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Help for China

By H. W. LOWE

OUR believers by now have all heard the sad story of the destruction and calamity that has befallen our work in the Shanghai district of China. Briefly to recall the situation, we would mention that all our workers' homes in the Shanghai district have been damaged or destroyed, and practically all personal belongings lost. The Division offices and the large clinic have also suffered in this way, and it is highly probable that the sanitarium and other property have suffered likewise.

This damage and destruction will possibly cost the General Conference treasury at least £60,000 to make good. Undoubtedly this is the greatest calamity of its kind that has ever befallen our work in any part of the world. What our believers in China must be suffering at this time is impossible to describe. We must leave it as a matter of earnest prayer, and trust the Lord to work out even this situation to the glory of His name.

Writing concerning the terrible experiences through which the workers in China have passed, Frederick Griggs, president of the China Division Conference, says:

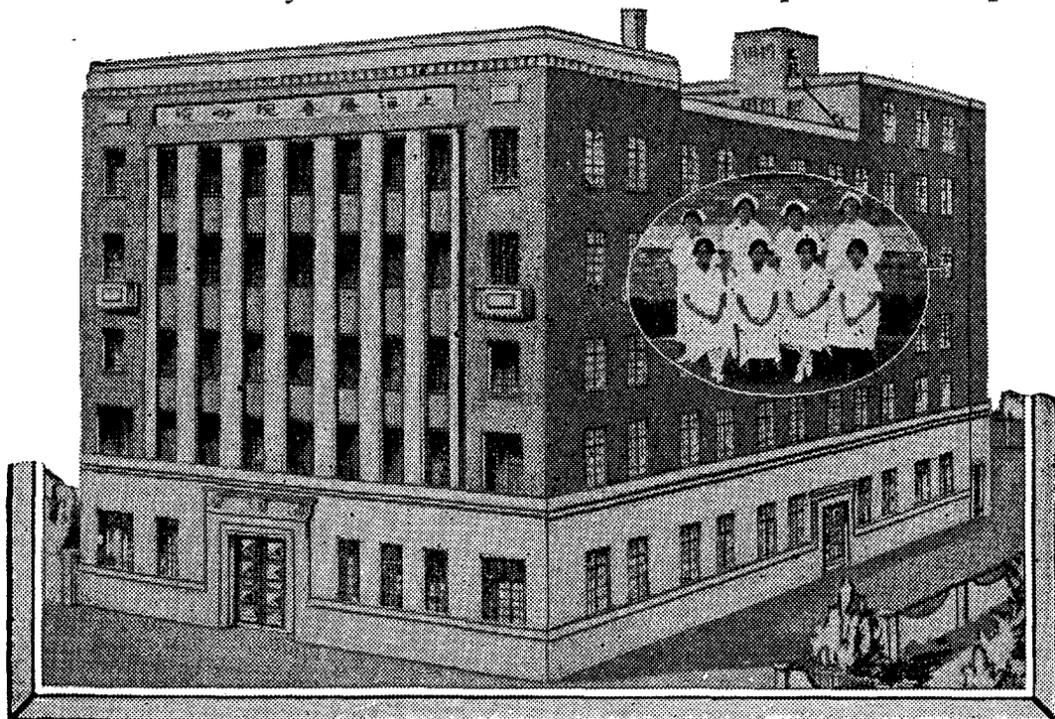
"It is difficult to attempt at this time a detailed description of the confusion and disaster which have come to our work and our properties as a result of this cruel war. We had some thirty families of missionaries in our three Shanghai compounds and at the Range Road Clinic, and also about seventy-five families of Chinese workers. In response to definite word from the American consulate for us to move out of our headquarters compound, we removed to accommodations secured in four places in the International Settlement territory.

"It was at one of these places that the terrible bomb explosion took place Sabbath afternoon, August 14th, afterward called 'bloody Saturday,' which resulted in the death of over a thousand persons, including a number of our press workers. We do not know how many were killed, for many of the bodies were mangled beyond identification. Our loss ap-

proximates between twelve and fifteen dead and missing. Also many of our dear people were wounded. That same day there was another bomb explosion on Nanking Road, about two blocks from where we had a large number of sanitarium workers quartered. This explosion also resulted in the death of several hundred people, but none of them were our workers.

"Confusion was naturally very great. The protection of the International Settlement and French Concession was altogether inadequate. As a consequence, the various consuls at once took steps to evacuate their nationals, the British to Hong Kong, the Americans to the Philippines, and the other nationals to these and other places. On the Tuesday following, most of our women and children were evacuated to the Philippines, at the direction of the American consul. Later in the week others of our workers, save four men who remained in Shanghai, were evacuated to Manila and Hong Kong.

"That portion of the International Settlement in which our Ningkuo Road compound is situated at once became the scene of fierce fighting. We had not left the compound on Friday before the guns began to roar and the bullets to fly. Great sections of this fighting area have been devastated. In this compound we have twelve houses, a three-story office building, a printing plant, the East Shanghai church building, three dormitory apartments in which our press, Division office, and Home Study Institute workers were living, and three academy build-



Our Shanghai Hospital and Clinic which has been seriously damaged during the recent fighting.

ings for the children of missionaries. Our people had to leave the compound and clinic in such haste that they were unable to remove important office materials and records from the institutions, and much of the workers' personal belongings had to be left behind.

"We are unable to set forth in any definite way our losses, because, owing to military occupancy, we are not permitted to make examination. We do know, however, that the buildings in the Ningkuo Road compound and the Range Road Clinic have been very seriously damaged. All our houses and the office buildings have been entered and some occupied by soldiers.

"Brother Longway, home missionary secretary of the division, who visited the compound later, gives this description of damage done to the buildings at that time:

"The boys' dormitory has been badly damaged, with a shell through the water tank, and water has about ruined the walls. The church has been hit by three shells, two through the roof, and one on the corner by the chimney. The bathroom and kitchen of Brother Wood's house were struck by a shell. Elder Rebok's house was hit by a shell on the corner next to Elder Scharffenberg's, by the road. Elder Morris's house was hit on the sun porch in the rear. A shell knocked down the wall by Dr. Butka's old place and shattered all the glass in the windows. The press and school workers' quarters, which are of such light construction that one shell goes through about three rooms before it stops, have been badly shelled. The office building has several marks, with glass broken, doors ruined, and floors and walls scarred. One man was killed on the third floor of the building and another was badly wounded by a shell which wrecked the men's washroom. Office desks and furniture have been moved about, and the contents of desks rummaged and disarranged. The vaults and safes have not been disturbed, excepting the safe at the academy. Looters had tried to open that one, and had jammed it so that Brother Morris could not get it open, but evidently they were unable to open it.

"As an eyewitness, Brother H. L. Shull, who is manager of the Signs of the Times Press, describes the wreckage and carnage caused by another bomb let go a short distance from where our people were meeting for comfort on the Sabbath day:

"Before the meeting actually got under way, a telephone message came with sad news that a bomb had been dropped by an aeroplane at the corner of Avenue Edward VII and Yu Ya Ching Road, and that half of our press workers had been killed.

This news stunned us all. We could hardly believe it to be true. Brother Oss, Dr. Mourer, and I sprang into my car, and we sped as fast as we could to the place where our people had been living. We found the road blocked off some distance away, and had to park the car and walk through a cordon of guards who were surrounding the intersection. We realized then that something terrible had happened, for we could see in the distance that the building which our people had occupied was greatly damaged.

"As we came nearer the building where our people had been living, we would stop a moment to look at this face and that body, thinking that we saw some resemblance to one or more of our press workers.

"We entered the building and went up to the second floor, where our people had been living, and there we met five of our workers weeping and almost crazed over the loss of their wives and children. On the floor near the open French windows we counted seven women and children. We were told that a number of the injured had been sent to the hospital by the police. They did not know where all the others were, thinking that most of them had possibly been killed. We were speechless at the calamity that had befallen our people on a Sabbath afternoon. We had no words with which we could comfort those who mourned for their dead and missing. We seemed as dead people ourselves, so far as being of any help or assistance at a time like this. Truly we can look only to the Lord for comfort and peace when death, destruction, and calamity visit us."

MEDICAL AID RENDERED

"In Canton, far to the southwest, Dr. F. E. Bates, who is medical superintendent of the Canton Sanitarium, has been very active in giving succour to victims of bombing. A pamphlet issued by the Canton Y.M.C.A. makes the following statement about his work:

"Dr. F. E. Bates is a missionary doctor in charge of a hospital in the eastern suburbs of Canton, not far from the flying field, which has for many days been subjected to heavy bombing. This is the best residential suburb of Canton. Nearly everyone has moved from this dangerous area, but Dr. Bates, with his wife, aided by a few loyal Chinese assistants, has kept the hospital open and has not even bothered to put sandbags at the doors and windows. At one-thirty in the afternoon (in clear daylight) on September 22nd, planes dropped six bombs on a residential area, killing not less than three hundred persons, mostly women and children. When the bombing stopped, Dr. Bates drove a truck to the scene and brought out

wounded and dying people. Because of lack of money, Dr. Bates does not have an ambulance for his hospital. It may appeal to some friend of China to give an ambulance to this gallant American physician for use in this crisis."

OUR LOSSES

"It is impossible at this time," says Brother Griggs, "to determine the full extent of our losses, but they will fall largely under three heads:

"1. *Loss of Income.*—Our Shanghai Sanitarium, our printing plant, and our training school were practically self-supporting. With the income now cut off, our reserves have been largely consumed. In our unions and local missions, tithes and offerings have dropped very low, and Harvest Ingathering work is well-nigh impossible. Our outlying sanitariums and schools are closed, but we must carry some of our indispensable helpers in all these places. All this means a loss of not only the earned income of institutions, but also much of what makes up our regular operating budget.

"2. *Damage to Properties.*—A list of our buildings in the Shanghai compound, and the damage already done to these structures, has been given above. How much more fully these buildings may yet be destroyed, and what additional damage may be done to outlying properties, we do not know, but the loss is bound to be heavy.

"3. *Evacuation Expenses.*—The costs of evacuation include not only the sending of workers to Manila and back and others to their homes, but also the transfer of families to Hong Kong, the housing there of the Division, the press, the Far Eastern Academy, and the Home Study Institute personnels, procuring offices in rented quarters, and providing a limited amount of equipment, besides heavy personal losses sustained by the workers. Added to these costs will be whatever expense is incurred by our inland institutions and field workers as the war spreads through the interior."

In North America the Annual Offering is to be devoted to our work in China, but in the Northern European Division and elsewhere it has been decided to ask for a special emergency offering for China on Sabbath, January 29, 1938.

Ministers and church elders should present this urgent need to our people before the offering is taken. Doubtless this is a subject that will appeal readily to the

China Relief Offering, Sabbath, January 29, 1938

hearts and pockets of our missionary-minded believers in the British Union, and funds should be passed

through the regular church and conference channels for this purpose.

Progress Through Persecution in the Gold Coast

It was in Agona, twenty-two miles north of modern Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti, that our first mission station was established on the Gold Coast. All our work lay around that centre until 1932. It was to Agona that my wife and I came in January, 1935. Very quickly we saw that there is something more in the Gold Coast than the mineral gold. The Lord is giving us rewards for our labours and the gold is beginning to shine in its true lustre. There are still towns in Ashanti where the name of Jesus has not been sounded. There are many, many more which have still to hear the threefold message, but our hearts are cheered to see new companies growing up and rejoicing in the new-found light of the everlasting Gospel.

In the middle of 1935 the Lord opened a door for us into a new tribe some 120 miles to the north. The habits and dress of the people are very primitive. Civilization is nowhere to be seen. It was left to a humble lay believer of one of our coast churches to unlock the door to that darkened region. Being there to trade, he began to talk about God and the Advent message. The result was a visit to Agona by two strangers, asking for more light. First we sent one of our native pastors for a visit. Later we were able to send a teacher. More than forty people turned from heathenism to walk with the Lord. Twenty-two of these followed their Lord in baptism. At present, a dozen more are awaiting baptism.

Then a fetish priest gave his heart to Jesus. This decision came because someone stole his gods and a better way was revealed to him. The evil one could not let one of his own disciples leave his ranks without a struggle to keep him. False charges were brought against the ex-priest and he was cast into prison. How his face shone as he returned home, his sentence com-

pleted, still ready to proclaim his Lord. Others of our believers were beaten and threatened.

But now all is changed. "The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light." A second visit has laid a foundation for a large work among that benighted tribe. One young girl was at first banished from her village for accepting the religion of Jesus, with a threat against her life if she returned. But away from her fellow-Christians she held aloft the ban-

ner of truth. Early this year her guardian sought her out, desiring her to marry a man already having a wife. Refusing to lower her colours, she fled to Agona. An institute for church elders was in session at Agona. The elders took up the matter and decided to send two trusted men to the place to plead for the girl. We wrote a letter to the chief asking him to allow the girl to worship in her native village. Our every request was granted. The two elders held a service before the chief with the result that a number of the heathen decided to become followers of Jesus. A message was brought back to us that our next personal visit was eagerly anticipated.

T. H. FIELDING.

Agona, Ashanti.

A Door Opening

FROM the Mediterranean countries of Tripoli and Morocco to the Belgian Congo and from the Atlantic Ocean to the borders of Egypt! What a stretch of country, and what millions it contains! What a work must be done in it! And amid what difficulties! Much of the area is a fiery desert, where some of the people are still very unsettled and warlike, and Mohammedanism is everywhere. But the work must be done and God will provide the means.

In all this vast area the Hausa language is heard to a more or less great degree. It is the language of trade. And the Hausa is a great trader and traveller. If only the Gospel were to grip a few of these hardy, fearless travellers, so that they would travel and preach and trade Gospel books, what possibilities would open before us. For it is estimated that Hausa is spoken by 20,000,000 people.

But how are we to gain these Hausa converts? God has His ways, and we must not limit the possibilities. Our division has stations in North Cameroons and in the coastal areas of Nigeria, Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone. Then the Central European Division has stations in the Mediterranean countries of North Africa.

Most of these are in touch, more or less, with Hausas. We here, on the borders of Hausaland, are operating the one station which does its work in the Hausa language.

But to tap the possibilities of the Hausa trade routes one must be in the heart of Hausaland on these routes.

And now a decision has been taken that may make such a move possible. The Thirteenth Sabbath overflow of the fourth quarter has been set aside to provide a hospital for Nigeria. Will the hospital materialize? If it does, will it become as the voice of one standing beside the trade routes calling travellers to turn aside and find comfort for body and spirit? Who knows? But at least the first part of the question is in your power to answer.

May God help you to answer rightly.

J. J. HYDE.
Jos, North Nigeria.



To be a servant of God is to be charitable toward your neighbours; to have an inviolable resolution to follow the will of God; to trust yourself with God; and to rise again as often as you fall.—*Francis de Sales.*

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Darlington & Middlesbrough

THE membership of the new Darlington church is around forty, with a weekly attendance at the meetings of twice that number. Sabbath-school meets at 10 a.m. with a membership of sixty. Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteer societies have been formed, each with a membership of twenty. Many more attend the senior service. Quite a number have commenced to sell our literature and are doing so very successfully.

We are in the midst of re-decorating and furnishing a good hall, centrally situated. Beginning with the first of January all our meetings will be transferred to this new address: Advent Hall, (corner of Archer Street), Gladstone Street. The times of meetings will be as follow:

Sabbath, 10 a.m., Sabbath-school.
 " 11 a.m., Devotional.
 " 11 a.m., Junior Hour.
 " 3 p.m., Bible Study.
 Sunday, 6.30 p.m., Public Lecture.
 Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Preaching and Prayer.
 Friday, 7.30 p.m., Senior M.V. Society.

MIDDLESBROUGH

After having had to move to eight different halls within the last three years the Middlesbrough church has now the best meeting-place it has ever had: Advent Church, Norton Street. It is not so large as some of the other places, but by far the most suitable for ordinary church services. A number of the original membership have gone to the College or into the colporteur work.

Brother D. J. Handysides is the local leader. It is his first appointment, and with a real desire for success he has entered into the work. He is liked by the members. We still give what time we can to the work there and in the district. Neither Middlesbrough nor Darlington is a large city. Middlesbrough has a population of

about 190,000 and Darlington about 75,000. A number of efforts have previously been held in both places.

A welcome awaits any visitors to the district who may attend the services. We are indebted for the prayers and interest of many; also for the good assistance of Sisters Ford and Buck. Their capable Christian association has made the work of the past year very pleasant.

S. G. JOYCE.



"The Lord Hath Done Great Things"

SABBATH morning, December 4th, dawned bleak and cold, and before Sabbath-school closed there was a heavy snowstorm, and those of us who had looked forward to this great day prayed that nothing would hinder the sincere in heart from going forward in baptism in the afternoon.

The Lord rewarded our work of the previous nine months, for at 2.30 p.m. we found the great majority of the candidates eagerly awaiting the baptismal service. It rejoiced our hearts to hear one after the other remark that they had never felt so happy in their lives before!

We were all sorry that Pastor O. M. Dorland was unable to be with us, but Pastor Joyce reviewed our doctrines before the candidates and a large number of friends, assuring all that these dear souls fully realized what it meant to "put on Christ."

Two of the candidates had come a distance of over twenty miles from a lone farm on the Yorkshire moors. On such a stormy day, this was surely a test of their sincerity! As one by one went through the watery grave, we thought of the various experiences through which each had passed; the difficulties with friends and loved ones, the problems connected with their employment, to say nothing of the battles against sin

in their lives, resulting in great victories which are for ever written in the "book of remembrance" in heaven. The promise of God is, "They shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels."

One mother had forbidden her daughter to be baptized only a week previously, but due to a visit from Pastor Joyce during the week, that same mother was present at the baptism, and remarked to the writer, "Miss Ford, I believe I am going to be glad for this day!"

This same young girl has had great difficulties over her work. The lady for whom she worked refused finally to let her out to a single meeting, and told her mother many untruths about us. But truth always triumphs in the end! Through interviews we had with the mother, the truth was discovered, and right triumphed over wrong; new employment was found, and now we rejoice to see this young life fully given to her Lord.

To hear how old desires for worldly pleasures have been replaced by a deeper desire to serve Christ and receive eternal life must cause the courts of heaven to resound with the songs of the angels. It has caused us, as workers, to reconsecrate our lives to God as we have witnessed so many wonderful conversions. If God can enable worldly men to overcome evil habits such as smoking and drinking and gambling, is anything too hard for Him to do for one of His children who trusts Him?

There has been such a love and fellowship among these newly-converted ones. Someone sick? There have been eager helpers. Even a day's washing, or doing the housework for another has not been too much!

One young man, not yet baptized, but waiting to readjust his work, has been the means of influencing a young lady who went forward in baptism. She eagerly responded to the truth, and at once set her house in order. On a Friday evening she had a stall in a nearby market town, and although partly dependent on this for a livelihood, willingly gave it

up that the Sabbath might be kept. She felt that no sacrifice we make can compare with what Jesus did for us.

This same young man has interested another in his office in this message, and though this other younger man is going through bitter persecution at home, he is determined by God's help to get his work rightly adjusted, and be baptized. Both need our earnest prayers that God will help them in their endeavours to keep the Sabbath.

As we sang, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me," we, too, yielded our lives anew in gratitude and praise to the One who had wrought so many miracles of grace.

It was a miracle how we got the loan of the Baptist chapel, for in another part of the town the Baptists have bitterly opposed our work.

The writer would like to state here how much she has enjoyed co-operating with Pastor Joyce and Miss Buck here in Darlington, and how she has experienced real Christian fellowship and a deeper love for the truth, as she has listened week by week to such fearless presentations of truth for these days.

As we anticipate commencing another campaign in the new year, we earnestly ask for the prayers of all our members, for we feel our work here has yet many surprises in store; for even now there are large attendances on Sunday nights, and at every other meeting, in spite of severe weather. A number are seriously concerned about the Sabbath. We realize it is only as we are Spirit-filled that God can use us, so we need your prayers!
HILDA M. FORD.



Labouring in the West Riding

ON Tuesday, December 1, 1936, we arrived in Doncaster to foster the interests left by Pastor E. E. Craven, and also to care for the company in Wakefield.

There never was a large attendance at the meetings in Doncaster, so we had to pay diligent attention to the interests which existed, and which arose. We are glad to re-

port that by October we had a baptism, which was held in the Baptist church in Doncaster. We also had a small baptism in the country. Nine believers were added to the membership by baptism and vote, six of whom joined the company in Doncaster. Our share of the Harvest Ingathering was nobly carried by the members in both towns, and in both we went well beyond the goal.

In Wakefield, where the company had been raised up by the labours of Pastor E. E. Craven during the years 1933-35, we had the privilege of seeing it organized into a church and taking its place in the sisterhood of churches in the North England Conference. Wakefield has suffered, by transfer, the loss of three families, each of three members, since the organization of the church on Sabbath, April 24th. The remaining members, however, are loyal to the message and of good courage. We wish to express our appreciation of the kindly co-operation of Brethren Davies and Beardsall and the faithful services of Sister E. Adair.

For the members in both Doncaster and Wakefield we pray that they "speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:15, 16.

As we seek for a suitable hall in which to begin a campaign in this busy city of Hull, with a small budget, we desire an interest in the prayers of the members throughout the field that the "Word of the Lord may run, and be glorified."

J. A. McMILLAN.



Scarborough Welfare and Dorcas Society

GIFTS of cast-off clothing will be gratefully received by the Scarborough Welfare and Dorcas society. Any gifts to provide coal and food for needy cases would

also be welcomed. Kindly communicate with the writer at 33 Scholes Park Drive, Scarborough, Yorks.
M. BONSER.



"THERE are two parts to the Christian life and they must not be separated. There is God's part and ours. If we forget God's part in it, we lose touch with Him. If we forget our own, we lose touch with life."

At Rest

BELL.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Brother Edward Bell, of the Newcastle church, on October 22, 1937. He was baptized in Darlington in September, 1910, and for twenty-seven years he was a faithful and loyal member of the Newcastle church. After Brother Bell accepted "present truth" he had a very hard struggle to support his young family as the result of having to give up his work. For the past few years he had been in very poor health, and during the last twelve months had been a great sufferer. But he bore it with Christian fortitude. He longed to be at rest and to meet His Saviour. He will be greatly missed from the Newcastle church; he was always so willing to do his best for the church. He was laid to rest in Benton Churchyard on October 25th. Brother F. Edwards, of North Shields, spoke words of comfort to the friends and the churchmembers at the graveside. We extend our sympathy to Sister Bell and family in their great sorrow. We know that our dear brother sleeps in Jesus, and that he will be among those who shall say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us."
M. F. SMITH, Church Clerk.

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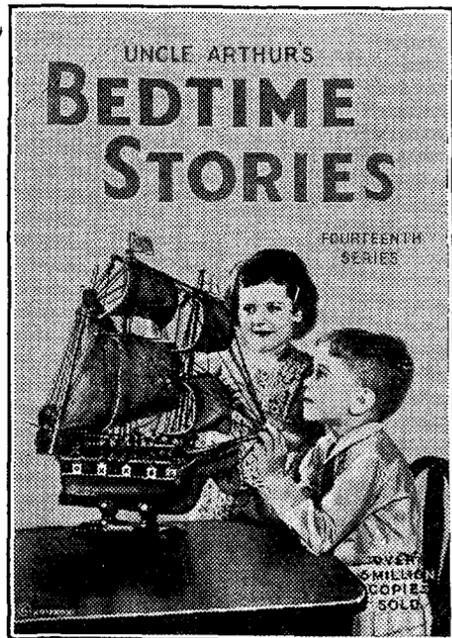
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Experiences that Inspire

It was a spring morning with a keen nip in the air, frosty underfoot, and a delivery day, too, being Monday. My companion also had a good supply to dispose of. His list led him to the right while I went ahead.

After delivering two books, I had two more up the road where two houses had doors together. Knocking at the first door I was asked inside, and almost at once a man from the other house bounded in, shut the door, turned the key, saying somewhat excitedly, "Now I've got you."

Surprised, I replied, "Got what?"

"You're a Russellite!" he challenged.

"You've made a mistake surely," I replied.

"No, no," he went on, and produced two books, *Christ's Object Lessons* and *Great Controversy*. "These are Russell's books, and they deny 'hell-fire' teaching, and teach the unconscious state of the dead."

"Maybe," I said, "but that surely doesn't prove them to be Russell's books."

"Why, of course, isn't that book of yours printed by the same people?"

"Oh, yes, but that surely is not saying it's a Russell's production."

"Aren't you a follower of Russell?"

"No, sir!"

"What are you?"

"I'm a Sabbath-keeper!"

"A Sabbath-keeper! Hm! A Saturday Sabbath-keeper?"

"The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

"Oh, well you need not go next door, and these people don't want theirs, and you need not fear people about here are going to give up Sunday for Saturday, that's quite evident. So you had better pack up and get away."

With this, the door was opened and I was let out.

Immediately outside were quite a number of people, and one in particular shouted out, "Hi, Mister! I want my book, I'm in the blacksmith's, come on, let's have it quick. That fellow isn't going to stop me having my book. You should have heard him denouncing you in that building there last night. Dear me, he did call you some things. Here, take this money. Good day!"

This was indeed a strange experience, but on I went, persevering with the delivery of my books. I had learned that the baker was one of the Brethren and, of course, I wondered just a little what my reception would be. When I arrived he was setting the batch, and slipping off my jacket I asked if I could help him.

Just then a heavy shower of rain came down. "If you could help that man unload that ton of flour seeing it's raining, I should esteem it a favour," he said.

"Right, sir," and soon the flour was in the store, by which time the batch was set and early lunch in the house ready for the workers.

"Come on," he said, and pointed to an armchair beside which, on the table, was a huge ham! "Let's have a feed before we talk business," he said, and just here help came from heaven.

"Now, sir," I said, "the little time I have to spare is gone getting in the flour. I have a deal to do and must get on."

"But what about the noise last night concerning you? Are you a Christian?"

"Why, yes sir!"

"Yes, yes, how could you have done that if you weren't? I had decided not to take the book, but here you are." He paid me.

Soon I met my companion. He also had heard of the previous night and of my hold-up, but had delivered all his books. But for me hindrances came one after another. Returning home somewhat

discouraged, I prepared for the morrow, rested well, and prayed for guidance.

Next morning I decided to call where I was intercepted first and was asked in again. Now in quietness I was led to appeal to the person's heart, and God gave me the victory and she took the book, and from that time book after book went in. Experiences such as these give a man something which no mere academic schooling can supply. J. BENEFIELD.



A Good Bargain

It was getting late and I was searching for a house in a lone wood. The leaves were almost off the trees and the cart wheel tracks were covered with them. Everything was still. I was doubtful if I should find the house, but, retracing my steps, I caught sight of what seemed to be a disused path leading upward seemingly to the tall treetops.

As I moved quietly around to find the gate through a hedge, which was topped with barbed wire, I was greeted with the snarl of dogs. There was no light downstairs, but just a glimmer in a kind of attic window.

Then someone bellowed, "Who's there? What do you want?" and soon a man half-dressed descended to the door. Apologizing for the lateness of the hour I told him my mission. He was not very pleased to see me. He said he had no money for books. He lived alone, worked hard, rose early, and when there was no moon he retired early, too. And as for the harvest there was nothing doing. He had only potatoes this turn, and just now no one was buying. Everybody was full up, and besides, they were so cheap.

Somehow, my old slogan came to mind, "Dogged perseverance ensures success."

"What's the price of potatoes?" I persisted.

"£3. 10s. per ton," he replied; "that's cheaper than your book. What's your book?"

"One pound," I replied.

"Hum! a pound? Hum! I'll tell you what," he went on, "sell me a ton of potatoes and I'll buy a book."

"Right," I promptly said. Why I said this, I cannot explain, but moved to ask for an addressed postcard, with the price on the other side, I had a closing chat, a word of prayer, and left to go into the pitch darkness outside. There was something about this order that fascinated me.

Next morning I was up betimes, and before breakfast I crossed the road to the corner green-grocer's shop, had a chat with the proprietor, showed him a sample of the potatoes from my pocket, and quoted the price. Wonderful as it seems, he was interested and the bargain was made. He was to pay the owner of the potatoes £2. 10s. which, with the £1 for my book, made up the total charge of £3. 10s. After receipt of the potatoes he was to pay me £1. The postcard went early, the potatoes arrived, the book was accepted, and the £1 was paid to me.

J. BENEFIELD.

Wedding Bells

ANSCOMBE-COLLARDON.—Chas. H. Anscombe, the General Conference Transportation Agent in London, and Irma Collardon of Wimbledon, were united in marriage at the Wimbledon

Church on Sunday, December 12th, in the presence of a large circle of friends and churchmembers. We express our heartfelt wishes for a life of abundant blessing, happiness, and fruitful service. H. W. LOWE.

Your Evangelistic Prayer List

THE conference offices have supplied us with the following names to be added to the Evangelistic Prayer List for 1937-8:

W. R. A. Madgwick	Sheffield
F. S. Jackson	Swansea
H. K. Munson	Newport

Our members will doubtless remember this long list of evangelistic interests regularly before the throne of grace.

H. W. LOWE.



Annual Legal Meetings

THE annual legal meetings of the following companies will be held at the office of the British Union Conference at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., on Wednesday, January 26, 1938, at the times named:

British Advent Miss. Ltd.	10 a.m.
Granose Foods Ltd.	11 a.m.
The Stanboro' Press Ltd.	2.30 p.m.
Good Health Ass'n Ltd.	4 p.m.

A. CAREY.



THIS WEEK'S REMINDER No. 5

WINTER COLDS

will soon be prevalent. Each of us is a potential victim but precautions can be taken.

A well-nourished body sets up its own resistance, and one of the best means of providing what is lacking in so many foods to-day is

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"Present Truth" Helps in Work for Moslems

SHE was about twenty-three, a young married woman with presumably all her life before her, and her husband and a woman friend helped her to climb the three steps with great difficulty to enter my consulting room. As she reached out her hands to feel the door-posts I knew she was blind.

A brief examination showed one eye swollen and inflamed, too painful to be touched, and with a slow ooze of thin pus trickling from the corner. We explained to the relatives that she must lose the eye or something worse might happen, and they agreed to take her into hospital. Next day it was done. On the operating table we examined the other eye. It, too, was blind. Poor woman; if only she had come before. Now a life of darkness lies ahead.

They brought a baby. Could we not treat its eyes? We examined the child. Both eyes were blinded by corneal ulcers obviously from an untreated conjunctivitis, and we had to tell the poor mite's mother that there was no hope.

And so they come, an unending stream day after day. We are happy to be able to restore to some their sight; others are relieved of acute pain; still others are prevented from going blind. Many of these cases come into hospital for operations and there come into contact with our evangelist who endeavours to tell them the news of Christ's kingdom.

More than ninety-five per cent of these patients are Moslems, and our medical work is now almost the only agency that we have for maintaining touch with Islam.

Our Eye Clinic has been self-supporting since its beginning, and has laid by, in addition, a good

sum for future needs. It seems as though a new day is dawning for our work in the Near East. Our services are appreciated by many grateful patients. Recently two patients came to pay their accounts and surprised us by saying that as, in their opinion, we had made their bills too small, they wished in addition to make a substantial donation to our mission funds, one also sending a note asking that when our next collection was made, he might not be overlooked by our collectors.

In addition to our ordinary work in the vernacular, we are trying to interest English-speaking friends by giving them copies of the English *Present Truth*. Many enjoy reading this, and we would thank our members at home who send them to us so faithfully. Remember us in your prayers.

H. E. HARGREAVES.

Catholic College Uses Adventist Articles

THE scientific articles published in *El Atalaya*, our Spanish *Watchman*, of Argentina, win the confidence of Catholic priests.

In a Roman Catholic College in Montevideo, South America, a course was given last year regarding the evidences contrary to evolution. When the course was reviewed and the examination held, all the articles that had appeared in our magazine were taken as the basis and standard of judgment.

All of this was testified to recently by a student of that college in talking with one of our preachers. In the examination the pupil whose statements agreed with those of *El Atalaya* passed, and those who had not learned to agree with our magazine failed.

What more could we ask? Only that those students come to realize that, in order not to fail in the last great examination, they need to come into harmony with all the teachings of *El Atalaya*. They have already taken the first step.—*The South American Bulletin*.

Buying and Selling

IN the ordinary business of buying and selling between two people, it seems to me that the world would be happier for a little more emphasis on the old-fashioned principles. One is that a man should not order things which he cannot afford. And the other is that a man should pay his bills as they fall due for payment.—"*Audion*" in *British Weekly*.

Advertisements

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Jan. 7th	4.08	4.04	4.21	3.57	4.15

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