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Back to Bethel

By H. W. LOWE

THERE are in every life some recurring experiences that render necessary a regular and conscious spiritual renovation.

We live in a world that grows less spiritual, and we too often absorb the environment in which we live. We must of necessity exist by the material means of life, but too frequently our spirits are sullied by the materialism of the system that sustains us. Even religious movements are in part operated by the mechanism of organization, and this machinery can quite easily make us mechanical in our devotions. It may stultify our spiritual life. It may make the sacred truths of this message so commonplace that we cease to reverence them, and to keep our lives regulated by them.

This civilization of which men boast is too largely tainted with selfishness. This selfishness is often painfully present in the religious life. We praise God with our lips, but we withhold a material tribute to support His cause in the world.

We Adventists have safeguards that should save us from all these things. Firstly,

we have a sustaining knowledge of the living Word. Secondly, we lay great, but not sufficient emphasis, on prayer. Thirdly, our world missionary programme has its natural corollary in a faithful adherence to the divine system of tithes and offerings, which adherence keeps us from selfish and unspiritual absorptions.

This Week of Prayer, December 4th to 11th, gives us (1) opportunity for reflection on the blessed Word of life, (2) occasion for earnest public and private devotion, and (3) a vivid picture of world conditions and needs that should open our hearts and our purse-strings.

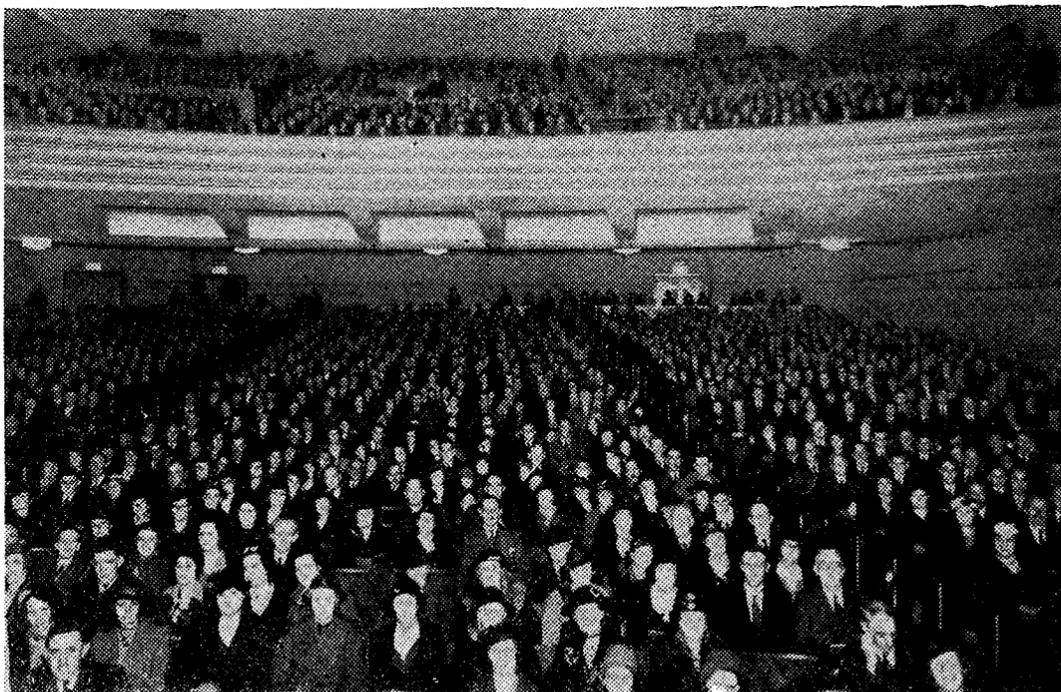
Surely these are times when we need the complete Bethel experience of the patriarch Jacob. All of us enter into parts of his experience at and prior to Bethel; but very few of us go on to the complete restoration that came to him. We have in mind these phases of the Bethel chapter:

1. *The Cause of Jacob's Flight* (Gen. 27:41, 42).

He feared to face the consequences of his deceptions. Every man has the same fears, but every man must nevertheless stand accountable for "the deeds done in the flesh." Whatever hideous fears haunt us, whatever may be our need for forgiveness and renewal this year, we shall find our renewal if we keep on to Bethel.

2. *The excuse for Jacob's Flight* (Gen. 27:46.)

This material excuse seemed to have avoided the issue, but an inexorable law that governs each of us led Jacob on to judgment. No excuse can permanently avoid the fact that we need God and His cleansing forgiveness. Let us not excuse ourselves from whole-



Some of the two thousand people who are listening to Pastor C. A. Reeves each Sunday evening in the new Regal Cinema, Ilford. (See report on page 3.)

hearted participation in the exercises of the Week of Prayer. Onward to Bethel!

3. *Whom Jacob Saw at Bethel* (Gen. 28:12, 13).

So often we think of *what* the wanderer saw. The chief point, surely, in this dream was that he saw "the Lord." What have you been looking at all this year? Yourself? Your business? Your family? Your future? Your possessions? Better were it to look up and see God, not as the remote, unknowable being some people think about, but the Lord of all life, to whom we find ready access by a ladder. Let us "see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." John 1:51. (Compare Heb. 1:14; Luke 15:10.) Yes, we need God and the help of His angels and the joy of a new acceptance.

4. *The Results of the Bethel Visit.*

After introducing Himself as the God of Jacob's fathers, Jehovah then renewed to Jacob the blessing promised to the fathers, as He will to us the children of Jacob (Gen. 28:13, 14). He "will not leave us" (verse 15).

Then Jacob found himself in a dreadful place, but that was because the dread of sin's results was in his soul. Later, when that dread was rolled away and he knew his sin was forgiven, Jacob saw "the face of God" (Peniel, Gen. 32:30), and complete preservation from sin's consequences was his.

Lastly, Jacob vowed a vow. We do not like vows to-day, especially when they mean parting with money! A right reading of Genesis 28:22 leads to the conclusion that when Jacob said "if" God would keep him he would return cash gifts to God's cause, he was neither expressing doubt nor driving a sharp bargain. The word "if" could be rendered "so then" or "since." It was a vow to pay what he knew he would have to pay since God's care and promises never fail.

This year's end finds us facing great needs, both personally and in God's world-wide work. Only as we go back to our Bethel ("the house of God") and see our Peniel

("the face of God") can God's work of grace be finished on earth.

Oh, let us go back to Bethel, giving ourselves wholly and our

means unstintingly during this 1937 Week of Prayer, and in this Annual Offering for the tremendous needs of a perishing world!

Facts Concerning Our World Work

THE latest Statistical Report of our world work is, at the moment of writing, being presented by Brother H. E. Rogers, the Statistical Secretary. Many interesting things are revealed in his voluminous summaries, a few of which we pass on to our believers in the British Isles.

"At the close of 1936, this work was conducted in 378 countries, islands, and island groups, by 26,553 evangelistic and institutional labourers, who are using in their work 649 languages and dialects. This is an increase of seventy-one languages during 1936, or practically one new language added every five days during the year. The increase since 1929 has been 255 languages, or one new language added on an average of every ten days during the past seven years."

"The membership of the 8,243

churches of the denomination throughout the world at the close of 1936 was 438,139. This is a gain of 138,584 since 1929."

"There are now seventy union conferences, 143 local conferences, 328 missions, and 489 institutions, with which are connected a total of 26,553 evangelistic and institutional labourers."

The number of labourers outside now greatly exceeds the number inside North America. "The total labourers now stand thus: North America, 9,650; outside, 16,903. The percentages are, for North America, 36.34; outside, 63.66."

"The total funds received since the beginning of this movement have now reached the aggregate amount of £48,095,164, of which 55.42 per cent has been tithes, 29.57 per cent for foreign missions, and 15.01 per cent for home missions."

H. W. LOWE.

A Thirteenth Sabbath Suggestion

As you know, the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow this quarter is to come among other places to Nigeria. But perhaps you have not noticed that the offering will be taken up on Christmas Day.

All of us know very well that Jesus was not born on this day, but in spite of this we cannot avoid a very kindly, gift-making spirit stealing over us as on every hand we are reminded that Jesus gave all that He had for us, and came to earth as a baby. Thus it is true to say that the dominant thoughts at Christmas time are (1) gifts, and (2) very small children.

How happy you will be then to know that here in Nigeria are many small children who will be benefited by your gifts this Christmas Day.

I have just come in from seeing a baby girl, less than a year old, who is making a gallant fight to prevent a bad case of measles developing into a case of pneumonia.

And I have also seen a new-comer of about six months of age who has been sick from birth; and yet another who is also suffering horribly for the sins of its parents, as so many children do out here. Another has a cut foot, and another has a foot badly infected with jiggers (fleas which burrow under the toe-nails most painfully). And there are yet others, including one little tot, as yet without a name, who was born here two weeks ago. All these I have seen this morning receiving attention from Mrs. Hyde in our dispensary at Jengre.

There are, of course, many, many others who are not sick, but still very needy.

Then what is the position now? Why, that, while you are most generously providing the gifts, we are most abundantly providing the children. Between us we surely should make a most delightful Christmas of it.

As an added joy, I would suggest

that, wherever it is possible, the children be taught this very simple Hausa hymn. The tune is, "Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children," a jolly tune which all children enjoy. It is number 562 in the *Advent Hymnal Revised*, and 148 in *Child Songs*, by Carey Bonner.

Here is the hymn:

Yabi Yesu yara kankanana,
Domin shi kamna ne.
Yabi Yesu yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.

Yi godiya yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.
Yi godiya yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.

Kamnache shi yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.
Kamnache shi yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.

Dowkake shi yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.
Dowkake shi yara kankanana
Domin shi kamna ne.

The translation of the first verse is:

Praise Jesus, children little
Because He love is.

The next verse changes "Yabi Yesu" into "Yi godiya," which is "Give thanks." The third verse has "Kam-na-che Shi," meaning "Love Him," while the last has "Dowka-ke Shi," which means, "Exalt Him."

The pronunciation will not trouble you. "Kankanana" is the only word that requires explanation. The "a" of the first two syllables is rather like "u" and those in the last two have the hard "r" sound, making the word "kunkunānā."

So you see the words are almost exactly as in English; they are extremely easy to learn, and they are entirely appropriate.

Now here is a bargain I will make with you. If you will have your children sing this hymn while you take up the offering (or at some other more convenient part of the programme) I will have our children sing it, too. Then if you shut your eyes you will easily imagine that you are hearing our little black children singing. (Indeed, they will sing it so loudly that you will almost be able to hear them with your eyes open.)

Then with your eyes still closed, plunge your hand boldly down into wherever you keep your money, and give all you grasp.

On opening your eyes you will experience that glorious feeling

that can never be excelled until you open your eyes in heaven.

Is it a bargain? Good.

A happy Christmas, and a blessed New Year to you all.

J. J. HYDE.

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Ilford's Day of Visitation

CONVINCED by the accumulating signs of the times that the end is right upon us, we are justified in our expectancy of a mighty movement of God's Spirit in these days. Such an outpouring, we confidently believe, is accompanying the proclamation of the Advent message in the East London district of Ilford.

Two thousand people crowded into the beautiful Regal Theatre to hear the opening address, "All Eyes East—China's Clash and Europe's Tangle" on October 31st. Long before the doors were opened complaints were coming in from the police because of traffic obstruction caused by the huge queues. Throughout the address there was the keenest attention, and at its close a spontaneous burst of applause indicated that the message was well received. No less than 750 people left their names and addresses for literature.

Again on the following Sunday, November 7th, there was an attendance of 2,000 people. A photograph of the congregation was taken by a press photographer and appeared on the front page of the local paper. To date we have received the names of over 1,300 people desiring literature, and our small band of helpers is working at full pressure to meet the demand.

Some good open-air meetings have been conducted each Saturday night, and these are helping to stir the district. Last Tuesday at the Ilford Town Hall we had the unique experience of having to turn people away from a week-night meeting. Nearly 350 people filled the hall, and 100 had to be turned away. To meet the need we are now commencing to hold two

week-night meetings so that none of the interest shall be lost.

As we come to another Week of Prayer let us earnestly petition the throne of grace on behalf of all who are seeking the lost, that there may be a Pentecostal harvest. "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." C. A. REEVES.



Harvest Festival at Carlton Colville

ON Sunday, October 10th, the Harvest Festival at Carlton Colville church was held. At nine o'clock sharp on Sunday morning, hampers, sacks, and bags of goods—and flowers—began to arrive, and the willing workers began their pleasant and happy task.

Did the churchmembers and friends respond? They certainly did. Flowers everywhere it was possible to put them, wheat, red berries, and maize hanging overhead, and all around us fruit, vegetables, eggs, sweets, preserves, cakes, and biscuits. Two huge loaves were also displayed. God had worked upon the hearts of many people to give. Some had never entered our church.

Slowly, it seemed to us, 6.30 p.m. arrived, and with it a stream of people wended their way to the Advent church. Chairs were hurriedly borrowed, and yet, didn't I see one standing throughout the service? Surely some heart was stirred by the solo for intellect, voice, hands, feet, yes, even heart itself to be made an offering to God in that rendering of Jude's "Consecration."

Pastor L. A. Watson brought before that large congregation

many fine thoughts, including the creative work of God, and with the words of Jeremiah 8:20: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved," he closed his appealing address. Pastor Watson also grasped the fine opportunity of inviting the young people present to a series of young people's services to commence the following Friday evening.

Many people, some sick and some poor and needy, received the gifts so freely given, and we pray that the effort made may have some far-reaching results in Carlton.

But wait! Haven't they already begun to show themselves? On Friday evening over one hundred young people and children filled the church for the young people's service, and the leaders do earnestly ask the prayers of every young people's society that the seed sown may bring forth an abundant harvest.

W. MARTIN.



Harvest Festival at Lowestoft

WE gathered in the Lowestoft church on October 3rd once again to remember our heavenly Father's love and care in His harvest blessings. The church had been tastefully decorated with corn and flowers, fruit and vegetables. These products of the earth witnessed of God's love to the assembled congregation.

As Pastor L. A. Watson spoke on "The message of the harvest," we were led to see that all Nature bears its witness to the God who made and controls the world. The earth is His handiwork, and the true Christian alone can fully appreciate the power and beauty of it. We were reminded that the way to salvation lies through obedience, which alone will commend us to God when the great harvest of the world is reaped.

The goods were disposed of during the following evening, and brought over £3 into the church treasury.

"All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the
Lord
For all His love."

CHURCH CLERK.

Harvest Festival at Wood Green

WOOD GREEN church held its Harvest Festival service on October 9th. The church was very nicely decorated, and there was a wonderful display of good things brought by the faithful members. Pastor L. E. A. Lane and Brother E. Ashton took the services on Sabbath and Sunday evening.

They delivered very stirring messages. We had a full church and were very pleased to welcome many strangers. We pray that God will bless those good people and guide their footsteps to come and worship again with us.

We extend our gratitude to those responsible for making our Harvest Festival a success.

N. BARNI, *Clerk.*

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Notes from the President

THE Annual Week of Prayer will soon be with us. December 4th to 11th has been set apart for this special season of intercession. The plans and special readings are already in the hands of the church leaders. We trust that careful arrangements will be made so as to take full advantage of this opportunity for spiritual advancement in Christian living.

NOMINATING committees should be appointed and the election of officers for the coming year carried through so that they can enter upon their duties the first Sabbath of the new year.

WE are pleased to report a good increase in the conference finances, and we thank the members for their continued liberality and faithfulness to the cause of God. We are able to report a further advance in literature sales. We are now over £800 in advance of 1936. Our faithful colporteurs should be remembered daily at the throne of grace, as they continue the self-sacrificing door-to-door work. More Ingathering continues to come into the office. Already we have about £200 above our goal, so that there is every hope that the total 1936 figures will be exceeded. Again we thank the members for their unstinted service.

ON Sabbath, December 11th, the Annual Offering for missions

should be received. Envelopes for this purpose will be sent to the treasurers in due time for distribution on December 4th. We must stand by the missions until the work is finished.

THE Conference Poor Fund is overdrawn. It should be understood that each church sends into the conference a tithe of its poor fund collections. This makes it possible for the conference not only to meet the needs of certain of the isolated members, but also to help those churches who find it difficult to help all of their own needy cases.

ALREADY we have baptized and added by vote a larger number than in previous years, and good baptisms are planned for Newcastle, Darlington, Manchester, Liverpool, and Newbold before the end of the year.

WE are pleased to report a good interest in those efforts which have commenced. Many of the efforts will not begin until the new year. Pastor W. M. Lennox has moved to York, and Pastor J. A. McMillan to Hull. Brother J. R. Lewis is now located in Kidderminster, and will also care for Worcester. Pastor W. Maudsley plans to break new ground at Chester. Miss A. F. Clarke moves to Bolton. Brother J. C. French has moved to Leeds. We ask the prayers of the MESSENGER family on behalf of all the workers.

O. M. DORLAND.

Willing in the Day of God's Power

"THEN the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. . . . Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord."

It has been a wonderful time again this year, this Ingathering!

The 1937 Campaign in the North England Conference will go down into history as a new achievement—another record in this marvellous work to which we are called. Under the blessing of God, and with the splendid co-operation of a willing people, we reached our objective.

A FULL GOAL BY THE EIGHTH REPORT

We have felt for some years that if our churches would thoroughly organize the membership and unitedly set to work, this most important campaign could be completed in a much shorter time than in previous years. We therefore invited our churches to work with us to this end. Needless to say, our conference workers, church officers, and members gave their whole-hearted support to this plan and "with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord."

Throughout the world there can be no more loyal people than those of this message, and the northerners are no exception to this.

Commencing collecting this year up on the Tyneside, it has been our privilege and joy to work with different churches each week, and also with our isolated members. Everywhere we have found a spirit of willing service.

Here is Brother —, eighty-two years of age, with £30 to his credit. Another brother about the same age, with £18, and still another, a few years their senior, with about £20. We visited Sister —, one of our isolated members who has been very ill, and helped her for one day. She now reports over £30. Myrna, aged six, has collected £1. 0s. 5d. with her "Foot of Pennies" cards, and so the story goes on. From the youngest to the grandfathers and grandmothers in

Israel, the same sacrificial spirit is found. The office family have left the multitudinous duties that fall to their lot and have been out collecting almost every Sunday.

Our students at Newbold, led by the faculty, enthusiastically responded again this year, and we had a wonderful time together as we went forth into the towns and villages around the college. We wish it were possible for you all to have spent a day with such a fine body of young people as we have in residence at school. In spite of the language handicap, our Continental students joined heartily in the work, and it was truly wonderful the success that attended their efforts.

One student came back with over £3 (and a large bunch of flowers), and many others brought in £1, 30/-, and £2 each day. Some had set their goal at £10. Let us continually remember at the throne of grace the faculty at Newbold and our young men and young ladies in school.

Over fifty per cent of our churches and companies have reached the full goal, and we

anticipate that before the final figures are reported, the majority of the others will have done likewise.

We give to our great Leader, Jesus, all the honour and glory for what He has been able to do through His church, and are reminded again that "the church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the Gospel to the world. *And the obligation rests upon all Christians.*"—"Steps to Christ," page 69.

Once again we have proved the statement on page sixty-seven of the same book to be true:

"God might have committed the message of the Gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love, He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, *that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry.*"

H. T. JOHNSON.

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Welsh Relief

ON behalf of our less fortunate brethren in the Welsh Mission I would like to pass on the sincerest thanks to all those who have remembered their need and have engaged in Dorcas and other kinds of activities on their behalf. There is still considerable need for the continuance of this kindly service. Many of our people are still very needy, the slight improvement in the economic situation having afforded them, as yet, no relief. But in sending gifts of clothing, boots, and shoes, will our friends try and secure, in addition, some outer clothing for the menfolk. A few suits would be very welcome.

We particularly commend the plan of some Dorcas Societies who carefully select, wash, and repair each article before sending.

And may we ask you to write us before sending any goods so that we can send you an address to which your parcel may be sent. If you can send a few particulars as to the contents of your parcel, it will help us in deciding its destination. Thank you once again for your kindly co-operation and practical sympathy. S. G. HYDE.

"Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll"

BEGINNING with January, 1938, the lesson medium for the small children will be *Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll*, Book I, by Rosamond D. Ginther. The lessons for the year will cover Old Testament stories from creation to the crossing of the Jordan.

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ways and byways with the good news of present truth.

The church at Middlesbrough have with great interest followed the development of this scheme, and as Brother and Sister Cundy join the noble army of colporteurs they can rest assured that the earnest and sincere prayers of their friends will follow them in this new venture of faith and love for their Master.

D. J. HANDYSIDES:

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A Venture of Faith and Love

THE Middlesbrough church has lost two of its faithful members. The loss, however, does not make the remaining members grieve, for Brother and Sister Cundy, who have left us, are joining the ranks of the colporteur force, to help speed this wonderful Advent message to the waiting millions of northern England.

It is two years and five months since these two staunch believers took their stand with the "remnant church." Since that time they have grown in grace and love, inasmuch that now they are determined to forsake their old home to follow their Lord in the pathway of service and sacrifice.

When Brother Cundy and his wife stepped out for this message, at once they were faced with the problem of unemployment as a result of Brother Cundy losing his position as a foreman in a large omnibus company. Gradually the money which had been saved was used up and the car which had been so great a source of pleasure had to be sold. The time came when they were in dire straits and dependent solely on the sure promises of God.

"It is wonderful the way God has provided," however, was a constant expression on the lips of Sister Cundy, and with words no less inspiring, Brother Cundy adds his testimony of praise and thanksgiving:

It was while they were

placed at the mercy of God that they were led to see that it was in the literature ministry that they would receive the greatest joy. Hence they were led to adopt the following scheme. They would sell up their home and all their beloved belongings, and with the proceeds they would build a caravan, purchase a car, and in love and faith in the message they hold so dear, they would go out into the high-



Brother and Sister Cundy beside their "Gospel Caravan," with the aid of which they are planning to circulate "Present Truth" throughout the villages of North England.

A Request from Africa

IN the "personal" columns of newspapers one sometimes finds pathetic little stories of loneliness and isolation, in the shape of requests that those who read might correspond with the ones who have advertised, with a view to exchanging and sharing in things of common interest.

I do not know why it is, but I always feel sorry for those who insert such advertisements. It seems to me that they must be living in a world which contributes little to the chief interest of their lives.

In Nigeria are some who feel just that way: native teachers standing alone in a world of sin, and desiring to be in closer touch with some in England who have been "long upon the road," and through whose means the truth has been preached in Africa. Several teachers, desiring to improve their knowledge of the English language, and of the English friends who love the truth as they do, wish to correspond with some of the friends at "home" to this end.

They are good young men whose faith has been tried, and who are fruitful in the cause we all love. They are working among strange tribes, seldom see their own homes, are often shown disrespect; yet always they are quiet and dignified and ready to preach the Word, in season and out of season.

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Wedding Bells

ROWLAND-GLADWELL.—On Tuesday morning, September 28, 1937, in the Chiswick Seventh-Day Adventist church, William Rowland and Edna Gladwell were united in holy wedlock. A number of members and friends were present to witness the ceremony. We wish them every happiness, with God's richest blessings on their united labours for Him.

ALFRED E. BACON.

TOD-DICKENSON.—On Sabbath, August 14th, Brother Malcolm Campbell Tod was united in marriage to Sister Olive Dickenson, at the Baker's Hall, Dundee, where a number of church-members and friends gathered. The hall was tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers.

After the ceremony, the happy couple were presented with a Bible, a copy of *Bible Readings for the Home*, and *Christ's Object Lessons*. These gifts were from the church-members.

The reception was held at the home of Pastor and Mrs. McCrow. Some days later, Brother and Sister Tod left for North Wales, where they commence their new life together.

We wish them much of the Lord's

blessing, as they seek to serve Him unitedly in their new sphere.

HAROLD W. McCrow.

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At Rest

HANSON.—On Sabbath, October 30, 1937, Brother John Henry Hanson was taken to hospital suffering severely from the effects of a carbuncle which had appeared about two weeks earlier. In spite of skilled medical attention, septicæmia developed and he lost consciousness late on the evening of November 5th. He passed away quite peacefully shortly afterward. Brother Hanson accepted the third angel’s message in the year 1921 through an effort conducted by Pastor A. S. Rodd in the city of York, and was baptized by him on February 14th of that year. About the same time the church was organized, and Brother Hanson was appointed its first local elder, which office he continued to hold with untiring and consecrated energy up to the time of his fatal illness. He gave good service to the North England Conference as a member of the executive committee, and on a number of occasions was invited to sit on the British Union Conference Annual Audit. His love for the cause frequently took him to Scarborough to minister to the company there, and all his church work was greatly appreciated. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, and our brother was laid to rest in the York Cemetery, there to await the Saviour’s certain call to immortality. Besides his own immediate family, a large number of friends from the church were present to show their respect and sympathy. Brother Hanson had been retired from business for some months, and the respect he had gained from his business associates was shown by the attendance of a number of these at the funeral. Pastor Dorland spoke words of comfort to the mourners, assuring them of the blessed hope of the resurrection, and referred to the faithful unselfish service which Brother Hanson rendered the cause he loved so dearly. He leaves a wife, a brother, two daughters, and a son to mourn their loss.

N. H. KNIGHT.

HARGREAVES.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Lucy Kate Hargreaves, one of our oldest Sabbath-keepers. Our dear sister passed peacefully to rest while in sleep, on the evening of October 26, 1937, after a period of about a year of declining health. Sister Hargreaves’ acceptance of the message dates back more than forty years to the evangelistic efforts of Elder Washburn in the city of Bath. She became a charter member of the Bath church. Then, as an isolated member of the South England Conference, some years were spent in Dawlish, Devon. More recently, Sister Hargreaves was connected with the church at Stanborough Park and Walthamstow, where precious memories are cherished of her quiet, consistent witness to the Advent faith. On October 29th she was laid to rest in the Bathwick Cemetery, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. This hope, we are persuaded, is the comfort and stay of the mourning family—two sons and one daughter—to each of whom, with all other relatives, we extend our sincere sympathy. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”

J. HARKER

GUMMERY.—On Sabbath, October 16th, the Worcester church sustained a loss in the death of Sister Gummery who passed peacefully away at the age of eighty-one. Sister Gummery was one of the first-fruits of an effort conducted in that city by Pastors F. C. Bailey and A. K. Armstrong. She was baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith on July 16, 1921, and ever since had been a faithful follower of her Lord and Master. For four years she faithfully filled the office of deaconess. She was laid to rest in the Astwood Park Cemetery on October 21st in the presence of relatives and members of the Worcester church. The writer conducted the service and spoke words of comfort and hope to those present. We tender to those who mourn our heartfelt sympathy.

R. A. FREETH.

MRS. E. BELL and family of Forest Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, desire to thank all kind friends who have written expressing sympathy at the loss of their loved one, Brother E. Bell, late of the Newcastle church. The loving solicitude of all is greatly appreci-

ated. Please accept this acknowledgment, as it is impossible to reply to the numerous letters of condolence.

A. V. WARD.

WOOD.—It is with deep regret that we report the death of Sister Wood of the Ealing church, who passed away, after a short illness, on September 30, 1937, at the age of seventy-one years. She and her husband accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor L. Watson, about eight years ago. Her cheerful and Christlike disposition will cause her to be missed by all who knew her, but they are grateful that she was spared to celebrate her golden wedding last May. We extend our deep sympathy to her husband, who will greatly miss the dear one, who was his loving companion for fifty years. At the same time we rejoice that he can look forward, with a sure and certain hope, to a glad reunion on the resurrection morn. Many friends, relatives, and churchmembers attended the funeral service, which was conducted by Pastor L. Watson, assisted by Brother J. Bayliss, at Southall Cemetery on October 6th.

GREEN.—Caroline Mary Green, of 13 Buckingham Road, Watford, after a short illness passed peacefully to her rest on Sabbath eve, October 22nd, at the age of seventy-one. Mrs. Green was the wife of Brother John Green, a deacon of Watford Town church. Though she had only been connected with the church one short year, she endeared herself to all who knew her. Our sister was received into fellowship by the church at Southend, and on her marriage to Brother Green came to Watford. Her husband, one sister, four sons, two nephews, and one niece are left to mourn their loss. But we sorrow not without hope, believing that when Jesus comes again our sister will rise again, for her life is hid with Christ in God. The funeral services were conducted by Brother E. Ashton and the writer.

W. H. MEREDITH.

WE see the mistakes someone makes, the awkward shyness that makes him unpopular. We do not see what may well be there—a hidden life of sacrifice and longing and prayer. We know only in part. It should keep us from hasty judgments and harsh words of blame.

—Rev. Jas. Reid, D.D.

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Dec. 3rd	3.53	3.50	4.06	3.41	4.02
Dec. 10th	3.51	3.48	4.04	3.37	3.58

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