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## WELFARE MINISTRY

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It is possible for us to become too engrossed in one good thing at the expense of another good thing, both of them of equal importance. That happens even to leaders, Jesus tells us in Luke 11:42. We blame it on, or credit it to, our interest, opinion, or natural bent. That which is uppermost in our thinking and weighs heaviest on our heart will

naturally work itself through to the clearer and more pronounced expressions in words and deeds.

For many years our main interest has largely been directed toward the ends of the earth. The great Gospel commission of Matthew twenty-eight, the evangel to all the world before the end would come (Mark 16), and the three angels' messages of



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Flower girl Joy Owens presents a bouquet to Mrs. T. Fielding during the summer sale of work organized by the Leeds Dorcas Welfare Society. Mrs. S. H. Parkin, Leeds Dorcas leader, looks on. Read report on pages 3 and 4.

Revelation fourteen have constituted the mighty challenge which has so profoundly influenced the policy and mission strategy of the remnant church. Indeed, to some it is as though we almost had figured out that the more countries we invaded with the message and the more different tongues we spoke, the sooner the work would be finished and Christ would come.

While the Gospel to the ends of the earth is a goal that must be reached before the end of the world will come, such calculations and speculations are more human than divine.

As we have been thus engaged in a vast foreign missionary programme—and rightly so, we have, I am afraid, partly forgotten the neglected narrow lanes of Jerusalem itself. There was a time in our history when we did not have the vision of world conquest with the message. There wasn't time for it; and there were other things closer at hand. But the light appeared and the big expansion followed. We become long-sighted; perhaps also too one-sided, or partly blinded by the unfolding vastness of the big world beyond, with its teeming millions of heathen as our responsibility. "Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," came into focus. They were so colourful and easy to see, so interesting to hear about, much more so than poor widowed Mrs. Want with her five ragged children and sick mother in the back-yard basement round the corner, not to mention the whole miserable throng of her hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned relatives that so absorbed the interest of Jesus that He made just that type identical with Himself and our attitude to them identical with our attitude to Him.

Yet benevolence toward the unfortunate and needy is not a new creed among us. Welfare ministry has existed through the ages. It is just that it has not had its rightful place in the life and practice of the church. We have, so to speak, passed by on the other side on our way to the ends of the earth, occupied with one good thing at the expense of another. We have done so with much zeal and devotion and hard work, yet at the same time somewhat foolishly, ignoring the close at hand obligation.

It was the wise man who once described one type of fool as one whose "eyes are in the ends of the earth," meaning that he neglects the duty at home and ignores the opportunity outside his own door, or is blind to the hole he may fall into right under his nose.

But there is much more to this neglect than mere foolishness. There is a grave indictment upon the church in these words:

"Many today . . . separate their duties into two distinct classes. The one class is made up of great

things, to be regulated by the law of God; the other class is made up of the so-called little things, in which the command, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,' is ignored. This sphere of work is left to caprice, subject to inclination or impulse. Thus the character is marred, and the religion of Christ misrepresented.

"There are those who think it lowering to their dignity to minister to suffering humanity. Many look with indifference and contempt upon those who have laid the temple of the soul in ruins. Others neglect the poor from a different motive. They are working, as they believe, in the cause of Christ, seeking to build up some worthy enterprise. They feel that they are doing a great work, and they cannot stop to notice the wants of the needy and distressed. In advancing their supposedly great work they may even oppress the poor. They may place them in hard and trying circumstances, deprive them of their rights, or neglect their needs. Yet they feel that all this is justifiable because they are, as they think, advancing the cause of Christ."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 382, 383.

A puzzle to many genuine Seventh-Day Adventists is why Christ has not yet come, when the Spirit of prophecy clearly states that He would have, but for His people. Granted that we have not yet reached every land and every tongue with the third angel's message, I nevertheless doubt that the Lord's problem is so much a matter of geography as it is the difficulty He finds with the hearts of His professed children. The ends of the earth are not very far apart for Him. No; it is the church that has come short, we who have failed right where we live, next door or just across the street. And with what result for ourselves and the message we bear? "Our character is marred and the religion of Christ misrepresented." Yet we "think . . . we are . . . advancing the cause of Christ."

Marred characters in the church and misrepresentation of the religion of Christ in our neglect of welfare ministry are, I believe, at the very root of the divine reason why Jesus has not yet appeared the second time. Add to this that "coldness on the part of Christians [in respect of this ministry of love] is a denial of faith," and you have the picture complete in all its degrading colours.

Brethren and sisters, as a former foreign missionary in Africa for many years, I am a firm believer in our foreign mission programme. It is of God, and it must expand till all the ends of the earth shall be filled with the glory of God. As a home missionary the conviction is firmly embedded in my soul that a new day must dawn for the true and pure religion of our Master. (James 1:27.) This must come for the the sake of the needy, for the

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PLEASE REMEMBER THESE DATES:

Dorcas Welfare Day—September 22nd;

Offering for Local Dorcas Welfare Work—September 29th.

The book and toy stall at the Leeds Dorcas Sale was a colourful feature. Read report on this page.

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world, and for our sake, for the edification of our own souls and the perfection of our own character.

"It is now high time we repent. All the people of God should interest themselves in the work of doing good."

"All the people," the whole church. Not just the sisters who constitute roughly seventy-five per cent of our membership, but also the men, the children, and the youth. Each church should have a Dorcas Welfare Society and Centre, properly equipped and amply stocked; a society alive to its responsibilities, constantly active discharging them. And "it is now high time" we do it.

Throughout Britain we have as devout a group of ever-toiling welfare sisters as anywhere else. They need no admonition. But they do need the help and encouragement of seeing us all rally to their aid, and together with them press forward with this kind of service. For "nothing will or ever can give character to the work in the presentation of truth as that of helping the people just where they are, as this Samaritan work."—*Evangelism*, page 567.

An inspired admonition with an earnest appeal to us all:

"Pray that He will give you a heart of flesh, a heart that can feel the sorrows of others, that can be touched with human woe. Pray that He will



give you a heart that will not permit you to turn a deaf ear to the widow or the fatherless. Pray that you may have bowels of mercy for the poor, the infirm, and the oppressed. Pray that you may love justice and hate robbery, and make no difference in the bestowal of your favours, except to consider the cases of the needy and the unfortunate. Then the promises recorded in Isaiah fifty-eight will be fulfilled to you."—*Letter 24, 1889.*

## What Is Happening in North England?

THE many opportunities to demonstrate practical Christianity in local communities has been happily discovered by the Leeds Dorcas Welfare Society. In January of this year Mrs. Howard Parkin and her helpers launched out on this service in a very thorough-going manner. A questionnaire was sent to the churchmembers and to interested friends asking them to indicate what they were able and prepared to do in welfare work. The information received was specific and helped in intelligent organization. The membership of the society is not large, about fifteen to



Y.E. News Photo.

Busy hands and a noble purpose helped to produce this fine display of pretty clothing at the Leeds Dorcas Sale.



Another stall at the Leeds Dorcas Summer Sale. This growing society realized £40, which will be devoted to local welfare work.

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These experiences, which could be multiplied many times, are concrete evidence that in our own cities there is a real need for the ministry of love and practical sympathy which our Dorcas Welfare Societies should be prepared gladly to render.

May God bless the Leeds Dorcas Society and may some who read this brief report be constrained to go and do likewise.

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twenty members. Approximately six of these constitute the regular working party, while the others participate according to their time and ability.

All this planning has one objective—the relief of suffering and the uplifting of humanity by deeds of Christian love and kindness. National and local Welfare Societies were consulted regarding avenues of service and there has been no lack of opportunity. One lady almoner acquainted the Dorcas Welfare Society with the plight of one couple who had both been in hospital. After their discharge they both were confined to their home, the woman with paralysis, the man with a stomach ulcer. Members from the Dorcas Welfare Society visited the home, brought in the coal for the fire, tidied the room, and talked encouragingly to the couple. Thus the fragrance of a selfless Christian spirit permeated that home, bringing joy to the sad and incapacitated.

Leeds Dorcas Welfare Society has co-operated with the local Children's Officers. In one home the father had deserted the family. Consequently, the mother had a breakdown. It was essential that she should have a change and rest. Who would care for the child? The local Dorcas Welfare Society responded; a home was offered the child for the fortnight. From the Dorcas Society the ill-clad little one was completely fitted out with warm clothing. The appreciative mother's gratitude for this practical kindness was sufficient recompense for any sacrifice made by the Dorcas members.

Another child was persistently playing truant from school. Upon investigation it was discovered that lack of appropriate clothing had made the child an object of ridicule by school companions. When further inquiries were made, the child was found to be living with an eighty-year-old grandfather. The father was a deaf mute and the mother had deserted the home. The Dorcas Welfare Society supplied a parcel of clothing and then passed the case on to the appropriate authority.

## LEEDS DORCAS SOCIETY Sale of Work

MANY months of preparation went into the organization of the sale, which was originally planned as a garden party, to be held in the grounds of Laurieston School, our only church school in the North England Conference, on Monday, July 30th. However, the weather was against this, and the Sunday prior to the sale, found many workers busy making the best of facilities indoors. With crepe paper, fairy lights, and a colourful display of gifts and garments, the premises took on a festive air.

One room held a display illustrating the activities of the society, and showing examples of its work in order to attract new members. There were stalls offering for sale cakes, books, toys, pinafors, needlework, handicrafts, jumble, "bring and buy" articles, sweets, and ices, each attractively displayed, and decorated by the stall-holder.

A novel feature of the sale was a "Penny Party," especially created for the children and youth. Games of skill such as archery, fishing with magnets, lighting candles with one match, etc., all at "a penny a go" were very popular. Small prizes were given to the winners of the competitions.

The sale attracted the attention of the local press, and was reported in the next morning's *Yorkshire Post* as follows:

### HELPING THE SICK AND AGED

"A sale of work to augment the funds of the Leeds Dorcas Welfare Society for the distribution of food and clothing to the sick and aged in the city was opened yesterday at Laurieston School,

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# Statement of Tithes and Mission Offerings for the Quarter ending June 30, 1956

## South England Conference

CHURCH OR COMPANY	Membership	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offering	MV Offering	Ingathering	Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering	Famine and Disaster Relief	Missions Extension Offering	Total Regular Offerings (Excluding Famine and Disaster Relief)	Regular Offerings per capita	Special Gifts to Missions	Grand Total All Offerings
Bath	35	98 15 6	2 16 5	14 10 2	10 6			1 0 0		15 0 8	8 7		16 0 8
Bournemouth	101	430 14 2	4 4 5 3	57 6 0 0	3 7 5			19 7 2	2 13 4	63 6 9	12 7 7		82 13 11
Brighton	93	399 8 10	4 4 5 11	25 1 1				2 4 3	7 0 0	25 8 1	5 6 6		27 12 4
Bristol Central	95	194 18 0	2 2 1 0	26 5 0 0				4 5 3	17 0 0	37 2 0	7 10		41 7 3
Bristol Lodge Causeway	64	215 7 3	3 3 7 4	28 2 5	19 1			4 2 10	2 12 11	31 14 5	9 11		35 17 3
Cambridge	18	91 3 11	5 5 1 4	15 1 8				11 9	4 0 0	15 5 8	17 0 5		15 17 5
Central London	161	925 2 5	5 14 11	76 18 1					5 0 0 0	81 18 1	10 2 0		81 18 1
Chelmsford	23	138 9 6	6 0 5	50 1 8				2 13 0	1 14 0	51 15 5	2 5 0		54 8 8
Cheltenham	16	67 0 0	4 4 3 5	10 12 5				2 6 3	1 11 0	10 12 5	13 3 3		12 18 8
Chiswick	124	529 12 1	4 4 5 9	63 9 8	1 6 0			3 16 0	1 11 0	66 6 8	10 8		70 2 8
Clacton	14	44 2 3	3 3 0	14 5 10				1 10 0	16 6 6	15 2 4	1 7 7		16 12 4
Colchester	26	126 3 4	4 17 1	16 4 7				1 8 0	5 0 0	16 9 7	12 8		17 17 7
Croscombe	24	31 8 2	1 6 2	8 11 8	4 12 1			2 10 6		13 3 9	11 0		15 14 3
Croydon	61	349 14 6	5 14 8	42 13 7				6 10 6		42 13 7	14 0		49 4 1
Ealing	42	132 15 7	3 3 3	12 16 6				4 16 4		12 16 6	6 1		17 12 10
Edgware	49	476 8 7	9 14 6	59 17 0	11 4		3 0 0	5 1 0	4 17 0	68 5 4	1 7 10		73 6 4
Edmonton	63	175 16 2	2 15 10	28 0 5				2 10 1	1 3 0	29 3 5	9 3		31 13 6
Exeter	26	52 5 6	2 2 3	6 3 3	3 8			1 10 0	2 6	6 9 5	5 0		7 19 5
Folkestone	32	67 14 6	2 8 4	16 10 7				2 6 6		16 10 7	10 4		18 17 1
Gillingham	34	109 7 11	3 4 4	25 6 1	16 10			1 0 0	1 14 0	27 16 11	16 5		28 16 11
Gloucester	32	131 1 11	4 1 11	25 3 7				1 5 0		25 3 7	15 9		25 18 7
Hastings	44	117 11 4	3 13 5	23 19 6	18 10			1 14 8		24 18 4	11 4		26 13 0
High Wycombe	24	85 11 9	3 11 4	19 0 6				12 3 0		24 18 4	7 7		26 13 0
Holloway	214	1216 0 0	5 5 5 5	112 15 5	3 11 8			12 19 3	5 14 3	122 19 8	11 5		135 0 0
Ilford	53	175 2 2	3 3 0	37 16 4				4 0 8	3 4	47 9 7	14 4		47 0 4
Ipswich	102	214 4 7	2 3 7	45 9 7				6 2 0		35 9 7	8 11		51 18 2
Lewisham	94	496 1 3	5 5 7	62 16 10				2 8 0		47 0 10	13 9		66 10 11
Lowestoft	65	170 5 0	2 12 5	32 6 6	1 0 1			3 12 4		64 10 10	11 6		66 10 11
Luton	28	123 12 5	4 8 4	28 19 1				2 2 6		4 9 6	3 11		41 11 1
Newbold	131	1035 15 1	7 18 2	161 6 3	6 4 1			2 2 6		37 6 7	2 8		287 9 3
Norwich	67	409 13 10	6 2 4	34 13 4				1 8 8	11 17 3	279 7 7	10 11		41 19 10
Plymouth	78	332 14 8	4 5 4	50 4 10	3 16 2			6 5 6	2 0 0	36 13 4	13 10		63 8 6
Portsmouth	39	169 8 3	4 6 11	20 13 1	1 8 2			9 7 9		54 1 0	11 11		29 3 0
Reading	60	285 6 10	4 15 1	31 5 10	1 2 0			4 4 3	14 0 0	23 5 3	10 10		36 14 7
Richmond	18	147 19 3	8 4 5	22 10 5				4 10 0	2 6	22 10 5	1 5 0		27 0 5
Romford	15	53 0 8	3 10 9	3 7 8				1 14 0	8 0	3 15 8	3 1		5 9 8
Slough	28	109 5 4	3 18 1	20 9 7				13 0 3		20 9 7	14 8		33 9 10
Southampton	52	213 9 9	4 2 1	30 8 9				4 1 0		30 8 9	11 8		34 9 9
Southend	70	172 15 2	2 9 4	29 17 6	1 7 2			8 5 0	7 6	31 12 2	9 0		39 17 2
South London	113	439 4 1	3 17 9	46 7 5						46 7 5	8 2		46 7 5
Stanborough Park	537	2580 5 5	4 16 1	417 9 3	25 7 2		10 0	57 0 6	9 14 5	453 0 10	16 10		510 1 4
Taunton	23	91 2 0	3 19 3	15 15 11				5 10 6	2 0 0	17 15 11	15 6		23 6 5
Torquay	46	101 7 11	2 4 1	24 14 4	1 16 2			4 3 0	5 4 7	31 15 1	13 10		35 18 1

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Walthamstow	81	370	11	0	4	11	6	28	6	10	1	0	3	9	17	0	1	19	9	31	6	10	7	9	41	3	10					
Watford	78	358	6	2	4	11	10	59	3	2	2	1	3	9	15	0	1	2	6	64	6	11	16	6	74	1	11					
Wembley	38	143	8	6	3	15	6	32	3	11				3	10	0			32	3	11	16	11	35	13	11						
Weston	24	49	5	3	2	1	1	17	14	8				1	1	2			5	0	17	19	8	15	0	10						
Wimbledon	146	869	6	2	5	19	1	83	9	7	4	4	3	13	17	3	7	10	0	95	3	10	13	0	109	1	1					
Wood Green	73	349	4	4	4	15	8	57	14	11	1	15	9				4	0	0	63	10	8	17	5	63	10	8					
Yarmouth	23	21	0	6				10	3	0									10	3	0		8	10	10	3	0					
Bodmin	13	44	9	0	3	8	5	22	18	7				1	6	0			22	18	7	1	15	3	24	4	7					
Chalfon	12	77	0	3	6	8	4	10	19	0									10	19	0		18	3	11	9	6					
Eastbourne	12	23	13	3	1	19	5	10	19	4				2	18	0			10	19	4		18	3	13	17	4					
Ely	16	51	10	6	3	4	5	11	9	9									11	9	9		14	4	11	12	3					
Godmanchester	7	13	15	2	1	19	4	5	0	5									9	6			5	0	5	9	11					
Grays	8	7	3	3				17	11										2	6	5				2	18	11					
Hutton	15	67	2	4	4	9	6	10	12	1	1	5							2	2	7			15	7	16	1					
Liskeard	17	94	0	9	5	10	8	30	14	2									3	8	3			1	16	2	5					
Maidstone	16	27	2	6	1	13	11	10	0	9									2	12	0			12	7	12	9					
Medstead	11	9	5	0				6	2	6									1	3	0			11	2	7	5	6				
Redruth	15	44	3	9	2	18	11	7	8	4							2	8		7	11	0		10	1	11	0					
Rye	7	19	8	1	2	15	5	8	8	6				1	2	6				8	8	6	1	4	1	9	11	0				
St. Austell	21	91	19	8	4	7	7	14	16	7				1	9	0	1	1	0	15	17	7		15	1	7	6	7				
Salisbury	6	22	2	0	3	13	8	10	2	3				4	3	6				10	2	3	1	13	9	14	5	9				
Swindon	14	16	10	0	1	3	7	8	15	6				6	9					8	15	6		12	6	9	2	3				
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Barnsley	17	20	1	7	1	3	7	3	1	1									3	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	4	
Beeston	13	113	16	0	8	15	1	19	1	4				1	5	0			19	1	4	1	9	6	19	1	4	
Erdington	43	91	1	6	2	2	4	27	8	8				3	7	1			27	8	8	1	12	9	27	8	8	
Handsworth	101	530	2	8	5	5	0	45	2	11				6	2	3	2	8	10	47	11	9	9	5	47	11	9	
Camp Hill	178	861	16	4	4	16	10	62	14	9				2	12	0	3	10	6	66	5	3	7	5	66	5	3	
Bolton	19	144	18	5	7	12	6	13	15	9				13	9				13	15	9	14	6	13	15	9	9	
Bradford	52	187	10	5	3	12	1	28	11	7				2	2	0	5	17	3	34	8	10	13	3	34	8	10	
Bramley	8	26	17	3	3	5	11	8	13	9				4	0				8	13	9	1	1	8	8	13	9	
Coventry	64	270	8	11	4	4	6	39	12	6				4	1	6	4	0	39	16	6	12	6	39	16	6	6	
Darlington	30	27	19	5				8	14	6				1	14	3			8	14	6	5	10	6	8	14	6	
Derby	76	313	1	10	4	3	2	38	5	8				5	0	6	1	6	6	39	12	2	10	6	39	12	2	
Grimsby	23	52	0	0	2	3	5	12	15	5				12	1				12	15	5	11	1	11	1	12	15	5
Huddersfield	13	54	7	4	4	3	8	7	16	9				12	0				7	16	9	12	1	7	16	9	9	
Hull	78	177	2	9	2	5	5	36	10	2	2	16	11	3	6	6			39	7	1	10	1	39	7	1	1	
Kettering	34	202	10	6	5	19	1	22	8	1				2	5	0			22	8	1	13	2	22	8	1	1	
Leeds	73	343	3	2	4	14	0	41	12	10	1	17	5	4	15	0			43	10	3	11	10	43	10	3	3	
Leicester	65	329	3	5	5	1	3	34	5	8				2	12	6	19	1	35	4	9	10	10	35	4	9	9	
Lincoln	29	89	3	7	3	1	5	15	13	3	1	5	0	12	0				16	18	3	11	8	16	18	3	3	
Liverpool	85	314	19	3	3	14	1	37	6	3				6	12	0			37	9	9	8	10	37	9	9	9	
Manchester	115	373	10	9	3	4	11	48	1	10	1	13	0	5	15	8	4	9	10	54	4	8	9	5	54	4	8	
Middlesbrough	69	141	10	6	2	1	0	25	8	0	1	4	6	1	17	6	6		26	19	0	7	10	26	19	0	0	
Newcastle	106	267	0	0	2	10	4	49	2	9				2	2	2	11	10	3	60	13	0	11	4	60	13	0	
Nottingham	118	435	16	3	3	15	3	61	13	8	5	4	6	5	15	6			66	18	2	11	5	66	18	2	2	
Rochdale	15	74	0	6	4	18	8	6	1	9				1	0	0	1	15	6	7	17	3	10	6	7	17	3	
Rotherham	18	65	6	8	3	12	7	3	6	9							5	0	3	11	9	3	11	11	3	11	9	
Rushden	11	34	4	0	3	2	2	5	5	6									5	15	6	10	6	5	15	6	6	
Sheffield	116	256	14	7	2	4	3	47	4	6	2	3	8						49	8	2	8	6	49	8	2	2	
Shields	12	13	4	6	1	2	0	3	1	8									4	0				3	1	8	8	2

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Stockport	30	125	14	10	4	3	10	13	1	6	.....	.....	1	0	6	.....	13	1	6	.....	8	8	.....	13	1	6	
Stoke	84	425	19	7	5	1	5	77	13	1	4 11 0	.....	4	6	9	.....	85	9	1	.....	1	0	4	85	9	1	
Sutton	44	163	16	8	3	14	5	15	1	6	.....	.....	1	12	0	.....	16	6	.....	15	18	0	.....	15	18	0	
Wakefield	15	63	2	2	4	4	2	7	4	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	4	11	.....	9	7	.....	7	4	11	
Wallasey	21	67	10	11	3	4	4	6	3	6	.....	.....	.....	13	7	.....	7	2	.....	6	10	8	.....	6	10	8	
Wellington	14	65	13	7	4	13	10	10	0	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	2	.....	14	3	.....	10	0	2	
West Bromwich	40	94	17	3	2	7	5	9	13	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	13	3	.....	4	10	.....	9	13	3	
Wolverhampton	52	235	19	8	4	10	9	53	13	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	4	2	.....	1	2	0	57	4	2	
Worcester	18	92	1	4	5	2	3	14	3	2	.....	.....	.....	4	2	6	.....	14	3	2	.....	15	8	.....	14	3	2
York	39	120	17	6	3	1	11	26	2	8	.....	.....	.....	1	17	0	.....	3	10	8	.....	57	4	2	57	4	2
Blackburn	24	39	2	0	1	12	7	10	1	6	.....	.....	.....	1	17	0	.....	1	18	10	.....	28	1	6	28	1	6
Blackpool	19	28	0	0	2	9	5	9	9	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	6	.....	8	4	.....	10	1	6	
Burnopfield	11	25	18	0	2	7	1	8	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	0	.....	10	0	1	.....	10	0	1	
Burton	16	76	10	7	4	15	7	11	16	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	0	.....	10	0	1	.....	10	0	1	
Carlisle	19	70	11	2	3	14	3	9	14	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	0	.....	12	2	11	.....	12	2	11	
Denton	13	60	14	2	4	13	4	8	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	4	.....	9	14	9	.....	9	14	9	
Halifax	5	22	12	0	4	10	4	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	0	.....	8	10	7	.....	8	10	7
Keighley	13	53	0	11	4	1	7	6	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	0	.....	4	1	5	.....	4	1	5	
Kidderminster	5	24	19	6	4	19	10	2	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	0	.....	6	4	1	.....	6	4	1	
Killamarsh	5	37	12	11	2	10	7	10	18	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	.....	2	4	6	
Morecambe	11	14	10	0	1	6	4	7	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	3	5	
Northampton	36	102	15	4	2	18	1	13	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	3	6	.....	5	3	.....	11	3	9	.....	11	3	9
Oldham	26	105	8	10	4	16	6	13	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	13	8	
Rugby	17	10	0	0	1	11	9	9	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	4	2	
Scarborough	8	251	15	9	31	9	5	10	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0	
Skegness	9	27	2	3	3	0	3	11	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0	
Southport	11	2	0	0	3	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	6	10	
Ulceby	9	13	4	8	1	9	5	4	11	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	11	0	
Ulverston	12	45	12	6	3	16	0	9	5	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	5	0	
Conference	240	1344	15	9	5	12	0	37	4	6	.....	.....	8	2	0	.....	5	5	0	.....	5	4	6	50	11	0	
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## Welsh Mission

Aberdare	24	79	13	9	3	6	5	24	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	6	.....	24	1	1	.....	24	19	7		
Barry	21	147	5	4	7	0	3	18	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	6	.....	3	4	4	.....	23	5	11	
Cardiff	77	253	9	8	3	5	10	53	6	6	2 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	6	.....	55	14	6	.....	58	7	0	
Hereford	11	34	16	3	3	3	4	6	8	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	15	6	
Newport	97	431	5	2	4	8	11	34	16	0	4 0 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	15	1	.....	2	17	3	.....	51	9	0
Rhyl	26	72	5	5	2	14	10	12	12	11	1 13 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	6	.....	4	6	3	.....	15	9	0
Shrewsbury	28	60	19	6	2	3	7	10	16	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	0	.....	10	16	5	.....	11	9	5	
Swansea	43	129	2	4	3	0	1	50	18	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	14	6	.....	53	14	2	.....	156	7	7
Trealaw (Porth)	19	73	18	3	3	17	10	9	8	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	8	6
Abergavenny	12	24	2	0	2	0	2	8	12	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	10	4
Buckley	13	65	1	6	5	0	1	3	3	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	9
Caerphilly	20	32	4	7	1	12	3	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2	1
Gellygaer	25	65	12	10	2	12	6	10	11	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	11	8
Rhos	5	14	7	9	2	17	7	4	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7	6
Isolated	113	374	14	4	3	6	4	123	18	8	4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	0	8
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## Scottish Mission

Aberdeen	51	164	17	1	3	4	8	20	11	9	.....	.....	.....	1	11	0	4	0	3	24	12	0	9	8	.....	26	3	0							
Dundee	76	240	5	9	3	3	3	35	3	9	3	3	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	7	4	10	1	.....	38	7	4							
Edinburgh	107	211	10	5	1	19	7	40	6	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	9	7	10	0	47	16	0	8	11	.....	50	18	9						
Glasgow	165	522	9	7	3	3	4	55	16	11	3	3	6	.....	.....	11	6	6	22	12	0	81	12	5	9	11	.....	92	18	11					
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Kirkcaldy	12	45	2	0	3	15	2	8	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6	.....	.....	.....	8	4	1	13	8	.....	8	7	7						
Stirling	10	20	2	1	2	0	3	3	3	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	0	0	1	12	6	4	15	6	9	7	.....	5	15	6					
Isolated	63	293	1	2	4	13	1	6	6	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....					
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## Irish Mission

Belfast	60	274	3	4	4	11	5	49	8	7	3	14	10	.....	.....	5	8	6	1	14	7	54	18	0	18	4	.....	60	6	6							
Portadown	47	72	1	9	1	10	8	9	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	2	5	6	11	6	9	4	10	.....	11	16	9								
Kilmoye	13	18	13	7	1	8	9	3	4	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	6	.....	.....	3	4	10	5	0	.....	4	7	4								
Shankill	14	22	8	6	1	12	1	14	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	9	.....	.....	17	5	9	1	4	9	.....	17	5	9						
Dublin	26	206	18	1	7	19	2	35	12	8	1	12	6	.....	.....	5	0	0	5	5	0	42	10	2	1	12	8	.....	47	10	2						
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TOTALS 1955	224	597	19	3	2	13	5	106	11	6	4	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	0	0	113	4	7	10	1	.....	113	4	7					
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South England Conf.	4145	18284	5	6	4	8	3	2568	15	1	69	11	4	.....	.....	23	4	3	314	5	10	223	5	2	2884	15	10	13	11	.....	3199	1	8				
North England Conf.	2447	9623	11	11	3	18	8	1185	8	9	20	19	6	.....	.....	8	2	0	106	6	5	52	17	2	1267	7	5	10	5	.....	1267	7	5				
Welsh Mission	534	1858	18	8	3	9	8	376	15	5	8	6	0	.....	.....	4	17	0	70	15	7	61	14	3	451	12	8	16	11	.....	522	8	3				
Scottish Mission	512	1497	8	1	2	18	6	169	11	6	6	7	1	.....	.....	2	5	0	17	13	9	35	14	9	213	18	4	8	4	.....	231	12	1				
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## Leeds Dorcas Sale

(Continued from page 4.)

Headingley Lane, Leeds, by Mrs. N. Fielding, of Sheffield.

"She was introduced by Mrs. J. Shone and thanked by Mrs. M. Parkin, chairman of the Society, which is associated with the Seventh-Day Adventists Church."

Press photographers also made records of the event, and pictures of all the stalls were taken.

The most pleasing photograph was of little Joy Owens, as a charming, if shy, little flower girl presenting a bouquet to Mrs. Fielding.

At the end of a happy and enjoyable evening, takings were counted and over £40 was added to the Dorcas Society's funds. The results of this small endeavour have encouraged the few members of the society, and we trust that it will also give heart to members in other churches. Of "Dorcas" in Leeds someone remarked: "It is better to be small and shine, than to be great and cast a shadow."

M. PARKIN.

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# Contentment — A Priceless Treasure

By Frederick Lee

THE Bible pictures the righteous man as one who has found contentment and peace. It depicts the wicked man as one who is ever pursuing these priceless treasures but never finding them.

"The wicked are like the troubled sea," says the prophet, "when it cannot rest. . . . There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57:20, 21.

The godly may never find the riches that the wicked seek. Nevertheless they are content with their lot, for they have spiritual riches that are far greater and eternal.

Paul in writing to Timothy (1 Tim. 6:6-11) compares the profit of godliness with the false gains of earthly riches. To the godly comes contentment. This, he says, is far greater gain than that which comes to the rich, who quickly fall "into many foolish and hurtful lusts." Earthly riches without godliness never do bring satisfaction and contentment. We continually see this being worked out in the lives of those about us.

### Earthly Riches Never Satisfy

Two men start out in life. One desires more than anything else to serve God and meet with His approval. He is surrendered to God's will and having "food and raiment"—that is, the necessities but not the luxuries of life—he should be content, as Paul counselled.

The other man wants all this, to be sure, but he begins to want something more and believes he can have both. So, forgetting that the pursuit of material things is a snare and a delusion, he centres much of his thought and attention on acquiring those things that can never satisfy, for it soon appears that the more he has, the more he wants.

The deception in this is seen in the fact that when a person has gained the status of Mr. Jones, he feels restless and discontented until he has reached the higher status of Mr. Smith. From there on, the love of riches has a strangle-hold upon him, and God is further removed from his thoughts.

Jesus said: "No man can serve two masters. . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24. The reason is that mammon is a tyrant, never to be satisfied; while God is a loving Father who supplies

us not only with our daily needs but with spiritual and eternal riches as well.

### Army of Discontented Grows Larger

Never was there a time in the history of man when the pursuit of gain was made so inviting and so easy. Never before have so many had so much. Even so, in those sections of the world that have so much, the army of the discontented, restless, and dissatisfied souls grows larger with the passing years.

What all should learn is that contentment depends not on outward circumstances of whatever kind. It is an inner grace that is the gift of God to those who are wholly devoted to doing His will. They have been freed from the thirst for perishable treasure because they possess a higher and a more enduring one.

Discontent is the cause of much illness today, particularly mental illness, which has increased so rapidly in recent years. We are told that "a contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body and strength to the soul"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 702.

### Too Many Unhappy Homes

Too many homes today are being wrecked on the rocks of discontent and dissatisfaction. Long years ago the messenger of the Lord wrote to the brethren and sisters of a certain church pointing out the dangers of the love of worldly things.

"Thankful hearts and kind looks," she wrote, "are more valuable than wealth and luxury, and contentment with simple things will make home happy if love be there. . . ."

"Oh that we could be satisfied with less heart longings, less striving for things difficult to obtain wherewith to beautify our homes, while that which God values above jewels, the meek and quiet spirit, is not cherished. The grace of simplicity, meekness, and true affection would make a paradise of the humblest home. It is better to endure cheerfully every inconvenience than to part with peace and contentment."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 4, page 622.

Again, we read: "That which brings sickness of body and mind to nearly all is dissatisfied feelings

and discontented repinings. They have not God, they have not the hope which reaches to that within the veil, which is an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast. All who possess this hope will purify themselves even as He is pure. Such are free from restless longings, repinings, and discontent; they are not continually looking for evil and brooding over borrowed trouble. But we see many who are having a time of trouble beforehand; anxiety is stamped upon every feature; they seem to find no consolation, but have a continual fearful looking for of some dreadful evil.

"Such dishonour God, and bring the religion of Christ into disrepute. They have not true love for God, nor for their companions and children. Their affections have become morbid. But vain amusements will never correct the minds of such. They need the transforming influence of the Spirit of God in order to be happy."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, page 566.

The contentment that God brings to those who love Him is not self-satisfaction, not a lessening of the feeling of need, but a peace of mind that comes from being right with God and man. This does not mean that one is to sit down in lazy indifference in regard to his physical needs and those of his family. Paul never condoned such an attitude toward life. In fact, in one of his letters he rebuked those who would not work but permitted others to support them. (2 Thess. 3:10.)

A godly man is never satisfied with his attainments, though he may be satisfied with the outward circumstances that God has permitted to surround him. Thus it was that Paul in prison could write: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11.

We are to do all we can to provide for our needs and comforts and those of the ones for whom we are responsible. But we are to put a limit upon what we consider "needs and comforts," lest we become involved and almost wholly absorbed in the pursuit of earthly gain.

Paul gave the basis for contentment in these words: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for He has said, 'I will never fail nor forsake you.' Hence we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?'" Heb. 13:5, 6, R.S.V. —R. & H.

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## Bristol's Beach Day

ARRIVING in Bristol at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, September 2nd, I faced pouring rain and driving wind.

"How long has the weather been like this?" I asked a workman at the bus stop.

## TO THEE I CLING

*Unanswered yet, but still to Thee I cling;  
My feeble breath, my all is Thine today;  
I know the answer of my precious King  
Shall fairer be than all my heart can say.*

*Unanswered yet, and though the years have gone,  
I shall not doubt the wisdom of my King;  
Within my heart shall ever be a song,  
No matter what the coming years may bring.*

*Unanswered yet, but still to Thee I bring  
Adoring incense from my trustful breast;  
Grant me the peace of doves on quiet wing,  
And lead me in the way Thou knowest best.*

*Unanswered yet, but not unanswered, still;  
Thy love so broad has filled my every need;  
Thou walked upon a lonely, rugged hill,  
And carest now for that which oft I plead.*

Dorothy E. Walter.

"All week," was his sharp two-word reply. "When is it likely to stop?" I inquired. "About next June, if we're lucky!" was the final response.

No, friends, the prospect was not very hopeful for over a-hundred members and friends from Bristol Central, Lodge Causeway, Bath, Croscombe and Weston-super-Mare who wanted one day of fine weather for their outing to Uphill. That was at eight o'clock.

At nine o'clock the clouds were being blown away and the sun was shining. The local people could not understand it, but we saw it as an answer to our prayers, and an indication of a very happy day.

All the coaches finally reached Uphill at twelve o'clock. By this time the sky was cloudless. The only use we could make of our macintoshes was as something to sit on. Jackets came off, pullovers were discarded, and we relaxed in the hottest weather that Uphill enjoyed this summer.

"Relaxed" is perhaps an ill-chosen word for some of us. The young ladies were soon challenging the young men to a game of handball. Then two sides, under the respective names of "City" and "Rovers" did their best to kick a beach ball between goals made of driftwood and sand spades. There was just time for a game of cricket before lunch. Mr. Ivanhoe's umbrella made up for the absence of stumps. One thing was certain: "Rain would not stop play."

After lunch, with energies renewed and reinforcements from Croscombe, we chose teams for a real game of football. Pastor L. Murdoch rallied his side against an attack on his goal led by Mr. Sutton, but even his efforts could not prevent Miss Ruddick opening the scoring with a well taken goal.

The highlight of the afternoon's sport was a challenge cricket match between Croscombe and

the rest of the churches. While the match was in progress, Mr. Wilmott at "long on" was approached by a passer-by who asked: "Do you know who these people are?"

"Why, yes," he replied, "they are the local Seventh-Day Adventist churches."

"Well," came the response, "I have never seen a happier group."

That incident well sums up the day. And after tea we told the passers-by the secret of our happiness. All the churches gathered for an evangelistic service on the sands. Friends unknown to us grouped around, cars travelling along the beach were stopped and whole families heard the service through. Mrs. Morris from Lodge Causeway, and Mr. Sutton from Bristol Central led the hymn-singing with their accordions, Mr. Wilmott from Croscombe taught us some of the favourite choruses from Somerset's "singing church," and Pastor Murdoch led out in directing the service. At least 150 people heard the service.

Mr. Bowden, the elder of the Bath church, gave the first of three short addresses. In his persuasive, yet powerful message he appealed to all to know for a surety that the only escape from sin is at the foot of the Cross, that salvation is offered to all as a free gift of God. "Jesus Saves" was Mr. Bowden's message, and also the hymn we sang to conclude his remarks.

The broader walk of the Christian and the responsibilities of God's children were the message from the personal testimony of Mr. Sutton, one of Bristol Central's elders. God would never call us to do anything that He did not give us strength to accomplish, nor call us to make a sacrifice that did not bring a blessing.

The writer gave the young people words of encouragement, telling that an attempt to combat sin by ourselves was doomed to failure, but we "can do all things through Christ."

After the service Pastor Murdoch asked Mr. Cook from Bath, how he enjoyed the service.

"I did not hear it all," he replied, "because I was not there!"

"Oh! Why not?" asked Pastor Murdoch.

"Well," said Mr. Cook, "I saw all these strangers, and have given out 230 Voice of Prophecy cards while the service was in progress."

As the service ended, and we started on our homeward way, a unanimous vote was given that we should plan just such a day for next year. God indeed had blessed us with physical and spiritual sunshine.

TREVOR BENWELL.

## THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

### Colporteur Evangelism in the Congo Union

By T. W. Staples

FOUR years ago our publishing work was organized in the territory of the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi, which countries comprise the Congo

Union Mission. Fifteen million people live in this area.

In December, 1951, the Southern African Division, at its year-end meeting, provided a budget for a publishing secretary for the Congo Union. The union committee chose *Our Paradise Home* and *His Messenger* as the books with which to spearhead our literature evangelism endeavours in the Congo and Ruanda-Urundi. First printings were 20,000 and 15,000 respectively.

In March and April of 1952, the late P. M. Lewis and I held the first institutes in Ruanda-Urundi. From the very beginning, God blessed this wonderful work. During this first recruiting campaign more than eighty men volunteered to go out immediately. With the co-operation of the Holy Spirit they went out over the hills and valleys of their populous land to sell more than 10,000 truthfilled books proclaiming the soon-coming Saviour. A wonderful beginning!

Many of our 119 regular and part-time literature evangelists have had wonderful experiences in contacting both Europeans and Africans, and interesting them in this message. In several instances colporteurs have raised up whole companies, and a regular worker has had to be sent to care for the interest.

It is especially encouraging to see the wonderful co-operation that exists between the mission publishing secretary, his station assistants, the travelling pastors, district leaders, teachers, and literature evangelists. Our literature men feel as if they really belong to the regular mission staff. They attend the monthly district leaders' meetings, as do all other workers, participating in general planning, receiving counsel, and reporting all interests and converts to their district leaders.

To sell books, we have had to produce them. In our union it has been a very important part of our work. Besides translating and printing, we have had to study costs to keep our books within the price range of village folk. Even colour combinations and pictures have had to receive consideration.

During this four-year period, we have translated and published in five languages, fifteen books ranging in size from thirty to one hundred pages each. Several of these books have had two to three reprintings. One of these books was written by one of our leading African pastors.

Africans everywhere are yearning for literature. We as Adventists are practically the only ones working in the field of literature evangelism. Most of the other Protestant churches are tied down meeting rising government standards in education. Government regulations keep out cheap, trashy literature and comics. There is a dearth of reading matter in the land. With God's help we hope to rise to the opportunity, with greater planning, larger books, and a training programme for our youth to enter the cities with our truth-filled literature.

As already mentioned, the total of books sold in 1951 was more than 10,000. In 1955 the total was 45,381. Already the seeds of truth sown by the books themselves are bearing fruit. During 1955 1,200 souls were won through the efforts of our literature evangelists.

—R. & H.

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## NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

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### Working of God's Spirit in Jamaica

By E. H. Schneider

President, East Jamaica Conference

RECENTLY one of our national preachers, B. A. Woodburn, conducted a baptism in the parish of Portland, Jamaica. In order to conduct this baptism he had to take the twenty-one candidates down to a river three miles from the church where they had been indoctrinated. Pastor Woodburn decided that six o'clock Sunday morning would be ideal for this occasion.

The church assembled at five-thirty, walked the three miles to the river, and there began singing their songs as the candidates prepared for baptism. The place chosen was near a village named Moore Town. As our churchmembers sang the songs of Zion, the Jamaican people from this village began to pour out to watch the baptism and to join in the singing of these songs. Soon more than 400 people were gathered at the riverside.

As Pastor Woodburn buried the candidates in baptism he lifted his heart in petition to God that a deep impression for good would be made upon the villagers who had gathered to watch.

At the conclusion of the baptism he extended an invitation to those who had gathered to join a baptismal class and prepare for this sacred rite at some future time. One of the men of the village said to the pastor: "Why cannot we have a seven-days church in Moore Town? Why won't you, Pastor, come up and preach to us the message that we have heard about and know to be true according to God's Word?"

"But how can we do that," asked Pastor Woodburn, "when we have no leaders or officers to look after the church after it is established?"

"If God can use me I would be happy to lead my brothers and sisters into faithfulness for God," said the man.

"But what would we do for a Sabbath school superintendent?" continued Pastor Woodburn.

Another very promising young man stepped forward and said, "If God can use me I would be happy to serve in this capacity and do all I can to help my countrymen to serve the God of the Advent people and obey the Scriptures."

At this point the pastor was so inspired that he again asked: "But who would be secretary of the Sabbath school?"

A young lady stepped forward decked with earrings and bracelets and said: "I would be glad to do it, if God can use me."

"This begins to look encouraging," said our pastor. "How many people from Moore Town would be willing to join a baptismal class where you can learn the Scriptures and the requirements of the Lord and prepare for baptism into the Seventh-Day Adventist Church?" More than forty people from this village came forward indicating their desire to

join this class and prepare themselves for service in God's cause. Before the pastor finished his call forty more said that they would like to have a visit in their home, so that they could make up their minds to join the baptismal class.

Already Pastor Woodburn is working with this group. A new company is being organized, which very soon will develop into another church, reared as a lighthouse for the promulgation of the third angel's message.

We have many new companies springing up all over Jamaica, indicating that God is finishing His work. We are of good courage. We are looking forward to the day when the work will be finished, and our Lord and Saviour will descend with all the holy angels to gather home the elect who have made a covenant with Him through sacrifice.

—R. & H.

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### Air Force Man Finds Sabbath-Keeping People

By Wm. H. Bergherm

IT was a real privilege while at Parks Air Force Base in California to meet Airman Dean Mattila, who, with his mother, has been keeping the Sabbath for more than a year solely as the result of Bible study. In fact, that young man knew of no Seventh-Day Adventist until he met Chaplain Wayne C. Hill, our Seventh-Day Adventist chaplain at this large base.

Before coming into the Air Force, Dean lived with his father and mother on a farm in one of the Midwestern States. When he entered the service, he was sent to Parks Air Force Base. One day while looking over the announcements on the chaplain's bulletin board, he saw reference made to a Seventh-Day Adventist chaplain. The name Seventh-Day Adventist interested him very much. Back home, he and his mother, while studying their Bible with the aid of their Lutheran catechism, discovered that the Bible Sabbath was the seventh day. They both decided that they should keep this day, although they knew of no-one else who was doing this. Though their neighbours and friends called them by uncomplimentary terms, the mother would tidy up the house on Friday and both she and her son were usually ready at the set of the sun for the Lord's day.

Now Dean found himself having difficulty keeping the Sabbath all alone in the Air Force. Perhaps this chaplain who called himself a Seventh-Day Adventist could help him. While he was musing on this unexpected discovery, another airman was approaching and Dean decided he would ask him for some information about the Chaplain.

"Do you happen to know who this chaplain is who is a Seventh-Day Adventist?" Dean asked.

"Sure, he's my boss," was the reply.

"Can you tell me where he is now?"

"Just come with me," the young man answered.

In a short while Dean Mattila stood face to face with the first Sabbath-keeper he had known, save

his own mother. This man was Chaplain Wayne Hill, who only two weeks before had taken up his duties on the base, but in the providence of God was there when this young man was prepared to receive him. Dean now learned with joy that all over the world there were others like himself who were keeping the Lord's Sabbath and looking for His soon return.

After several talks with Chaplain Hill, he was invited to accompany the chaplain to the Northern California camp meeting and later for a visit to Pacific Union College. At the camp meeting he was able to tell his remarkable story at the Sabbath afternoon meeting. It has been a real inspiration to me to learn that Dean has never used tobacco or alcohol in any form. He believes that God has led him to Chaplain Hill and had a definite hand in bringing him to Parks Air Force Base.

He realizes that when he asked this young man passing the bulletin board that morning about the Seventh-Day Adventist chaplain, he could doubtless have asked any one of the 5,000 or more men on the base. Had he done so he would doubtless have received a shrug of the shoulder and a negative answer. But in the wisdom of the Lord it was the assistant to the chaplain himself that he met that morning and to whom he directed his inquiry.

Next week Dean is to be released from the Air Force and plans to return to his father and mother back on the farm. He is eager to tell them all that he has learned about this people who also honour the Lord's commandments, including the fourth. Next autumn he plans to enrol in a Seventh-Day Adventist college.

Surely God has His way of guiding men into the fullness of His truth today as certainly as He did in the days of Philip, who was divinely led to meet the eunuch. His Spirit is still working on the hearts of men and women as they search Holy Writ. We are indeed grateful that He caused Chaplain Hill to be stationed in this large military installation just in time to assist men like Dean in their search for the way of salvation.

—R. & H.

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## Lower Your Ropes

A NEIGHBOUR raced through a mountain town of Pennsylvania giving the alarm: "Save him! Cut your clotheslines, and rush to the bridge!"

Drifting down the raging river in a rowboat was the desperate farmer yelling for help and waving one oar. Just below the town bridge were the dangerous falls whose awful fury would carry him to certain death.

The merchants, shoppers, and housewives with ropes in their hands ran to the bridge. They could see the man being swiftly carried to the precipitous falls. Quickly the ropes of rescue were thrown into the water. Every few feet ropes were hung from the bridge rail. Not only one or two, but scores, so that if the boat was swept to one side in the swirling, mad waters, there would be a rope of rescue. And he was saved!

You hold in your hands the rope of truth and salvation. Are you letting it down every day at home,

school, office, shop, or factory? In casual and social contacts? The work of God will not be finished by ministerial effort alone, but by the union of every member with the pastor in soul winning. The rope of salvation is lowered each week in your church, but thousands do not attend the service. It is your privilege "to lay hold of divine power with one hand, and with the other to reach forth to save humanity."—Ellen G. White in *The Review and Herald*, October 13, 1896.

Your work has been marked out for you. "We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world." (*Christian Service*, page 141.) That is Bible evangelism—giving the truth by Bible studies, cottage meetings, or lay efforts. All should try some form of work.

As a lifeguard for Christ, visit every home. In the swirling eddies of the world you can rescue many from eternal destruction. This may be "End-Time" for them unless you throw out the life line of truth. "Operation Evangelism" this autumn calls for you to lower the rope of salvation by conducting cottage meetings. Throw out the life line of truth and salvation in Bible studies and projector efforts.

You hold the rope. Put it within the reach of many by personal contact and Bible studies these autumn months!

J. ERNEST EDWARDS,  
*Associate Secretary, General Conference  
Home Missionary Department.*

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## Peace By Stalemate

"TIME" magazine, July 30, 1956, describes what it calls "The Missile Standoff," which to some seems to promise a new epoch of peace for the world. The weapon referred to is the intercontinental ballistic missile—ICBM, which is being rapidly developed in both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. This refers to a self-operating, self-guided missile, pinpointed on a certain place thousands of miles away with a hydrogen warhead that can be set off by merely pressing a button.

Such a weapon "for the first time in human history," we are told, will take away all chance of profit from aggressive war, since deadly retaliation will be possible even by a nation that has received a devastating blow by a sneak hydrogen attack.

"The offensive potential of the ICBM is starkly clear," says *Time*, describing the missile, "travelling at 15,000 m.p.h., arching as high as 800 miles above the earth, armed with hydrogen warheads. Russian missiles might, within thirty minutes after their launching, rain ruin on U.S. cities, cause millions of casualties, raze the U.S. industrial plant.

"But with its own ICBM, the U.S.—no matter how hard hit—could still strike back with equal ferocity. Engineers say the ICBM can be hidden away in underground tubes . . . safely out of reach of the enemy's ICBM. And dummy missile sites could be scattered around by the hundreds to draw enemy fire. The dispersive possibilities of the ICBM are overwhelming: the pressure of a single finger upon a master panel in an underground stronghold would be enough to raise the fiery spume of pre-aimed ICBMs from launching pads in the Death

Valley wasteland and a Rock Mountain fastness, from the arctic icecaps and the barnyard of a farmer near Keokuk, Iowa. The button need not be pushed by one of General LeMay's military experts; it might as easily be pressed by one surviving mechanic."

#### Works of Man Not Secure

Such a war stalemate as this missile may produce can only be temporary. History teaches us that no weapon is the "ultimate" one. Sooner or later no doubt a defence against this weapon will be found. Peace by stalemate still is a precarious one not to be trusted.

We are reminded of the wise man's saying: "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered." Eccl. 1:14, 15.

The Psalmist's warning is as pertinent as it ever was: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." Psa. 146:3.

No matter what man does, he can find no permanent solution to the world's ills. Many problems that seemingly have been solved have only led to greater ones.

The Bible pictures the true situation in this world:

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," and "the wages of sin is death." Rom. 3:23; 6:23. Our only release is through God's way.

All the promises of frail man turn out to be vanity and lies, but as God is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever, His promises are sure and steadfast. To us He says: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create." Isa. 65:17, 18.

With David let us declare, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psa. 20:7. F.L.—R. & H.

### On the Amazon River

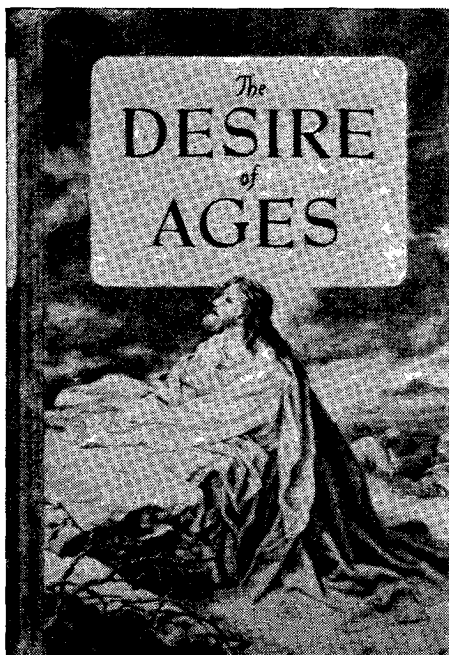
By Walter J. Streithorst

In 1931 L. B. Halliwell and his wife left Belém, Brazil, in the launch *Luzero I*, travelling up the Amazon River for their first missionary trip. At that time there were only two or three baptized members in the whole territory of the North Brazil Union Mission. Adventists were not well known, and the people of the interior looked with suspicion on this white launch. They thought that this probably was

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# THE DESIRE OF AGES

By E. G. WHITE



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conveying more adventurers who wished to exploit them, as many others had already done.

Little by little, their prejudices began to disappear as they noticed that the crew of the *Luzeiro I* was different from the crews on the other boats—they gave them medicines and treatments free of charge. The people thanked God that there were yet those who were kind and truly charitable.

Each year the white launch went up and down the river two or three times. After some years its arrival was eagerly awaited and the day became a holiday, a day for rejoicing. Besides alleviating the physical ailments with treatments and medicines, they received a cure for their souls, which were contaminated by many vices and sins. They heard the preaching of the Word of God, about a loving Saviour, and the precious promises of a happy home in heaven.

It was not long before converts began to appear, and it was in this way that the work began in the great Amazon valley. A number of these people, after they were converted, learned to read from their own Bibles because of their great interest in the truth. With satisfaction these first missionaries saw the fruits of their work.

I remember well a trip that I made in the launch in the year 1946. I anchored it in a place that was the centre of witchcraft for a large area. During the day the sick were treated, and, at night, meetings were held with the use of films on the truths of the Bible. The witch doctor spoke to the people against us, for he knew that he would lose his patients, who paid him well for his witchcraft. We did not charge for medicines or treatments, and all the people who were sick came to us for attention.

It so happened that the witch doctor also became ill with a bad toothache for three days, and since he could not cure himself he came to ask our help. It was on this doctor that I made my first dental extraction. He became our friend because he was treated so well, and all the evil things he had said about us lost their power in this community.

The hearts of the people of this place were won to the truth, and within a few years a church was organized, which today has ninety baptized members and a church school with an enrolment of about sixty children. In the light of the transformation that occurred in this place I am reminded of what Paul the apostle states in Romans 1:16: "The Gospel . . . is the power of God unto salvation."

Since the Amazon region is all divided and cut up by rivers, most transportation is carried on in ships, launches, or canoes. Each family has one or more canoes, and I wish you could see on the Sabbath how our brethren arrive at our churches and meetinghouses in their canoes. Many have to row for hours in order to come to church.

I know one churchmember who in order to arrive

at Sabbath school on time has to leave his home at three o'clock in the morning with his family and row five hours without stopping. To return home he must row another five hours. This shows the great desire of this brother to serve the Lord. In rain or sunshine he and his family are present and on time at Sabbath school.

Today, twenty-five years after the first trip of the *Luzeiro I*, this great field is ripe for the harvest. From every side come calls of interested people who long for help from our missionaries. At present we have five launches doing medical missionary work in the interior, and about three thousand baptized members in the North Brazil Union Mission. Groups of interested people are appearing here and there in the great Amazon region, but the workers are few. We greatly need many others who are willing to help us wholeheartedly in gathering in a harvest of souls. —R. & H.

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## Confusion of Tongues

My great-granddaughter, Lynn Ann Phillips, nearly four years old, lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Inez King, at Sitka, Alaska. Her grandmother often tells her Bible stories. One day the story was on the tower of Babel. She tried to make it as simple as she could, explaining what it meant to have one's speech confused.

She did not know whether she had explained it simply enough for the child to understand.

In the evening, however, when her mother came home and Lynn Ann told her the story in her own words, she said: "The man on top told the man in the middle, 'Send up some dirt.' The man in the middle told the man on top, 'Did you say to send up some pineapple?'"

MRS. LUDDEN.

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## Unique Enrolment Plan

A SISTER in Oroya, Peru, an important mining town, has a unique way of getting enrolments for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, writes B. A. Larsen, Bible school director of the Inca Union.

"It is very difficult to get people to come to our meetings, so instead of bringing the people to church she takes the church to them. With much sacrifice, she bought a good record player and amplifier, and on certain nights every week she broadcasts the Voice of Prophecy programme to the people in the street. Great crowds gather to listen, and she invites everybody to enrol in the free Bible correspondence course. This plan might not work in all places, but it certainly does in Oroya." JAMES E. CHASE.

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## Wedding Bells

JULIAN-HANLEY.—A very pretty wedding took place in Leicester on Tuesday, August 7, 1956, when

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Desmond Julian and Audrey Hanley were united in holy matrimony. Both Desmond and Audrey hail from the West Indies where they learned to love the Advent message. As they set up their new

home, so far from the land of their birth, we wish them God's richest blessing, and trust that every happiness and success will be theirs. May the home now established triumphantly weather the



storms to be encountered in this life, and find its final fulfilment in the Kingdom eternally.

K. A. ELIAS.

**KING-DOWELL.**—A good number of friends and relatives gathered on Tuesday August 28, 1956, to witness the first wedding in the beautiful new Lowestoft church, when Alan King of the Holloway church and Philippa Margaret Dowell, Bible instructor, were united together in holy matrimony.

Philippa looked radiantly happy as she walked up the aisle, a charming picture in white figured satin, with veil and orange blossom and a bouquet of red roses and lily of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jacqueline Dowell, attired in a gown of pale mauve silk with a flowered head-dress to match, and having a bouquet of yellow dahlias. The bride was given away by her father, our very good friend, Mr. D. Dowell. The ceremony was performed by Pastor J. M. Howard assisted by Brother E. Ashton. Mr. R. Logan, one of the King's Heralds rendered that beautiful solo: "Trusting Thee More," the accompanist being his wife, Mrs. R. Logan. A reception was held for a few relatives and friends at a near-by restaurant, after which the happy pair left for their honeymoon in Guernsey.

We wish these young people continued happiness and God's richest blessings in their future life together. W. O. BRADLEY.

## Diamond Wedding

IN the diamond wedding notice of our last issue (page 14), the name Ashworth was published instead of Harris. This was a mistake which we regret. We tender our apologies to Brother and Sister Harris of Hutton. The MESSENGER family assure them of our congratulations and best wishes on celebrating their diamond wedding. ED.

## Till the Day Dawn

**BURROWS.**—Sister Millicent Burrows, a faithful member of the Holloway church fell asleep on June 26, 1956, aged seventy-four years. She accepted the message under Pastor G. R. Bell and was baptized on April 24, 1948. On Wednesday, July 4th, a service was held in the Holloway church, conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard. Our sister was laid to rest in the Finchley Cemetery to await the call of her Saviour she loved. CHURCH CLERK.

**HENSMAN.**—It is with deep regret that the Holloway church announce the death of Sister Alice Hensman who fell asleep on July 18, 1956, aged sixty-three years. Our sister was baptized by the late Pastor W. Maudsley on July 28, 1951. A service was held in the Holloway Salvation Army Citadel, where our sister previously attended. The service was conducted by the Captain, and Pastor J. M. Howard. She was laid to rest in the Finchley Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. To all her family we extend our sympathy in their bereavement. CHURCH CLERK.

**TOWSON.**—On Sunday, August 5, 1956, Brother William Owen Towson fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-two years. Our brother learned of this message through the witness of his daughter and son-in-law, and he finally decided to identify himself with the remnant church in Ely, being baptized by Pastor G. Roper on Sabbath, July 9, 1955 in the Norwich church. Brother Towson had for very many years been an active member in his former church, especially among young people in the village of Nordelph, near Downham Market, Norfolk, and his decision to follow the Lord more closely called for many sacrifices which he cheerfully made. He was laid to rest in the Nordelph Cemetery on August 8th, Pastor Roper conducting the service at the graveside, attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, and the members of the Ely company especially will miss his cheerful friendliness, graced with true humility, and a genuine love for Christ which radiated from his personality. We commend to our heavenly Father his wife, daughters, and son in their bereavement, assured of the comfort of God's everlasting love and the certainty of a glorious resurrection, for truly he was a child of God. M. COLLINS, Church Clerk.

**BLACKBURN.**—Mrs. Jane Anne Blackburn, died peacefully at the age of seventy-seven years on August 13, 1956, and was laid to rest in Falconwood Cemetery, Eltham, on Friday, August 17th, the service at the graveside and earlier at the home of Mr. F. Blackburn (her son) being conducted by Pastor J. C. French. Mrs. Blackburn was the daughter of one of the earliest believers in Britain, her mother having been

baptized in Swansea nearly a century ago. Life was not easy for Mrs. Blackburn, and although her son and two daughters were brought up in the true faith, in course of time the family wandered from the fold. We know that the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" are our dear Lord's greatest concern, however, and in 1952, during a campaign conducted by Pastor W. H. Frazier in Lewisham, this sister again came into contact with the third angel's message. In March of that year she was received by vote into the Lewisham church. Dependent upon her children, however, and in feeble health, she has been unable to attend the services for the last few years, but was visited regularly by one of our deaconesses, Nurse N. Jones. This sister was at her bedside when she died and at the earnest request of Mrs. Blackburn's family arranged for her to have an Adventist burial service. Great appreciation of the services of Pastor French and the unstinted help rendered to them and their mother by Nurse Jones, was expressed by the relatives to the writer, who believes that a powerful witness for the truth was given on this occasion. Our Lord has said: "I came to seek and to save that which was lost," and we believe it was with this promise sustaining her that our dear sister fell asleep to await the return of the Life-giver. MARGARET J. WEBER, Church Clerk.

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