



God's Surprises

Reaping Where We Have Not Sown

By The Editor

As we draw nearer to the end we may expect that the message will spread abroad with increasing rapidity. Just when some are saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming," and others, "The work will never be done," God will surprise us by His swift master strokes by which His plans will be brought to completion.

Every day fresh evidences reach us of the increasing momentum of the Advent movement. It is spreading abroad with startling rapidity. Indeed the message is running ahead of the messengers. New interests are springing up where no preacher or colporteur has ministered.

God is using fresh agencies, too, to herald His last call of mercy. He knows where to find the honest seekers after truth and by one means or another He will find them and lead them into the company of His remnant people.

Less than a month ago there came into our office a well-known London journalist.

He wanted to know, frankly, what Seventh-Day Adventists believe, and what they are doing in the world. He stayed nearly four hours. We went over with him all points of our faith and the reasons for the hope that is within us, showing him afterwards around our institutions on Stanborough Park.

A week or so later there appeared in the *Sunday Dispatch* an article on Seventh-Day Adventists which most of our people no doubt read. Though written in newspaper style it was nevertheless a very fair presentation and the best publicity ever given to our movement in the London Press.

That Sunday a man in Kent purchased the paper. Before sundown he had written this letter :

"The Seventh-Day Adventists,
Stanborough Park,
Watford, Herts
Gentlemen,

"I have read and re-read the article by Ian Coster in to-day's *Sunday Dispatch*, describing your movement, of which I had been aware

"I believe that the second coming of Christ is at hand.

"Will you please therefore send me some literature in order to provide further enlightenment
"Any expense will be gladly met.
"Yours faithfully,

"A.J.B."

Not far from Gateshead a school teacher purchased that same paper. She wrote as follows :

"The Church of the Seventh-Day Adventists.

"Dear Sir,

"I feel compelled to write to you.

"I am very interested in your beliefs as expressed in the *Sunday Dispatch* of Sunday last, because they are similar to mine, which have evolved naturally out of the study of God's Word. . . .

"I would like to know more of you and of your work, and would be much obliged if you would send me some literature and also details as to the nearest of your churches to me

"I thank you,

"E.T."

The information was sent and the lady put in touch with the conference office.

There has been a wonderful sequel. Following a visit from Pastor D. Morrison, who explained in further detail the points of our faith, this lady has accepted the Sabbath and resigned her post. In a letter to Pastor Morrison she writes as follows :

"I have been a seeker after truth for some years and my seeking has led me into many Christian organizations. But in all I have found some points which I have not been able to accept. But your church seems to be 100% Christian, and in all points I see alike with you

"Your literature has convinced me, alongside with a study of the Word, that the Sabbath is God's ordained Day of Rest, and from now on I shall keep that day as such

"I went to the church in N——, where I received a welcome that warmed my heart.

"The service was helpful, and my friend and I feel we would like to be of your company.

"Mrs —— came to us on Monday night, and after a good heart-to-heart talk we studied the prophecy of

Daniel in connection with Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image. It was illuminating. Strange and yet not strange—that was one of the things I desired exposition upon. A more remarkable synopsis of history I have never read. . . .

"What we like about you is your practical living out of what you teach."

We rejoice at this evidence of the guidance of the Holy Spirit and pray that we may all be worthy to receive into our midst this earnest seeking soul.

But there have been more surprising results still.

Among those who read the *Sunday Dispatch* article was the Imam of the London Mosque. He was so impressed that he asked for an interview and one afternoon last week the Union president and the writer spent several hours with him in friendly discussion of our points of faith and in showing him around our estate. He was genuinely surprised and pleased to discover a Christian body whose members, like the faithful of his own religion, neither smoke, nor drink alcohol, nor partake of swine's flesh. He purchased several of our large books, including *Ministry of Healing*, *Desire of Ages*, *Bible Readings*, and *This Mighty Hour*. May he be blessed as he reads.

Thus God is leading us on. Perhaps *driving* us on would be more exact. His hour has come and the work must soon be completed. "The final movements will be rapid ones."

Look out! He has more surprises for us round the corner.



The Latter Rain

How often we read in the divine Oracles of the latter rain which is to ripen the harvest for the kingdom of God! Often we have prayed that we might see this experience in connection with the work of the remnant church. It is true that we have been counselled to "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." And we are assured that "the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." It is well that we pray, but there are other conditions beside. The Lord's call to His people is for absolute surrender and unquestioning obedience to His divine will. As we enter into this experience of surrender to our God, divine power will flow into our lives; Jesus will take possession of us and live in us, and we shall be able to say with the apostle Paul, "Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

In some parts of the world field we see many evidences that the latter rain is already falling. From Central Africa, in territory which, until a few years ago, was supervised by the old European Division, comes the following cheering word:

"Marvellous things are taking place in the two mountainous provinces of Ruanda and Urundi, just north of Lake Tanganyika in the very heart of Africa. A. F. Tarr, the Division secretary, recently visited this field and was able to spend a week-end at each of our four mission stations. He writes:

"At Gitwe we had a congregation of over 6,000 and at Rwankeri the number totalled 7,157, which is the largest gathering of Seventh-Day Adventists we have

had in this Division. Considering that this was simply a Sabbath morning service and there was no special promotion such as there might be at camp-meeting time, the attendance seemed remarkable indeed and certainly indicated that marked progress has been made since the time of the camp-meeting barely six months ago.

"The attendance at Gitwe was larger even than at camp-meeting time. The problem here is to find the workers and means to shepherd the growing flock. Either the present force must curtail its evangelistic work or else new workers must be added, for new converts are coming to us in greater numbers than we are able to care for them. It seems almost anomalous that Seventh-Day Adventists should be in that position, but as I listened to Brother Jones and Brother Monnier at the recent committee meeting, pointing out in detail their inability to shepherd a larger flock without additional workers, and as I heard them tell of the pressure they had to bring to bear upon their workers to prevent them from working for new members, I could not help but recognize that the situation, impossible as it might seem to a stranger, is a desperately real one to the men in this field. It is the first time in my experience that I have ever heard men criticized for bringing in new converts, and yet that is what they are having to do under present conditions."

"Calls are coming to us constantly, but at the present time nearly every one of these calls must of necessity be ignored for lack of funds.

"A visit to Ruanda convinces one that the interest there must be the result of the outpouring of the latter rain, and we feel confident that the Holy Spirit, which must be creating the interest, must have some provision whereby we may cope with the rapidly-ripening harvest."

Shall we not thank God for these "showers of blessing," and earnestly pray that what we read about in the great dark continent might be seen here in the homeland?

Brethren and sisters, our great need to-day is a new baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need power from on high. Let us pray with confidence and persistence, and above all, let us give ourselves to God for the finishing of His work, that we may see the latter rain come in all its fullness and bring forth an abundant fruitage for the kingdom of God!

W. E. READ.



A Wonderful Ministry

DURING the late war my wife's faith in her religion began to wane as she saw the awful horrors resulting from the conflict between professedly Christian nations. One day early in 1919 a lady called at our home in England. It was a Miss Leck, and she was selling *Christ Our Saviour*. She accepted an invitation to step inside, and quickly began to talk about the love of Christ and His great salvation. Miss Leck was not discouraged by Mrs. Le Butt's expression of doubt, but promised to call again. She paid another visit later, and gave my wife a long Bible study. Shortly after this Miss Leck was called away from Barrow-in-Furness, and my wife never saw her again. They corresponded, however, for some time, and as a result my wife finally accepted this message.

After a while we decided to move to South Africa, and it was not very long after our arrival here that I joined my wife in the message. I firmly believe her fervent prayers were effectual in bring-

ing me to a decision. I at once entered the literature ministry, and spent some time distributing our books in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Then I was transferred to Bulawayo. In that town I used the book, *Daniel and the Revelation*. One day on my rounds I called at a home, but could get no answer to my knock. While waiting, I leaned against one of the cement pillars of the veranda and idly scribbled on it, "God is love," in small letters. As no one came to the door, I moved on. The next day I made a second call at that home, and was invited inside by a lady. She listened patiently to my presentation of the book, but would not place her order for a copy, as her husband was much averse to religion. I asked if my wife might call in the evenings to give Bible studies. The lady agreed, and Mrs. Le Butt made many a visit, and finally the lady accepted the truth.

The lady's husband was much upset at his wife's joining the Seventh-Day Adventists, and at once booked passage for his family to England.

One day while walking through a town on the east coast of England, this lady heard hymns being sung in a hall. She looked inside, and learned that it was the occasion of a Seventh-Day Adventist meeting. She entered gladly and took her place among the audience. Just then a testimony meeting began, and believers related how they came into the message. This lady felt constrained to tell how she came to join this movement. She related how a colporteur came to her home in Rhodesia. She did not admit him at that time, but watched him through the window. He wrote something on a pillar, and when he left, she found it was a little message—"God is love." Then she explained the subsequent visit of the colporteur and the Bible studies given to her by his wife. She said the colporteur's name was Mr. Le Butt. Imagine her surprise—and joy—to hear in the next sister's testimony the story of how the Lord had used her in bringing Sister Le Butt into the truth away back in 1919 in England. Imagination can easily picture the glad scene in that little church as those two souls—joined together in the faith in such a marvellous way—embraced each other and gave glory to God for His love. Truly, God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. A. C. LE BUTT.

OUR HOSPITAL

First Male Patient's Experience Under the Hospital Scheme

A Retrospect

I RECEIVED my questionnaire, signed it, and returned the same to the conference office. Eventually word came to present myself on a certain date for entry. I travelled down to Stanborough Park with a somewhat perturbed mind; I was now going to a hospital!

My previous visit was under the old plan, but now, visions of other hospital administrations—bare

wards, very practical but unsympathetic nurses, an austere matron, impersonal doctors, and a general air of cold efficiency pervading the place that makes one rejoice to escape the surroundings as soon as the complaint is remedied or extracted!

I entered the Hydro Annexe with a beating heart looking for the visionary changes. I spoke to someone and asked for the lady supervisor. In a moment or two I was most kindly received and escorted to my ward and inquiry was made as to whether I would like a small repast ere dinner was served.

I came into hospital with not only a painful affliction but also a badly poisoned arm. The doctor's examination meant a lancing, and bed immediately for high temperature. Here was a quick test for my visions, and what a revelation! Kindly and very practical medical sympathy, cheerful and smiling nurses—never a thing too much trouble—a matron strong in spiritual courage, and a management in every department willing and courteous.

Can anyone find just such outside our hospital? I am convinced one cannot.

Last, but by no means least, the atmosphere is decidedly homely and distinctly encouraging to one's spiritual needs. What more?

I thank our hospital for my recovery to health under the blessing of God, and praise Him for those who had the vision to inaugurate the hospital scheme.

THANKFUL.

IRISH MISSIONS

Superintendent: Pastor J. Harker.

Office Address: 11 Seafield, Portadown, N. Ireland.

Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the North Ireland and Free State Missions will be held jointly, in Belfast, during the week-end, June 15th to 17th.

At the moment we are not able to say whether we shall use the Florenceville Avenue Church or some building in the centre of the city. There is the possibility we shall have at our disposal a fine new hall centrally located. Further word will be sent out concerning this.

We are to be privileged this year with the presence and help of Pastor L. H. Christian, president of the Northern European Division. Pastor W. E. Read, president of the British Union, will also be with us. These brethren, we are sure, will be used of God to bring great blessing to His waiting people.

The opening meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 15th. This will be a short but important service. The evening meeting will follow at 7.45. Sabbath and Sunday will be packed full of inspiring services. We appeal to all our members to plan for this good week-end.

Any requiring lodgings should apply to the writer at 11 Seafield, Portadown.

Note.—May we call special attention to the address just given. This is now the office address for Ireland.

J. HARKER.

South England Conference

President: Pastor H. W. Lowe.

Office Address: 395 Holloway Road, London, N.7.

The Plymouth Brethren

—and sisters, in goodly numbers, along with a few other friends, very happily witnessed the baptism of eight precious believers in the Plymouth Church on Sunday evening, May 6th. Pastor H. W. Lowe visited us for the occasion and spoke most appropriate words to the candidates during the service and as he immersed them and, later, gave them the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them, cordially, into the remnant church of Christ. The writer, assisting in this beautiful service, was made very joyful in seeing others determining to have Enoch's experience of "walking with God."

One of the faithful members of this church was the instrument used by the Lord on behalf of four of these souls, in beginning to show them the right path. Another testimony to the humble, yet powerful and much blessed, work of lay-members.

Three young people were among the number baptized. They have given evidence of real advancement in Christian living, much to the joy of their godly parents.

Pastor Young's sister was also buried with her Lord in this sacred ordinance. We feel that she has been, and will continue to be, a living witness for Jesus and the truth in her walk among those with whom she is associated as a Christian nurse in Newton Abbot.

The Plymouth Church is of good courage and is looking forward to yet greater things as it prays and works to that end in the strength of the Master. The prayers and remembrances of other Advent believers are counted on and very greatly appreciated.

L. A. WATSON.



Youth and the Victorious Life

Address at the Recent North London M.V. Rally

Most young people want victory. This is a sincere and earnest desire. But how can we get it? Let a Bible scene become the setting for our meditation. Two young men met one day. They were both about thirty years of age. One was wealthy, having great possessions. The other was poor and homeless. But the wealthy one is seeking something from the homeless one.

His question may well be ours: "What lack I yet?" It came from the surging of the deepest emotions of his life. He had much. But he was conscious of a lack. Great possessions gave him great opportunities. Jesus said on another occasion, "Make friends by the mammon of unrighteousness." Yes, money could be the medium of great blessing. It is often the reverse. But it need not be. Great possessions meant also great perils. A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that

he possesseth. (Luke 12:15.) The young ruler had discovered that much. Now he was seeking something more than an artistic or luxurious home.

He confessed to a clean record. This was no boast. No one could look into the keen eyes of the Master and either boast or lie. No, he was no derelict, no prodigal, nor palsied and paralysed as the result of sin. Nor did he lack a creed about God. What he lacked was first-hand dealing with God. To get it he must do two things. "Go and sell," then, "come and follow." He did neither. He walked out from the presence of Jesus into defeat. Why? Because he had lost his vision. People perish who lose their vision, while victory always results from the direction of the look. "Looking unto Jesus" was Paul's secret of victory. Jesus said, "Look up." The world is looking down. We need to remember that.

One of the shortest verses in the Bible is in Luke 17. With the day of judgment in view Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife." She had been dragged as a brand from the burning. But her restless spirit urged her to look back. She did, and her disobedience brought swift judgment. In Josephus's day a pillar of salt bore mute testimony to her folly and defeat. There was infinite loss in that look. It was the index of her life. She had lost faith in God for the future. Truly she had left home and dear ones behind. But she had abundant evidence that God was leading. We, too, as Missionary Volunteers, have turned our backs on many things. We have done so because Christ was not in them. Woe to us if we look back. The Hebrew word "Nabat" means "to look attentively" or "to consider." We need to set our face as a flint Zionward if we would have victory.

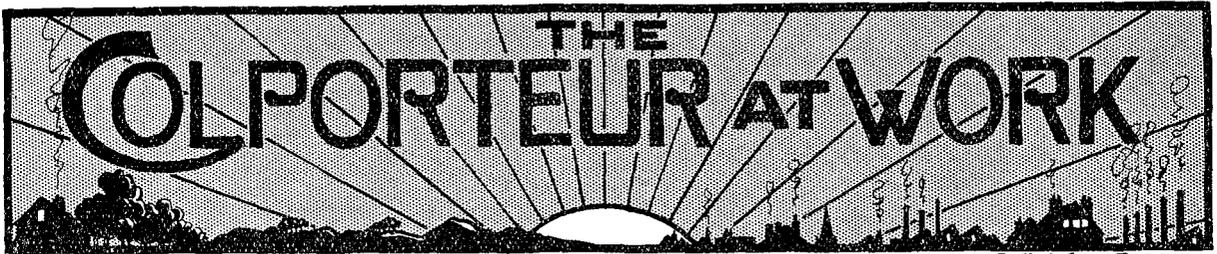
"Look unto Me, and be ye saved," saith the Lord. Sodom is not for the pilgrim. Heaven is our home. One of our young people, wearing his familiar M.V. badge, was asked ironically if it meant "Many Vices." "Yes," he said in an instant, "Many vices overcome: and by the grace of God, 'Made Victorious' now." May that be so with all of us for His name's sake.

R. A. ANDERSON.

Seventh-Day Adventist Book Exhibition

ADVENTISTS now publish close on 400 books in the English language—precious books containing the most valuable information in the world.

An exhibition of some of these books will be held in connection with each Conference. Come and enjoy yourself inspecting them. Store your library with these treasures.



Producing the Prospectus

BEFORE we deal with the matter of demonstrating the prospectus, we ought to emphasize some things which, though frequently overlooked, are of supreme importance.

First, the prospectus itself. This, coupled with his selling talk, constitutes the tool with which the colporteur engineers the mind of his prospect. It contains the main features of the book in the most convenient form for carrying and exhibiting.

This should be kept as clean and fresh-looking as possible. It is a matter of some surprise that not a few colporteurs are content to carry around with them prospectuses much the worse for wear. This is an injustice to the book represented, to the people called upon, and to the colporteur himself.

Having reached the end of the Approach, the time has come to satisfy the desire of the individual by showing your proposition. While there is a distinction between the Approach and the Demonstration, the colporteur should be careful, in his movements and by his words, to merge the one into the other so that there is no unfortunate break. It is on this point that you need to practise much. The drawing out of the prospectus should be done so neatly and casually that the person's eye is not directed to it before you yourself direct it.

Endeavour to "hold" the eye of your prospect to your eye while in the act of taking your prospectus from under your coat, thus preventing the transferring of his attention from you to your book until the right moment.

THE WRONG METHOD



Strive here against the temptation to turn your face towards your pocket while in the act of reaching for your prospectus.

Remember, face the prospect all the time until you yourself begin to look at your specimen as you commence demonstrating. This is important and, if carefully followed,

will make for the smooth running of your interview.

The two sketches on this page illustrate the right and wrong way of taking out the prospectus.

B. BELTON.

A Colporteur's Dream

ONE night while on a tour I had a dream that a man would take a Bible and say to me, "Sir, speak to me from the Word of God." I awoke and wished that it were day already so that I might be on my way. That day I visited the mayor of Comitan, who ordered a book, and who took me to his home and there gave me a list of names of friends whom I might visit. The next day I began looking up the people on this list, and visited a group of Presbyterians, but did not succeed in selling anything to them. However, I learned that a Mr. Ruiz was there, and as his name also was on my list, I asked to see him. He took me to his home, showed me his library, and said he had a very fine book to show me. He picked up a Bible, and said, "Take this Bible and teach me the Word of God, and tell me about the seventh-day Sabbath, because I know you people sanctify that day by order of God." Then I remembered my dream and about the man who was represented as coming to me and saying, "Sir, take the Bible and teach me from the Word of God." When I finished talking with him he assured me that he wanted to become a faithful Adventist. He invited others to join him in his decision, and as a result, a large group are anxiously waiting for a worker to arrive and give

THE RIGHT METHOD

them studies so that they can become Seventh-Day Adventists. COLPORTEUR E. SANCHEZ, Mexico.



"LET the youth who need an education set to work with a determination to obtain it. Do not wait for an opening; make one for yourselves. Take hold in any small way that presents itself."



North England Conference

President: Pastor O. M. Dorland.

Office Address: 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

North England Conference—Liverpool

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After Many Days

FIFTEEN years ago, the writer, then a young minister three years out of the college, was called from Grimsby to labour in Sutton-in-Ashfield and Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. During the eighteen months spent there, two goodly-sized companies of believers, under the blessing of God, were raised up.

Somehow, since those days, there has been little opportunity of revisiting these dear people; Scotland, Ireland, and other distant sections of the field claiming our services.

Therefore it was a great privilege recently to accept the invitation of these Nottinghamshire friends to revisit them.

What a joy to find so many—even after death and removal by transfer have accounted for several—still rejoicing in the message found so long ago. A feature of those earlier days was the splendid group of young people and the fine times we enjoyed together. This visit gave us a shock—reminding us of the passage of time—for several of these old-time young people have now homes and charges of their own. There were the children of these grown-up children at the services and sitting in the same seats their mothers sat in fifteen years ago! Of the absent ones, one is now in the Glasgow Church and rearing a sturdy son for Christ, two at college preparing for larger service, one or two nearer home, while one of the “babies” of those early days is now doing signal service somewhere at the Division head-quarters!

Oh, that these young mothers may train their little ones for Jesus and His kingdom. What a joy to meet the lambs of the flock, new, as well as old.

The week-end we had with these friends was well spent. Beginning on Friday evening with a cottage meeting in the home of one too sick to attend the meetings, we had Sabbath-school and service in Sutton in the morning, while in the afternoon, at Mansfield, we had a united meeting and a packed hall. That united meeting we shall not soon forget. The Spirit of God gave great liberty and

many were the testimonies to the Lord's providences, preserving, and prayers wonderfully answered. And one or two of the straying sheep were there—back with God's people—back to the fold of safety!

Then on Sunday night, hasty arrangement having been made the day before, a public meeting and another full hall. In between, there were the inevitable visitations to as many as time allowed. Hospitality there was in plenty!

Yes, a happy visit, indeed. A joy to meet the fruits of early labours, to find the dear people holding on and awaiting the day of triumph. We returned to Manchester greatly encouraged and with a conviction that such return visits pay.

S. GEORGE HYDE.



Light Amid Darkness

It was our privilege last Sunday night to hold a cottage meeting in a village in Derbyshire, when twenty gathered to sing praises to God and to study His Word. In this same village there are fifty or more families. Yet only seven or eight of them are Protestant, it being a stronghold of Catholicism. There Brother and Sister Sargeson live to uphold the light of truth, surrounded by spiritual darkness.

Several came for the first time to hear the message of God's unchanging love and the everlasting covenant. The good work going forward in several villages, where souls are being gathered in, is the fruitage of the faithful labours of Sister Tesh.

At the close of this Sunday evening service, one said, “Truly it has been good to be here. We have received a few drops of the latter rain in answer to prayer.”

Let us live the life, and we shall receive showers of blessing which the Lord is waiting to give.

H. CASSON.

Welsh Mission

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Annual Meeting

THIS will be our last announcement in the WORKER before the Welsh Annual Meeting, May 31st to June 3rd. All the meetings are being held in the Whitehall Rooms, Park Hotel, Queen Street, Cardiff. Remember the first meeting is on Thursday evening, May 31st, at 7.30. Our members are urged to attend the opening meeting and continue throughout the series.

Splendid ministerial help is being supplied at this annual meeting. A rich blessing, which none can afford to miss, awaits us.

Those requiring lodgings should write immediately to 80 Australia Road, Cardiff, stating their needs.

CARDIFF CHURCH

ON Sabbath, May 5th, the Cardiff Church held its first service in "Salem" Welsh Baptist Chapel, Moira Terrace. It was a blessed occasion. Our members felt constrained to say, "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

This chapel has been secured for our Cardiff Church Sabbath services. Friends visiting please note the address: "Salem" Baptist Chapel, Moira Terrace. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11.15 a.m. Other church services continue to be held in our own Advent Mission Annexe, Fitzallan Place.
G. D. KING.



"THE dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Ask for His blessing. It is time we were more intense in our devotion. To us is committed the arduous, but happy, glorious work of revealing Christ to those who are in darkness. We are called to proclaim the special truths for this time. For all this the outpouring of the Spirit is essential. We should pray for it. The Lord expects us to ask Him."

Advertisements

NOTE.—The charge for advertisements in this paper is one penny per word. This applies to all advertisements except requests for employment sent in by members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Advertisers are requested to send cash with their advertisements, otherwise they may have to be held over until the following issue.

FOR SALE.—Corner building plot, half acre, with fruit trees and filberts, good well of water also three acre field. One mile from station Write: W. C. Wallis, Whinbergh, Dereham, Norfolk.

TORQUAY.—Comfortable holiday apartments; large double bedroom, or two single bedrooms. Write: Mrs H. M. Watson, 3 Princes Road, East.

WANTED.—Position as companion-help, light duties, by an active middle-aged, cheerful, and travelled sister. Willing to accept a modest salary for congenial home among our people. Not afraid of responsibility. Write: c/o Mrs. Buckle, "Claremont," Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

A SISTER has nice quiet home in the country for one desiring rest or in need of a permanent home. Terms very moderate. Write: c/o Mrs. Baker, The Dean, Alresford, Hants

PRINTING—Handbills, posters, etc, for effort work. Billheads, memos, tickets, labels, catalogues, etc. Cheap prices, prompt dispatch. Estimates free. Write: A & E. Sharp, Electric Press, Bentham, Lancaster.

MOTHER and daughter, or two friends, wanted to do cooking and work of very nice labour-saving home; separate bath and bedrooms; hot and cold water; good wages; church privileges; three in family. Write: Mrs. M. Rattle, Raydons, Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.

WOULD anyone like to share cottage near Newmarket. Terms low. Write: F. J. Kinman, Knaphill, Woking.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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May 25th	8 57	9 9	9 10	9 35	9 36
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The Missionary Worker

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The June Issue of
GOOD HEALTH

is full of timely and instructive articles on health matters and should be read by all.

HAY FEVER AND ASTHMA will be of special interest to those who experience the distressing symptoms of these complaints in the early summer.

SAFE SLIMMING sounds a grave warning in view of recent fatalities.

SEASONABLE SALADS will help the housewife to make the best of Nature's bounties at this time of the year.

"Scientific Eating and Drinking," "The Virtues of Goat's Milk," and "Common Diseases of the Ear" are other subjects dealt with in a practical, non-technical way.

BRIGHT TWO-COLOUR COVER

Order a supply through your Home Missionary Secretary. Usual discounts to churchmembers.

At Rest

NEWELL.—Sister Ellen Newell, of Sheffield, passed peacefully away, March 18th, at the advanced age of eighty years. She passed through many trials but loved the message of truth to the end. She was laid to rest in the Fulwood Churchyard until the resurrection morning. The Vicar kindly assisted the writer in conducting the service.
H. CASSON.

WELCH.—On Sabbath afternoon, April 14th, Sister Gladys Welch fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, at the St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. At times she suffered much, but always bore her sufferings patiently. It was about twenty years ago that Pastor G. W. Bailey brought the truth to the mother, who brought up her five children in the message, under very trying circumstances. Sister Gladys spent two years in the college, also some time in the colporteur work. Her one ambition in life was to fit herself for some place in the Lord's work. The church has lost a young, loyal, and earnest worker. She leaves to mourn, a mother, brother, and three sisters, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. On Wednesday afternoon, April 18th, in the presence of relations, members, and friends, we laid Gladys to rest in the Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth, till the voice of Jesus calls her from her dusty bed to glorious immortality. (Psa. 116:15)
ALFRED E. BACON.

McLAUGHLIN.—Sister Hannah McLaughlin, the aged mother of Sister Whiteside, quietly passed away to her rest at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Whiteside, Creery, Lisburn, on April 23rd, having reached the great age of ninety-seven years. Our sister accepted the message under the ministry of Brother Hutchinson, some thirty-two years ago. Previous to this she had enjoyed a good Christian experience, having found the Saviour in her early years. In her own native town there are those living to-day who bear testimony to her faithfulness in witnessing for the Master. She was a loyal Adventist and was loved by many on both sides of the Irish Sea. On Wednesday, April 25th, our dear sister was buried near the grave of her husband in the Second Kilrea Presbyterian Churchyard. She sleeps in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Pastor J. McMillan and the writer took part in the service.
J. HARKER.

BLACKBURN.—The Watford Town Church has been made sad by the loss of Brother F. Blackburn, who fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday evening, April 22nd. He accepted the message of present truth under the ministry of Pastor J. D. Gillatt in 1916, and through the years served in many different capacities as an officer of the church. During recent years he suffered greatly. An operation two years ago failed to effect any real improvement, and following a relapse in the early months of this year, he passed peacefully away. After a short service in the Watford Town Church our dear brother was laid to rest in the Watford New Cemetery, the services in the church and at the graveside being conducted by the writers. Brother Blackburn was ever an earnest, courageous Christian, and his presence in the home and in the church will be greatly missed. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, daughter, and three sons who are left to mourn. May the God of grace sustain them until the reunion in the better land.
F. D. BUCKLE,
W. L. EMMERSON.

Mrs. BLACKBURN and family, of the Watford Town Church, wish to thank all for their floral tributes and messages of sympathy in connection with their recent sad bereavement.

The Word of the Lord Came

By W. A. SPICER

It came to John the Baptist. It had been written in the scroll of Holy Scripture centuries before. Now the time for it to speak had come. The first advent of the Messiah was at hand. The way had been specially prepared. God's hand was laid upon the nations. One tongue had become the current speech of the known world. "The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness." Luke 3:2. It was the word of prophecy for the hour: "As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Luke 3:4.

And as the time for the Word to speak arrived, that word of ages before spoke in living voice to John, and through him to the people, like a trumpet peal direct from heaven, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

So it has ever been. A word that lies on the sacred page, waiting its time, suddenly flames forth with light and life and power for the appointed hour.

The generation before the Reformation of Luther's time was one of preparation for the reform. It was a period of discovery, and change, and intellectual awakening. Then the light broke in upon the darkness, the long prophetic period of papal domination was "shortened," as Christ had said it would be, "for the elect's sake," and a new era had opened in God's work on earth.

And here a word of God in Holy Scripture woke to new life. When Luther was toiling up that stair in Rome on his knees, hoping to gain release from the burden of guilt, there flashed into his heart the text, "The just shall live by faith." A new man rose from the stair. Luther had often read the text, doubtless, but now the fullness of time had come for a new development of the work of God, and those words burned with a light that was never to be quenched. The Reformation set free the open Bible, and broke the reign of papal domination. Soon the Word of light was to be sent by preacher and teacher, press and colporteur, throughout the old papal world.

Not the instructive history merely, but also the inspiration of those stirring times is our need today. God has in hand in our time the finishing of the work of the Reformation. Again the prophetic scriptures flash with blazing lights upon our path as the time has come again to prepare the way of the Lord. In the prophecy of Revelation 14:6-14 is a picture by Inspiration that no one understood until the time came in the days of 1844. Then these scriptures began to flame with light, and the definite Advent movement of the prophecy rose, crying the message, "The hour of His judgment is come."

Light from the Word of God broke forth as the time came. Scriptures long waiting on the written

page awoke to life and power. We see clearly that the time has come for the final revelation of the "everlasting Gospel" to every nation, and tongue, and people. The way has been prepared. Practically all the world has been opened. God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. May the inspiration from on high set all our souls aflame with untiring zeal to do the work.

W. A. SPICER.



Are You Waiting to be Told?

A FAULT excused to-day will go unnoticed tomorrow, and an outward blemish often betrays an inward carelessness. One day a merchant was passing through his store and noticed some badly-soiled gum labels on a tableful of china plates. He asked for the manager of the department and called his attention to the labels.

"Oh, yes," said the man, "I'll change them right away."

"But," said the merchant, "that is not the point at all. A boy can change them when he is told. What bothers me is not those gum labels, but the fact that you and a dozen other people in this department have seen these soiled labels every day for weeks, and not one of you has thought to change them. And if you let things go which are so conspicuously wrong, what assurance have I that you are not letting a hundred other things go at loose ends which I cannot know about unless I come in here and do your work over after you? I don't pay you a salary to change labels when someone else tells you, but to know when the labels ought to be changed, and to teach your assistants to know when they ought to be changed, and to change them without being told even by you."

Are you waiting to be told to do the duty that stands plainly before your eyes?—*Selected.*



The Fruitage of Literature

PASSING on reminiscences of early days on Pitcairn Island as related by Sister Ann McCoy, over eighty years of age, Missionary W. D. Smith writes in the *Church Officers' Gazette*:

"In speaking of the way the truth first came to Pitcairn, she said that it was by means of the printed page in the form of tracts and *Signs* sent by our good brethren in America, Brethren White and Loughborough, who also wrote letters. Ten years later the living preacher appeared, and the people having carefully considered the truths contained in the tracts, etc., were ready to hear and to embrace the message, when spoken by Brother Tay. Immediately after his arrival the people began to keep the Sabbath. Later, in 1890, the mission ship, 'Pitcairn,' arrived with missionaries who instructed the people in the beliefs of the Adventist denomination."