was nearly overcome by a sense of despair. However, he was sustained by a copy of the *Signs of the Times* he had been sold in which he read the promise: "With God all things are possible." He decided to go to a church, and the following Sabbath he attended the Walthamstow S.D.A. church on his wife's recommendation. In addition he came along to the evangelistic campaign meetings currently held by Pastor R. M. A. Smart. After two months, both he and his wife were baptized. Now he is studying with a number of friends who are under the influence of the Devil.

Eric's story is a modern example of how both God and Satan are working wonders here in our own capital city. We invite your prayers for Eric and his wife, for the continued success of the Walthamstow evangelistic campaign.

PAUL WRIGHT,
P.R. Secretary.

events of Easter Week as the M.V. Department recaptured for us the simple story, is a dignified and moving way. There were a few tears in the audience, but no critics!

W.P.W.,
P.R. Secretary.

Croydon Baptism

SABBATH, April 20th, was appropriately bright and warm for a sacred baptismal service was conducted at Croydon church. Pastor John West presented the sermon. Afterwards, to the strains of that well-known hymn: "Just as I am," sung by the congregation, Ainsley Stevenson, one of our youth, and then Wilfred Bogle, were gently immersed into the watery grave of baptism by Pastor West.

During the past few months other baptismal services were conducted by Pastor West which were not given publicity. At those occasions, many of our youth took a leading part in testifying to their acceptance of Christ through the sacred rite of baptism. They were: Susan and Patricia Billett, Cheron Dixon, Herschel Santineer and Malcolm Thomas.

We of the Croydon church are happy that these youth have taken their stand, in an age when anarchy, restlessness, and insecurity are prevalent among the youth of today.

RONALD I. VALENS,
Elder.

HELP!

An earnest appeal on behalf of the on-going programme of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School by D. C. Uffindell, Director.

I WOULD like to share with you a very serious problem which is facing the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. For twenty-six years since the Bible School began, the principal means of obtaining new students has been through the door-to-door distribution of our cards and leaflets. Most of you have gladly helped in this work, while some have put out many thousands. We at the Bible School have always been deeply grateful for this dedication of time and effort without which we could not have succeeded. But the day when this form of advertising was profitable is now over. Here are the facts.

Ever since 1966 there has been a sharp decline in response to V.O.P. cards. Eight years ago 7,400 applied for our courses through V.O.P. cards distributed that year. Last year it was less than 1,500.

During those eight years costs have risen enormously, particularly in the last twelve months. For instance in 1966 it cost us £2,740 to produce 1,300,000 leaflets. To print that many of our cards this year would cost £12,500. Our advertising budget is £4,000 this year. This means that even if card distribution were still a good method we could not afford to print anywhere near enough to supply all our churches.

Furthermore the shortage of paper is such that even if we ordered 1,000,000 cards The Stanborough Press would at present be unable to obtain the card on which to print them—such is the shortage of paper.

These are the reasons why we are no longer able to supply the churches with cards as in past years. But in the light of these facts what is the future of the Bible School?

Fortunately we have been exploring other methods of advertising in the hope of finding more effective methods of attracting students. This year we have made arrangements to insert advertisements in a number of popular magazines. We have evidence to indicate that the response for every pound spent in this way should be far better than card distribution through the door.

But this method is also expensive. There are no cheap methods any more. We do not have sufficient funds to ensure that we can advertise widely enough to be confident of growth this year even though our budget for advertising is double what we had last year. We must increase our advertising budget

On Sabbath, May 25th the

VOICE OF PROPHECY OFFERING

will be received

considerably if we are to keep pace with the inflationary cost of advertising. We have proved that there are many people who will respond, take our lessons and accept the truth. *But we cannot do it without a bumper offering this year.*

It is for this reason that we are appealing to you for your help in a special way on May 25th. *An offering averaging 50p per member would provide just the boost we need to meet the inflationary costs of advertising this year.*

V.O.P. Success Stories

ONE of the special joys of working at the Voice of Prophecy is to receive the many appreciative letters telling of the benefits received from taking our courses. Below are just a few excerpts from some of these letters:

Dear Friends,

Did you ever wonder what happened to a young 71414? When I first began your Bible correspondence course for "Young People" they meant very little to me and I was often careless in reading them. Many times I took a long time to return them but when I completed the course surprisingly I started another, then another. However, I treated these no better and after the 2nd lesson of the "Great Teachings and Prophecies of the Bible," I did not return my lessons. At first I admit it was laziness, then I was too ashamed to return it.

Now, two years later, I am very grateful to you. I take an infants class in the Sunday school at our church and through this, by helping them, I am also able to make myself see more clearly. I often refer to your lessons and now, at last I appreciate them. However, the day is still far away when I shall think of myself as a true Christian. I

If you want to be sure that it gets to us right away for this purpose, then send it direct to The Voice of Prophecy, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, WD2 6JU, stating that it is for V.O.P. advertising.

There is one other important way in which you can help us. Because door to door distribution of V.O.P. cards is becoming less and less effective it is obviously important that we use what we have as quickly as possible. Please check your church cupboards for any stocks. If you cannot ensure that they are all distributed before the end of 1974, then please return them to us. Many churches are appealing to us for more cards. Let us not waste valuable materials that have cost precious money to produce.

Let us turn this year of difficulties into one of new success and expansion for the V.O.P. Bible School. We thank you in advance for your loyal support.

think of my faith as a grain of sand within myself which sometimes the sun strikes to other particles and is greatly increased in size and ability to reflect light.

Now I can only say thank you for giving me this grain . . . I say thank you especially to H. Forster and K. Taylor for being so patient with me, thank you and God bless you,

Yours sincerely,
SHENA THOMSON.

Dear Voice of Prophecy,

I was baptized last Sabbath. It was the most wonderful experience in all my life. I was extremely nervous beforehand, but my nerves left me during the service, it was so moving, and since my baptism I have felt so happy I have been telling everyone I meet about it.

For the first time in my life I am at peace with my Maker. All my feelings of guilt have gone, I know there is no other way to obtain this feeling which I cannot describe, though security comes into it somewhere, along with love, charity, peace and so many other things. I need not tell you, though, you who are working so hard for the Lord must feel it, too.

I am going to become a colporteur as

HELP YOUR BIBLE SCHOOL MEET INFLATION

I feel I have to do something to help the Lord's work.

God bless you all,
MRS. C.

Dear Director,

For many years, since I was 17, until 3 years ago I played Rugby Union Football, for the Army, School, and County. Whilst a playing member I received team training.

But 3 years ago I became an active Rugby Referee, and Rugby Coach. This meant a cut off from rigid training. Being responsible for my own fitness I did not realize how unfit I was becoming as a referee. But since getting your lessons on Health and Hygiene I do daily morning and evening walking, brisk, slow, trotting, but good walking over and around the town moor and Dene. I also include breathing exercises, and other simple exercises. Well even after

14 days of this I can really feel the difference. The matches I referee no longer bother me after about 40 minutes.

It has given me the knowledge of how to breathe correctly during the whole match. Not only do I finish the match fitter in body but fitter in mind. Why? because what I do now daily in walking, exercising, breathing I do without thought during Rugby matches. I can therefore give the game and players all of my Rugby skill and knowledge.

Without your lessons on Health this would not have been possible. For my change in attitude to these vital and highly important points I must thank you very sincerely.

I hope very much to get a few of my fellow friends in Rugby both players and officials to enrol in your Health Course.

Yours in Good Health,
HOWARD J. HERITAGE.

Newbold College

Principal: R. E. GRAHAM

Newbold Names

Geoffrey Dennis

"A WHAT?"

"A Seventh-day Adventist," was Malcolm's reply.

"What's that?" I asked.

"It's a religion, it's the church she goes to," he replied.

The girl in question was his latest girl friend. She had recently taken a secretarial job in the offices in the factory where I worked, as a maintenance fitter. I had not yet met her, but a chance meeting a short time later at the works' milk machine, changed all that. It altered many things. My friend Malcolm, has not spoken to me since that day, but many more startling changes have taken place.

Until this time I had been a keen sportsman, then scourge of the football fields of the West Riding of Yorkshire, with quite a reputation for my robust play. I had many clashes with rival fans, both verbally and physically. On one occasion, during a county cup-tie, I was stoned with half bricks for my "gentle" treatment of the opposing team's star player. My cheeky grin and verbal retort to them, did nothing to enhance my popularity.

Though I was unaware of the fact, this sporting trait, or the major role it played in my life, was drawing to a close. Shortly after we began dating, Nancy (the girl at the milk machine) invited me to the Bradford S.D.A. church. I was immediately impressed by the warmth and friendliness these people showed me. There too, I met a vigorous and enthusiastic young minister, Pastor Alan Crowe. It was he, more than any-

body, who guided me into the Church. As long as I live, I will remember the winter evenings that Nancy and I spent around his crackling log fire, while he unfolded the wonderful truth of the Bible to me. On June 17, 1967 I was baptized and joined the Bradford church.

Not only did the Church bring a change in my sporting, and spiritual life, but also in my working life. At this time I was still setting and supervising work done on Saturdays even though I had obtained Sabbath privileges and was attending church regularly. The

Fellowship of Prayer

SINCERE believers everywhere are earnestly invited to remember in their family and private prayers at the sunset hour each Friday evening, the needs of fellow members who have special burdens or problems. Particularly they are invited to remember before the Throne of Grace the requests here published. Letters of request for prayer, and of thanks and praise for answered prayer, should be addressed to: The Messenger Fellowship of Prayer, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs. All letters will be carefully filed, and remembered. For the encouragement of others we will be happy to publish special answers to prayer, and expressions of thanks. Kindly let us know. There is no charge for the publication of prayer requests.

"PLEASE thank members of the Prayer Fellowship for their prayers on my behalf. After being dangerously ill last year, I am now much better. Please now pray for my brother who is suffering from kidney trouble. Also please pray for my son and daughter-in-law, that they will come to love the Lord."—A.C., Mauritius.

"Dear Fellow-believers, I am facing great difficulties—my sight is failing, and my chest is very bad. I have three children, all under eight years, one suffering with a disease of the skin and scalp, one very disturbed mentally, and one suffering from eczema, and my marriage is at breaking point. Please help me pray for healing for myself and family, and for a more profound faith to take hold of His promises, and courage to face the future, and to stand firm to the Lord, and to see Jesus with my children. Thank you, Yours in Christ."—J.R., London.

"I am a firm believer in prayer and I am requesting the prayer of the Prayer Fellowship Group on my behalf. I am going to take my Examination on September 9th and on the 10th or 17th, and please pray that the good Lord will hear and answer my prayer that I will be able to rejoice when the result is out. Thank you."—J.P.

situation was far from satisfactory. Having taught on a part-time basis in the evenings at a local technical college, I decided that if the opportunity arose I would teach full time. On September 1, 1967 I began a new career as a "Lecturer in Engineering" at Bradford Technical College, a job which gave me a great deal of satisfaction.

What was it that changed my course and steered me to Newbold? It was a gradual process in one way, and yet it happened quickly. Under the ministry of Pastor "Bob" Rodd I became more involved in the church, serving in various offices and finally as the church elder. During my three years as elder, I began to long to do more for God, and prayed that He would make this possible. It seemed impractical really. I was a married man by now, with two young sons and for two years my prayers seemed to go unanswered.

Things really began to happen when General Conference Youth Leader Pastor Nelson and Pastor Huzzey, North England's Youth leader, arrived in Bradford for the beginning of the Voice of Youth campaign. A talk with Pastor Huzzey suddenly made the impossible seem a possibility. God seemed to answer my prayers with increasing rapidity. Within a few months I received a local grant to pay my fees, my house was sold only a day after I put it up for sale, in a difficult time for selling, and I was accepted by Newbold College.

Here I am, at last, studying that I may lead other men and women to know the same Jesus whom I love and who has changed my life so drastically.

GEOFFREY DENNIS,
(First year Theology student).

"I Have a Dream"

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Today, we dedicate this library—this E. G. White-S.D.A. Research Centre for Europe. At a recent church school dedication in Norway I quoted Norway's greatest writer Henrik Ibsen: "Into a newly-built house must enter a purified spirit and a cleansed mind." It is not enough to dedicate these walls, books, research facilities. We dedicate the curator, the library staff, the teachers, students and others who will use these facilities. But most of all we dedicate ourselves to fulfilling our high calling as members of God's Church of the remnant. May God's prospering hand rest on this library and His blessing and favour upon the E. G. White-S.D.A. Research Centre for all of Europe.

IT is the abnegation of self which has brought out all that is noble, all that is good, all that is useful, nearly all that is ornamental in the world.

WHYTE—MELVILLE.

Love That Talks

by Pastor J. H. Wollan

Sabbath School, Stewardship, and Temperance Secretary, Northern Europe-West Africa Division.

SOMEONE once said, that there are three kinds of givers—the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb. To get anything out of the flint you must hammer it, and then you can only get chips and sparks. To obtain water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you receive. But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

We know that it is the "honeycomb giver" that the Lord loves and blesses. But now, can the Lord accept the offerings from the other two kind of givers?

Actually, this is a question that comes up frequently in our Stewardship meetings, and we teach our people that only free-will offerings are acceptable to God and we base it on the following: "It were better not to give at all than to give grudgingly; for to impart our means when we have not the spirit to give freely, we mock God" (*Counsels on Stewardship* page, 199).

"God wants no unwilling offering, no pressed sacrifice" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 546).

"Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring me an offering; [what kind of offering?] of every man [and woman too] that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering."

In the entire first chapter of the book of Malachi, we find the Lord rebuking Israel through the prophet for one thing, and that was *the way in which they were giving their offerings*. Notice a few sentences: "Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of Hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord." Verse 13.

Now notice the last part of verse 10: "Neither will I accept an offering at your hand."

I find that many of our people don't realize what it is that God really wants. They tend to think that what God wants is our money. But this is not true. The inspired Word declares, "The silver and the gold are Mine, saith the Lord."

What God really wants, is not the gift, but the giver. Not the tithe, but the tither. He says: "My son, give me thine heart." It wasn't Abraham's son that God wanted, it was Abraham's heart. God knew that the best way to get his heart was to get him to give that which Abraham loved more than anything in this world—his son Isaac. An offering is a gift, only if it speaks of our love and devotion to God.

An offering without love is, in the ideal sense, not a gift at all. It then becomes alimony. This is a settlement to get something undesirable off our hands, which is involved in separation.

Therefore, an offering without love, something given grudgingly, cannot be blessed of God because it separates from God and this is contrary to all of God's plans and purposes.

When I give through pressure, whatever that pressure may be, God may get the money, but He does not receive what He wants and that is our hearts. Love always comes before the gift. "God so loved that he gave. . . ." John 3:16.

Love is the difference between offering and a collection, and makes the difference between Christianity and religion. It also makes the difference between merely going through the motion of worship and true acceptable worship. As in all true worship, there is adoration, respect, and intense love and devotion to God which can be shown in no better way than by a well-thought-out, planned gift of love to the One who means more to us than anything else in the world.

In *The Desire of Ages*, page 615, we have this statement on gifts: "If given from a heart filled with love for God, these seeming trifles become consecrated gifts, priceless offerings, which God smiles upon and blesses."

I cannot help but believe that this work is going to be finished with blessed money and from the above statement, we can readily see what kind of money this is.

The souls of men and their personal commitment and devotion to Him is just about the only thing of value any more, and I believe that the time is coming when all of God's people will be brought to the place where they will have to make a definite confrontation with self in both tithes and offerings and throw themselves entirely on God for both now and eternity.

Appeals of course, must be made from time to time, but I believe it should be a love appeal. I think if the work of God is presented in the right way and the representative rightly represents the love of Christ, that hearts will be softened and the gift they will give will be fully acceptable, too, as gifts of love. If we do God's work in God's way, He will be responsible for the results. He makes Himself responsible.

A certain boy had a dog named Felix. The boy was very fond of his dog. One day at dinner the boy's father noticed that the boy took the best portion of his dinner and placed it on another plate. Upon inquiry, the father learned that the best portion on the other plate was for Felix. "My son," said the father, "it would be better if you ate that portion yourself and gave Felix some of the scraps that are left." At the conclusion

of the meal, the boy took out a plate of scraps for Felix. "Here Felix," said the boy, "I wanted to make you an offering, but here is only a collection."

Love for the Master should be great enough to prompt an offering at each attempted service.



TILL THE DAY DAWN

FLOOD.—Sister Rhoda Helen Flood, aged 88, died at Post Hill Hospital, Tiverton on April 15, 1974. She was an isolated member of the Tiverton group of believers, and dear friend of the writer. As a true child of God she died in the sure hope of being for ever with the Lord she loved.

MRS. G. TUCKER.

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Do you plan to begin study or training in London this year? Great! but good digs—and good fellowship—are hard to find. Why not share a house in South London (close to one of our churches) with other young Adventists? This could be more than just digs; it could begin a Christian community, strengthening us, and helping people around.

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Mr/Mrs/Miss (BLOCK LETTERS)

Address

Age

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I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £1.50 and would like to attend the Study Conference from Friday, May 24th to Sunday, May 26th.

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ERIC LOWE,
Local Minister.

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JUNE 14th to 16th

in the

Belfast S.D.A. Church, 74 Lisburn Road

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Special Speakers include:

Pastor E. H. Foster, President, British Union Conference

Pastor K. H. Gammon, Lay Activities, Welfare, and Stewardship Secretary, British Union Conference

Pastor A. J. Woodfield, Newbold College

If you need accommodation, please send your requirements to: Pastor R. V. Edwards, 20 Roddens Crescent, Belfast, BT5 7JN.

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JUNE 7th—9th

S.D.A. Church, Cowbridge Road East (Corner Rawden Place), Cardiff.

A warm welcome is extended to all members and friends to join with us for this important week-end of inspiration and re-dedication.

Opening meeting 7.30 p.m. Friday, June 7th

Services throughout Sabbath

Closing meeting 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9th

Special speakers include:

Pastor E. H. Foster, President, British Union Conference

Pastor B. F. Kinman, Secretary, Medical and Temperance Departments

Pastor R. D. Vine, Editor, The Stanborough Press

Hot and cold drinks will be provided at lunch-time on Sabbath.

If you need accommodation please send your requirements to: Pastor M. L. Pedlar, 50 Kyle Crescent, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1SU., who will notify you of guest house and hotel accommodation available.

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