



Assurance of Victory

By W. E. Read

In these days of difficulty and stress we must seek to preserve our courage in God. Even though circumstances may seem forbidding we may know of a surety that the work of God will triumph.

"Never let your courage fail. Never talk unbelief because appearances are against you. As you work for the Master, you will feel pressure for want of means, but the Lord will hear and answer your petition for help."—*"Testimonies," Vol 7, page 244*

There is such a danger to-day of allowing the peculiar circumstances we face to bring discouragement and even depression to our hearts. We may be tempted to feel that unless we have certain facilities with which to carry forward our work for God, we cannot hope for success. We all recognize that we have entered upon a time of great perplexity. Unemployment abounds on every hand. Trade conditions are anything but promising, and the economic situation all over the world is in a deplorable condition.

Such a situation affects us all more or less, but it is not surprising that such things have come. For many years we have preached of just such a time as this and rather than causing discouragement, these very things should cause us to lift up our heads and know that the day of our redemption is near.

It is not the easiest thing to finance either conferences or institutions in these difficult days, but we must ever bear in mind that this work is not of man; it is of God. The hand of our gracious heavenly Father is over His work to-day and we need have no fear as we put our trust and confidence in Him. His work will go forward and ere long will triumph gloriously. If because of lack of means we are unable to carry forward the work in ways we have been accustomed to, then we must find other ways. It is certainly not the will of God that His work should cease, or even be hindered, because we are not able to spend large sums of money in hall rents and in advertising. His work

must and will go forward anyway. What wonderful results might be accomplished by the Lord through His people if at this time we go to work with a will and with hearts and lives fully yielded and wholly surrendered to His service.

We should remember at this time some of the experiences recorded for our admonition in the Old Testament Scriptures. God's people in past ages met many crises, and there are some principles emphasized upon which we will do well to meditate to-day.

THE PRINCIPLE OF PRAYER

Think of Asa, the king of Judah, and how he related himself to the great crisis which confronted him many centuries ago. He was surrounded by hosts of heathen soldiers. His own forces were very small, and humanly speaking totally inadequate for the struggle. He had but feeble resources at his hand but he put his trust in the mighty God of Israel at whose command were infinite resources. Notice his prayer:

"Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude." 2 Chron. 14:11.

Then read verses twelve to fifteen and observe how God wonderfully delivered His people. *Here the victory was wrought by prayer.*

"Those who are endeavouring to build up the work in new territory will often find themselves in great need of better facilities. Their work will seem to be hindered for lack of these facilities; but let them not lose their faith and courage. Often they are obliged to go to the limit of their resources. At times it may seem as if they could advance no farther. *But if they pray and work in faith,* God will answer their petitions, sending them means for the advancement of their work. Difficulties will arise; they will wonder how they are going to accomplish what must be done. At times the future will look very dark. But let the workers bring to God the promises He has made, and thank Him for what He has done. Then the way will open before them, and they will be strengthened for the duty of the hour," —*"Gospel Workers," pages 267, 268.*

THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH

What an example of faith we have in Gideon. He went out with thirty-two thousand men against the hosts of the Midianites who were encamped against him, thinking to achieve victory. But God saw there were too many for Him to accomplish His purpose. Possibly many were time-servers or not wholly consecrated and would fail in the crisis. In any case God saw that many of them would be in His way when the decisive hour should come. So a test was applied and twenty-two thousand returned to their homes. Ten thousand remained, but as the Lord looked them over, He saw that even then there were too many for His purpose. Another test was applied and all but three hundred returned home. Less than one per cent of the original number remained and with these God proposed to work a remarkable deliverance for His people. We all know the sequel and how a mighty victory was wrought for the people of God. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." *Here the victory was wrought by faith.*

"There are times when it seems to the servant of God impossible to do the work necessary to be done, because of the lack of means to carry on a strong, solid work. . . . *But if they advance in faith, the salvation of God will be revealed, and prosperity will attend their efforts. . . . In the upbuilding of His work, the Lord does not always make everything plain before His servants. He sometimes tries the confidence of His people by bringing about circumstances which compel them to move forward in faith. Often He brings them into strait and trying places, and bids them advance where their feet seem to be touching the waters of Jordan. It is at such times, when the prayers of His servants ascend to Him in earnest faith, that God opens the way before them.*"—*Acts of the Apostles,* page 357.

THE PRINCIPLE OF COURAGE

A striking example of hopefulness and courage in the face of adverse circumstances is recorded in 2 Chronicles 20. Jehoshaphat was faced with the mighty hosts of three nations and it looked as though the people of God would be hopelessly defeated. In the crisis a prophet of the Lord came with a message and counselled them not to fight, but to stand still and see the salvation of God. It must have taken some courage and faith to believe such a message in such a time of crisis, but Jehoshaphat, like a wise leader of the people, accepted the counsel which came through the spirit of prophecy. He organized his forces in harmony with the instruction given. The singers in the camp were called together, and a large choir was formed and sent out at the head of the army. Then the record continues, "and when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord sent ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." 2 Chron. 20:22. *Here the victory was wrought by hope and courage.*

"True workers walk and work by faith. Sometimes they grow weary with watching the slow advance of the work, when the battle wages strong between the powers of good and evil. But if they refuse to fail or be dis-

couraged, they will see the clouds breaking away, and the promise of deliverance fulfilling. . . . At such times it may seem that you cannot succeed. *But work and believe, putting into your efforts faith, hope, and courage. After doing what you can, wait for the Lord, . . . wait not in fretful anxiety, but in undaunted faith and unshaken trust.*"—*Testimonies,* Vol. 7, page 245.

Notice further the counsel which comes to us from the servant of the Lord:

"Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. . . . He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty."—*Testimonies,* Vol. 8, page 10

"Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. . . . Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come"—*Testimonies,* Vol. 9, page 96.

So brethren and sisters, let us have courage in our wonder-working God; let us be much in earnest prayer to our heavenly Father, and let us grasp the promises of the Lord with a faith that will never let go until the blessing is ours.



In Praise of Our College

WE recently spent an inspiring week-end at Newbold College. From the moment of our arrival till the moment of departure we did not have an idle moment, but we enjoyed it all immensely. It was not so much the sight of a large and intelligent student body in the meetings that inspired us, though that is an unfailing joy to any preacher, as the earnestness with which, in between meetings, students were anxious to hear about the work in the field, or to get advice as to their life-work, etc. Not one complaint of any sort reached us, and everywhere we found a spirit of co-operation and of earnest Advent zeal.

To see those thirty odd students foregoing Sabbath breakfast to attend their prayer band, to talk with those who are engaged in Sunday evening evangelism in surrounding villages (almost twenty interested people were in the preaching service on Sabbath morning in the College), to note the smoothness with which things seemed to run, to feel the kindly spirit of welcome from faculty and students alike, these things made the journey unforgettably worth while, and we left our College feeling that God had wonderfully directed in its present location and conduct. Constant shall be our prayers for, and unfailing shall be our sympathy and support in the cause of Newbold Missionary College.

H. W. LOWE.



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Belfast

CONSCIOUS of the solemnity of these meaningful times the church in Belfast earnestly sought to make the Week of Prayer of 1931 a season of heart-searching and earnest entreaty. And it was the very best Week of Prayer ever experienced. We bound off the week with our third small baptism of the year, when four more persons brought to a happy consummation their period of preparation and learning by entering through that one and only "door" of the church of Christ.

Although the work here in Ulster has dragged very heavily and progress seems so slow, yet we are encouraged in our ministry by the knowledge that we are being enabled to contribute, in no small way, to the very necessary and important work of "breaking the fallow ground," thus preparing for a future fruitful harvest.

When we began our work here three years ago, we were soon made aware of the fact that religious Ulster had no love for Seventh-Day Adventists but, on the contrary, considerable antipathy. We were very much misunderstood and were subject to real characteristic Ulster prejudice, prejudice which must be experienced to be appreciated. But we thank God that we have lived to see the day when the cause of much of that prejudice has been removed. This has been accomplished not alone through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel, but also by the aid of the Belfast and Ulster Press. The editors of three of the daily papers (not local or provincial papers, but leading journals) have accepted reports of our Sunday sermons. These journals are read all over Ireland and wherever Irishmen dwell. It would be impossible to say how many columns of printed truth have thus been circulated free of charge nor to foreshadow what the future fruitful results will be. We have made it our business to disabuse the minds of the Ulster people as to the fundamental character of our cause, and we are thankful for the headway already made.

For the past three years the *Belfast Evening Telegraph* and the *Belfast News-Letter* (both dailies) have published reports almost every Monday or as often as we wished. In addition the *Northern Whig* has given us considerable space and published an interior picture of our Ulster Hall audience, while the *Belfast Weekly News* often reprints the report which appears in the *News-Letter*. Perhaps it would interest our people to know some of the Press captions which have headed our reports as supplied by the editors themselves. The following are just a few of the more recent:

"FULFILMENT OF SIGNS: PASTOR HYDE AND THE SECOND ADVENT."

"BIBLE CRUSADE: PASTOR GEORGE HYDE AND WORLD CONVULSIONS."

"ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH: PASTOR HYDE ON THE CHANGE FROM THE SEVENTH DAY TO THE FIRST."

"PROTESTANT POWER SAPPED: 'AMAZING IRREVERENCE.' PASTOR HYDE'S TRUMPET CALL."

"WARNING OF ULSTER PROTESTANTS: PASTOR HYDE ON ENGLISH CHURCH CONTROVERSY."

"HOPE OF THE CHURCH: CHRIST'S SECOND COMING. SERMON BY PASTOR HYDE."

A signal honour came to us recently. At the first big meeting in the Ulster Hall of the newly-formed Ulster Protestant League, I was asked to act as chairman. We could hardly believe it to be true that a Seventh-Day Adventist minister should occupy such a position in prejudiced Belfast! Yet there we were, in Belfast's largest hall, surrounded by officials and laity of all denominations, and the eulogies received were to say the least embarrassing and surprising. For the cause's sake we were happy.

Later, at a second big meeting in the large Y.M.C.A. Hall (a hall from which Adventists are debarred and upon the platform of which we never hoped to stand), with Dr. Thomson in the chair and the Rev. Dr. Hanna, the speaker, I was asked both to lead the devotions and propose the vote of thanks, being ably seconded by Mr. David Wilson, J.P. Further, I have since been asked to accept a vice-presidency of the Ulster Protestant League.

Here again one cannot estimate the good that these experiences have done and will do for the cause in Ireland. As an illustration of the good done may we give just one experience. The other evening we visited a family which had but recently begun to attend our meetings. I elicited from them the fact that they knew of our meetings before but were afraid to venture to them. When, however, they saw me on the Y.M.C.A. platform with Dr. Hanna they gathered confidence, for they supposed that "Pastor Hyde" would not be there if he were not a "safe" preacher! They have attended every Sunday since.

In our hall in the city centre, though an unimportant one for the preaching of such an important message, we are full every Sunday, the majority of those attending being men. Pray, brethren, that many more may yield to the Lord.

Two of our new members, a young man and a young woman, are at Newbold, both doing excellently in their preparation for future service.

In other ways, such as in financial and home missionary service, our church membership has proved faithful.

Our tithe has kept up wonderfully well in spite of the depression, while our Sabbath-school offerings of nearly £100 are considerably in advance of 1930. In the Ingathering we succeeded in raising some £160, this being £40 above our membership

"GOD'S SIMPLE PLAN FOR MAN'S REDEMPTION: ADDRESS BY PASTOR HYDE."

basis. In 1930 Belfast occupied first place in the Union for *Present Truth* and magazine sales.

In reporting we have endeavoured to give the plain unvarnished facts and, naturally, we have reported facts in which you, with us, will rejoice. But there is the other side of the story. Both Miss W. Buckle and myself know the meaning of discouragement: Yet, withal, we have never been dis-

mayed. Both the work and the workers in Ireland need the daily prayerful support of God's people. We have some of the most loyal and faithful members to be found anywhere. We rejoice at the evidence of the work of grace that is going on in many hearts, and, with you, we look forward to a brighter and more fruitful day.

GEORGE HYDE.

Ministry of the Literature

A Word to the Other Colporteur

Dear Other Colporteur,

I HAVE a fresh inspiration. Have you ever tried a Gipsy Encampment?

I tried one some time ago. I got my order, and my book went in within a week afterwards.

You know, I have almost finished my work in the Military Camp, just carrying on a little guerilla warfare. But here is another—a Gipsy Camp. The name of the owner is painted on the side of the waggon standing by. (Half the battle for the colporteur.) Several women folk about. Never mind, here goes.

"I would like to see Miss Black, please."

"Which one do you want?"

"Well—er—I am engaged in religious work and I have just made a call to—"

"Oh, you want my sister. Yes, he wants Priscilla, she ain't here."

"Probably that would be the lady whom I must see."

"Well, you can't see her to-day unless you come back at 6 o'clock to-night."

"Do you think, sir, that I could see her to-morrow?"

"Yes, if you come before 9 o'clock, or after 1.30."

"I will accept the 9 o'clock one, if you do not mind, please."

"I don't mind, mate."

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"Here Pris, here's the gent that came for you yesterday."

"Good morning Miss Black?"

"Yes, and your name?"

"Kinman miss."

"What do you want with me?"

"I wish to speak with you for a few moments, miss, but, by the way, could we get under cover? The rain is fairly heavy."

"Oh, yes, come into the caravan."

"Yours madam, is a wonderful life."

"Why do you say that, Mr. Kinman?"

"Well miss, it seems to me that by living as you seem to do, you must be living beside Nature herself. Indeed, I should like to dwell in a caravan."

"Yes, I suppose in a way it is good."

"I hear madam, that you take a leading part in

women's meetings, Sunday-schools, and so forth."

"Yes, that is so. We are a large family, but I am the only one who is on the side of the Lord. I gave my heart to Him when I was thirteen years of age."

"Then, Miss Black, you would value a work of this kind. It is called *Bible Readings*."

"Indeed, I should like a copy. Unfortunately, my father does not like religious persons. He used some rather strong language when he heard yesterday that you had been here. I told him that I would not allow him to insult my friends."

"But stop a moment miss, if you please. How did you learn to love the Lord Jesus?"

"Well, my mother sent me to Sunday-school, of course, when I was young."

"It says here miss, in my book that a Christian mother can mould the character more even than a father."

"When will this book be ready, Mr. Kinman?"

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Truly a remarkable work is this colporteur work, brother, sister, is it not? What a treat some people have missed—I mean the man who is not in it. Only a short while ago we were standing in front of a lady of title amid the grandeur of her gorgeous drawing-room. Both have drawn their literature from the same source—The Stanborough Press.

Verily God is no respecter of persons.

F. J. KINMAN.

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A Great Awakening in Poland Through the Literature Work

A SHOEMAKER in Poland was a zealous student of the Bible, and while reading it, discovered that God had appointed the seventh day, namely, Saturday, to be kept as the holy rest day. The shoemaker began to keep the Sabbath and continued to study the Bible. The prophecies were difficult for him to understand, and while thinking about them, a colporteur came to his shop and approached him with the book, *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*, by Elder Spicer. The shoemaker was delighted to find a book that explained the prophecies, and purchased it. He told his friends and neighbours, and also those who came to his shop, about his new-found truth. He learned from a stranger that there were people keeping the Sabbath not far from his town.

So he wrote a letter to the president of the conference asking that someone be sent to visit him. Word came that a worker would come on a certain day. The shoemaker was very happy and went about gathering the people who were interested in the truth. He met with great opposition from the Roman Catholic Church, yet he was able to gather two hundred people who were willing to suffer persecution for their faith. As the two hundred men were waiting for our worker (the missionary as they described him) about one thousand Catholics came along the street to oppose them. It seemed providential that our worker did not appear that day. The shoemaker was not dismayed, but turned to his flock of two hundred and said that the only reason he could think of why the missionary did not come was because they still had many pictures and idols in their homes. The people then went to their homes, gathered their pictures and idols, and burned them in the centre of the town. It is said that a very sick person, who had been given up by the doctors to die, asked his friends to carry out the pictures and idols from his house to be burned. As soon as he had done this and placed his faith in God he became well again. Our worker (the missionary) came immediately after the burning of the pictures and idols and found a very fruitful field for his labours. Many of the people whose attention had been directed to the truth by the shoemaker have already been baptized and joined the church.

J. J. STRAHLE.

The Bank-Note Schemer's Change

Do you remember that strange case in the courts a little while ago? The well-known bank-note printers, Waterlow and Sons, were the victims of a great fraud, and innocently printed £3,000,000 worth of spurious Portuguese bank-notes. The perpetrator of the fraud, Alvés Reis, a Portuguese, was condemned to a long period of imprisonment.

While in prison he came across a copy of the Bible. Then someone sent him evangelical tracts. Then some books and some papers.

In one of the papers he found an article which brought profound and irrepressible joy to his soul. He found in Jesus Christ satisfaction and peace.

Forger, swindler, false accuser—vain, ambitious schemer though he was—the power which God has placed in the printed word brought salvation to him.

We do well to use this wonderful power of the literature.

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ARE you now earning £3 a week? If not, would you like to earn this sum as a "Good Health League Worker" bringing health to scores of homes?

This opportunity has been made possible by giving extra discounts to those who sell good quantities of our health magazine.

Those who take up this work should preferably

be strong, intelligent young men willing to work forty-eight hours a week.

Brother Smart of Swansea writes, pointing out that he has sold over 5,000 in the first quarter of 1932. He has set his goal at 20,000 for the year.

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"Daily Express" Editor and "Bedtime Stories"

HERE is an interesting card from the kindly literary editor of the *Daily Express* on the receipt of the latest *Bedtime Stories*:

"Dear Mr. Maxwell,

"Many thanks for your kindly thought. I shall be taking the *Bedtime Stories* home with me to the country this next week-end. The others are still in circulation!

"Yours sincerely,

"Reginald Pound,

"Literary Editor."

The editor humorously remarked that he had spent part of his summer holidays reading *Bedtime Stories* to his children!

Facing Rumanian Prisons

You have often heard of the progress of the work in Rumania and of the hardships to which our colporteurs are subject in that land. It will interest you to hear that these colporteurs are now going out with *Wonders of Our Age* translated into the Rumanian tongue. May it accomplish "wonders" in that difficult field.

"Buried Treasure" Found in Plane Wreckage

In a recent aeroplane crash when eight people were killed, a copy of our book, *Buried Treasure*, was found by the side of a lady passenger. On an open page of the book was found the following note: "I won't lay me down to sleep until I know —"

Apparently God had spoken to the woman's heart through this wonderful little book. Let us hope that by the words she had penned in the book she had made her peace with God before that terrible crash took place.

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Baptism at North Shields

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by leading us to a most desirable and suitable meeting-place which was once the board room of the local gas company. We are sure that no better place could be found in the district for God's people to assemble and carry on their work in the town.

We are looking forward to the organizing of a church as soon as our president can be with us.

In addition to those baptized, we have a young man at Newbold who is to pass through the waters at the close of this term. This brother has sacrificed a good position for the truth and is now seeking a career for God.

The Bible-work of Sister Jackson has considerably helped toward the success of the effort. Her experience of the past and her kindly, cheerful disposition has won her way to the hearts of the interested people.

There has been for the past twelve months a Sabbath-school at North Shields supervised by Sister Jackson. The attendance and offerings have been very encouraging. The new members also engaged in the last Ingathering Campaign and raised over £21, one member passing the £5 mark.

The recent Tract Campaign was also heartily entered into and we have a good store of literature obtained by their sale of the special number of *Present Truth*.

A women's meeting has also been held for some months and at present Nurse Handysides is conducting a large class in Home Nursing. Since the beginning of the year, when my new effort began in South Shields, Sister Bailey has been holding the fort at North Shields on Sunday evenings and the attendance is very encouraging. A further feature is a young people's society which has been organized, and here young people are showing splendid promise in their training along lines of missionary endeavour. Excellent Bible studies and talks are being given by several of the senior members and a good start has been made in raising a Students' Aid Fund. Sister Bailey has also a junior branch of this society which has sometimes had an attendance of seventy children at the weekly meeting. A junior health meeting is also conducted by Nurse Handysides with an attendance reaching 106.

We feel that this is a day of opportunity for us and there is a prospect of a further large ingathering of souls in this place.

Sister Thompson of Watford has given considerably of her time in helping in various ways to the success of the effort. Being a native of this town she has always had a burden for the message to be carried here and to-day she rejoices in the results obtained and the promise of more to come.

We are all of good courage, and thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit as the last message is being given at the mouth of the Tyne.

F. C. BAILEY.

From China to Peru

In the life of a Business House, as in the life of an individual, there is nothing so encouraging as the making of friends. There is a fellowship in friendship that brightens the life, and its absence sooner or later brings the realization of empty spaces that are eventually filled with dreariness. Like the brightening of sunshine is the presence of a friend in the home, and those things of which he speaks flow into the current of our thoughts like the brook flows into the stream to increase it and add to its strength.

Friend can speak of friend as no other person can speak His praise is comely; he cannot be censured when he heralds those virtues and attributes of character that endear his friend to him. True friendship has no price; it cannot be bought; it cannot be sold.

We look over the list of our friends and realize that friendship knows no barriers of country, nation, tongue, or colour. Every week visitors come wishing to see the Factory where GRANOSE Health Foods are made. We welcome them as friends, we are pleased to show them those things that have given our foods a reputation the world over among Seventh-Day Adventist believers and other Health Reformers. They come from Norwich, from Glasgow and Edinburgh; we remember friends from Plymouth and Scarborough; Bristol, Ballygowan, Ireland; and Winscombe in Somerset. They come from Theydon Bois in Essex; from Cardiff, Birmingham, Cambridge, Sheffield, Sunderland, Bradford; and continuing we could enumerate place after place where live friends the remembrance of whom encourages us in our work of Health Reform. Even the far-away places of the earth seem very near as we look upon the signatures of those who have visited us from Santa Ana, California; Lausanne, Switzerland; Sarvulenna, Finland; from Cape Town and Nyassaland; Tasmania, and Bangalore, India. Still they follow one after the other from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, or under our feet from sunny Ceylon and Australia; from Germany and Canada, Abyssinia, Italy, Rumania, Mauritius, China, and Japan, and Jamaica; we review their names, some almost impossible for English tongues to pronounce correctly, and are glad because of the international character of our work and the variety of our friends who are interested in it.

Before opening up the Health Work in other countries, men visit us and study our organization and methods of manufacture before returning to their own countries to commence production in their newly-built factories.

Our friends come and go and with them the spirit and reputation of Granose Foods Limited which has been built up by efficient organization, modern methods, and the high-grade quality of the pure foods that are manufactured in this factory.

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A Grateful Acknowledgment

THE Executive of the Welsh Mission desire to thank all who have responded to the appeals on behalf of needy members by sending gifts in either cash or clothing. A number of small donations came from anonymous donors, including ten shillings from "A sister in Christ, Brixton," and thirty shillings from "Anonymous." Also a number of parcels have been gratefully received containing no indication of the donors' identity. Where acknowledgments are desired, please enclose full name and address in parcel.

At Rest

BIRD—After a very long illness, patiently borne, Sister Lizzie Bird, of the Kettering Church, fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, February 25th, age fifty-five years. She accepted the message when quite a girl, her mother, the late Mrs. Kendall, being one of the first believers in Kettering. Sister Bird had been ill for many years and so was not able to take an active part in the work of the church. Of her four children, three are in the truth, her eldest son, Brother A. F. Bird, being an evangelist in the Welsh Mission. The eldest daughter, Lilian, was baptized two weeks before her mother died. We laid Sister Bird to rest in the quiet cemetery in Kettering, there to await the call of the Life-giver. The funeral service in the Memorial Church and at the graveside was conducted by Pastor W. H. Hall. A good number of the members gathered together with the mourning relatives. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved children.

M. L. FELLOWES,
Church Clerk.

GOWLETT—On Thursday, March 3rd, after a short and painful illness Brother Alfred Gowlett passed peacefully away. For nearly twenty years he was a faithful member of the Watford Town Church. He accepted the truth under the labours of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt. We laid him to rest on Monday afternoon, March 7th. He leaves a wife and three daughters to mourn their loss, but who sorrow not as those who have no hope.

H. F. DE'ATH

ARROWSMITH—In her seventy-third year Sister Jane Arrowsmith passed away in the Watford Infirmary. For many years she was a loyal member of the denomination, and for about nine years was connected with the Watford Town Church. We would not wish her back to suffer. She sleeps in Jesus. We cherish gratifying memories of her faithfulness.

H. F. DE'ATH

WARLAND—On March 29th, Muriel, daughter of Brother and Sister R. Warland, fell asleep in Jesus. Ever since their return to East Africa the little one had been ill with whooping cough, but on the twenty-sixth she became worse and Dr. Madgwick took the little one to hospital where it was found that cerebral malaria was present. In spite of all that medical care could give the child passed away. The burial took place in the Kisii Cemetery, and the service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother A. F. Bull. Most of the workers were present. The little girl was three years old. Our hearts are deeply moved in sympathy for the sorrowing parents.

W. W. ARMSTRONG

NICHOLLS—Sister Nicholls was baptized twenty-six years ago by Pastor W. H. Meredith in the river at Aberdare. For a number of years Brother and Sister Nicholls lived in the Llandovery district and during the past two years Sister Nicholls suffered from pulmonary diseases. She passed peacefully away on February 2nd, and was laid to rest in the Ebenezer Baptist churchyard, Llandovery. The service was conducted by the writer assisted by the Rev. L. Glasnant Young and the Rev. J. Davies. It was very evident at the funeral that Sister Nicholls was highly esteemed by the people in the neighbourhood. We join with many in the Welsh Mission and in the British Union in expressing our deep sympathy to Brother Nicholls and his two daughters in their bereavement. We confidently look forward to the great resurrection when the Life-giver will call our sister to the joys of the kingdom.

T. H. COOPER.

CONSTABLE—Twenty-five years ago, Sister Constable bought a book from Sister Buchman at Pontnewnydd. Bible studies followed and later she came to Newport. Mon. In October, 1908, she was baptized at Newport by Pastor W. H. Meredith, and continued a faithful member of the Newport Church to the end. For a number of years Sister Constable had suffered greatly. We laid her to rest in the St. Woolis Cemetery on February 11th. The members of the Newport Church and others deeply sympathize with her husband, son, brother, and sister as they mourn their loss. We are glad that we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We confidently look forward to the resurrection, when Jesus will call our sister into His glorious kingdom.

T. H. COOPER.

KEELING—One of the veteran members of the Nottingham Church, Brother Henry Keeling, passed away in his sleep on Saturday night, February 20th. But he was ready. His was a child-like simplicity of faith rarely manifested, and so consistently displayed, as to give confidence to the belief that his dusty bed is specially marked for visitation by the gathering angels at the clarion call of the Life-giver. Though through advanced age and failing strength (he was in his seventy-seventh year) Brother Keeling could no longer manifest his one-time activity in broadcasting the message, he was, almost up to the time of his death, engaged in distributing tracts; and during the 1931 Harvest Ingathering Campaign he took part in house-to-house collecting. His acceptance of the message was due to the faithful pioneer work of Brother G. F. Jones, the renowned missionary, in the course of his *Present Truth* work in this midland town, some forty years ago. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

J. H. PARKIN.

PALMER—Brother S. Palmer of 3 Harry Street, Sketty, Swansea, passed peacefully away on Friday evening, February 26th, at the age of eighty-three years. Brother Palmer will be remembered by those who knew him as a faithful old warrior of the cross, one who delighted in bearing his testimony to the saving and keeping power of the Lord. His illness lasted but a few days and during that time he gave himself wholly to prayer, committing himself and his family into the care of the Master Who doeth all things well. He leaves behind a widow, five sons, and three daughters to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest in the Sketty Cemetery where he awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.

H. E. POWELL

SHIELDS—We regret to announce the death of Brother John Shields at his residence in Ballybogy on Tuesday, March 29th. Brother Shields has been the spiritual leader and elder of the company at Kilmoyle for over a score of years. He was one of the stalwarts who stepped out, amid local persecution, for the truth, under the ministry of Pastors Mussen and Whiteside about 1907. Faithful to the end, he has always displayed loyalty to the message and he sleeps in Jesus. He leaves an ailing sister seventy-four years of age, and many sorrowing relatives. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which was conducted by Pastor J. Harker, assisted by the writer.

J. A. McMILLAN

CASBURN—Wellingborough Church is the poorer by the death at the early age of twenty-five of Brother Richard Francis Casburn, for some five years missionary secretary, and one of the pillars of that church. Brother Casburn was baptized by Pastor A. K. Armstrong in 1923, and was a consistent Christian, and a loving and devoted son. After a brief illness of only three weeks, he passed to his rest on March 13th, and was interred at the Doddington Road Cemetery, Wellingborough, on March 16th, leaving to mourn their loss his father, mother, and three brothers, all members of Wellingborough Church, who await the glad re-union at the return of Him Who is the Resurrection and the Life.

WM. A. HALL

BURNETT—In the death of Brother Burnett, which took place on Sabbath morning, March 26th, the Bath Church lost one of its most loyal members. He was in his eighty-sixth year, and was one of thirty-one who were baptized in 1893, when Elder J. S. Washburn was labouring in the city of Bath. On Friday afternoon, April 1st, we laid him to rest in the presence of his children and a number of the members of the Bath Church in the sure and certain hope of a part in the first resurrection. He was a good father and a true and devoted member of the church. He being dead yet speaketh, and we look forward to the glad day when we shall meet him again never more to part.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

	London	Nott'ham	Cardiff	Edin.	Belfast
April 29th	8.19	8.29	8.32	8.47	8.53
May 6th	8.30	8.41	8.43	9.1	9.6

"And the Lord Added to the Church Daily"

Baptisms in Many Parts

Another Baptism at Manchester.

WE are glad to report another baptism besides the forty that were baptized in December. This time we were able to use our own newly enlarged church. After the afternoon service on Sabbath, February 20th, which was held in the Memorial Hall, we went to the church about five o'clock, where we again greeted a full church to witness the solemn ceremony. The ten new believers who have chosen to come into the church bring the numbers up to exactly fifty as a direct result of the series of lectures held in the city of Manchester during the past few months. There are a few others, however, whom we were not able to baptize, but expect to do so before long. There are altogether close on sixty keeping the Sabbath from the public meetings. We hope the others will be able to follow within another month, as some are under the doctor's care.

We wish to thank the Lord for this substantial addition to the church in this city, and are glad that through the diligence of Brother Shaw we have been able to get our church finished sufficiently to accommodate these new believers.

We are all, workers and members, of good courage, and hope that the brethren and sisters throughout the conference will continue to pray for the further success of the Lord's work.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

Baptism at Stanborough Park

ON Sabbath afternoon, March 26th, seven persons were baptized at the Stanborough Park Church by Pastor W. H. Meredith. One of these, a lady, came into the truth through the house-to-house tract work of one of the churchmembers. The other six were young people drawn mainly from the different institutions, and who had for some months attended a weekly baptismal class held by the writer.

We are hoping to form another similar class in the autumn, when we trust that still others may prepare themselves to take this important step.

It is good and necessary that our young people become early attached to the church as they need the inspiration, the spiritual help and safeguards that must come to those who know themselves to be enrolled members of the visible body of Christ.

The young people at Stanborough Park are particularly privileged in having every facility and encouragement to gain a firm hold upon the truth, whereby they may become strong, active, and faithful soldiers of Jesus, the Saviour of all mankind.

H. F. DE'ATH.

Baptism at Kettering

ON Sabbath, February 13th, a baptismal service was conducted by Pastor W. H. Hall in the Memorial Church, Canon Street.

There were five candidates, three of them joining the Kettering Church, one the Wellingborough Church, and the other the Newbold Church. There were a good number present including friends from Wellingborough, Rushden, and Harrowden.

The candidates were examined at the commencement of the service as to their attitude to the points of faith and their belief in the third angel's message, and all revealed that they had been well instructed. Words of encouragement were spoken by Brethren G. Hawkins, F. Casson, and W. H. Baldwin.

It was an inspiring service and one which helped us all to feel more than ever the importance of the baptismal vow.

Two more candidates were unable to be present, but are very desirous of going forward at the earliest opportunity.

M. L. FELLOWES,
Church Clerk.

Baptism at North Shields

ON Sabbath, April 9th, the writer had the very happy privilege of baptizing twenty-one souls at the Howard Street Baptist Church, kindly offered for the purpose by its officers, who spared no pains to make the service as comfortable and as great a blessing as possible.

This was the firstfruits of the effort begun in January, 1931, when with the small budget of £100 we entered the town. The Lord went before us and we were able to secure a suitable hall at a low price, but our average attendance was less than 200. Our week-night services averaged for some time about forty and from this number we have thirty now keeping the Sabbath, and thus we are anticipating a second baptism during the summer.

From the first we have felt that the Lord was going to bless the effort by the spirit manifest by those who became interested. We advertised in a way that revealed that we were out to give instruction from the Scriptures and especially from those that applied to the present day.

The message has attracted many who were seeking for truth and righteousness, and there is a beautiful spirit manifest among the new converts to the Advent message.

The Lord has greatly added to His past blessings

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