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## Woolacombe M.V. Camp

By E. R. WARLAND

WE expected it—and we got it! What? Why, a happy summer holiday at the M.V. Camp at Woolacombe. Of course, it rained there, as it did at other places during the first two weeks of August, but campers don't expect special privileges in the weather, you know. In fact, many young people would hardly think they'd been to camp if they couldn't go home and tell their friends about the patter of rain on the canvas or the excitement of tightening up tent ropes in a gale.

Yes, we had a really happy holiday—about 150 of us altogether, though some unfortunately were not able to stay the full two weeks. Devon is a long way, but we couldn't help that either. In any case, we found it to be well worth the extra railway fare. The splendid view from the camp field, the scent of wild flowers in the winding Devon lanes, the sound of ocean waves dashing against the rocks mingled with the cry of seagulls, the laughter of happy Adventist youth in the marquee and on the hike, the camp-fire songs—all these and many other pleasant

memories come before our minds in our fireside reverie.

We are sorry for those of our youth who were not able to share these joys with us. There's a thrill in camp from the moment of arrival, when friends, new and old, surge round to greet you, to the last minute when you linger on the field saying a last good-bye. Who would have thought a patch of green dotted with a score or more of white tents could win our hearts so much! Yes, a few shed tears, but others held them back, fighting an inward battle as the happy holiday drew to a close and once again they faced the "every-

dayness of this work-a-day world."

It is impossible to tell in this brief space the inspiration brought to us by the ministry of Brethren T. T. Babienco, F. W. Goodall, R. S. Joyce, and L. G. Hardinge. Not only in the general meetings, but in quiet talks with campers around the field, the blessing of their ministry was felt. Some came to camp depressed, and went away with Joshua-like courage; others came perplexed with the problems of life as youth sees them to-day, but departed with a new-found vision of the purpose of God. Some gave, in the open-air meetings on the seafront, their first public witness to faith in the Gospel as "the power of God unto salvation." All received strength and benefit in daily prayer and praise, for camp is not only a time of physical relaxation and mental recreation, it is pre-eminently a season of spiritual refreshing.

The excellent practical help of Brother G. R. Bell was much appreciated; and Sister Bell proved to be a very sympathetic and capable matron who, with her faithful band of workers, contributed much to



Photo by E. Ansell

*Preparing dinner for hungry campers at Woolacombe.*



Photo by E. Ansell

*A jolly group among the rocks.*

the success of the camp.

There is only one way to know fully about the joys of camping with the Missionary Volunteers. You must come and experience the thrill of it all. Places may be different, but whether you are camping in Devon or Dorset; visiting castles at Hastings or Corfe; winding your ways through pleasant paths in Somerset or Surrey; beholding the beauties of the Lyn or the Exe, one thing remains the same—the happy association with Adventist youth at its best.

Cameras are always much in evidence at Missionary Volunteer camps, and many happy snapshots of camping days are to be found in the wallets and albums of Adventist campers everywhere. The pictures on this page are chosen from the many sent to us for the photo competition this year. Miss E. Ansell of Holloway secures the first prize—a copy of *Bible Readings*; and D. Dabson, Hastings, gets the second prize—*Our Wonderful Bible*. We thank The Stanborough Press for the generous presentation of these splendid volumes.

To past and future campers we extend a hearty invitation to the Reunion Social on Monday, January 2, 1939, at the Assembly Rooms, Wood Green. Book the date now. Doors will open at 7 o'clock, and the programme of

social activities will commence at 7.30. In addition to the games and other interesting items we shall be showing the film of the 1938 Woolacombe camp. The pictures will make the joyous days of August live again in our minds. Order your ticket now from your society leader, or write direct to Pastor

E. R. Warland, Midland Bank Chambers, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7. The price is only sixpence, but accommodation is limited, so book the date now and secure your ticket without delay. You must not miss the best of all Yuletide functions for Adventist youth.

## *The Need of the Hour*

WE are in the midst of the biennial session of the Autumn Council. This is the Autumn Council held midway between the sessions of the General Conference. To these meetings come our representatives from mission fields to report on the progress of our world-wide work, to tell us of the wonderful providences of God in the spread of the Advent message, of the many open doors of opportunity beckoning them to enter, of their great desire for help in the way of missionaries and missionary money to supply these needs. They come to us with their hearts greatly burdened. They have been given a vision of a lost and dying world such as we, in more favoured lands, do not possess. They see yearly thousands going down into their graves without a knowledge of Christ, and the great burden of their hearts and of the hearts of their associates is to rescue these men and women from the pit of sin and destruction.

The Budget Committee has been appointed by the Autumn Council to listen to the appeals of these

mission field representatives. The committee is made up of fifty-five leading and representative men, including the home officers of the General Conference, union and local presidents from the North American field and representatives of institutions. None of the mission field representatives are on this committee. As far as possible, the committee is impartially constituted in order that it may weigh equitably and without bias the various calls that are presented before them.

We wish you could listen to these appeals from these mission lands. We are sure it would deeply stir your hearts and lead you, as never before, to realize the great and important work that God is doing among the nations of men.

The needs presented to the Budget Committee are many and varied. These missionaries plead earnestly for evangelists to be sent to their fields. They want strong, devoted young men and women who can go to the various countries of the world, learn a new language and devote their man-



Photo by D. J. Dabson

*A corner of the camp ground at Woolacombe.*

hood and womanhood, their strength and energy, to the giving of the Gospel to those who know it not. There are many open doors anxiously waiting for their coming.

The appeal is for medical missionaries, for godly physicians and nurses, who can show the people better ways of living, who, in their ministry to the physical needs of those in darkness, can reveal to them the Saviour of their souls, and thus lead them to Christ the Lord.

The calls are for teachers, for those who can instruct the youth and the children and turn their young hearts to the Lord, and through them reach their parents who are in heathen darkness.

The appeal is for money with which to erect school buildings, small hospitals and clinics, where the sick can be treated. The appeal is for money to erect church buildings, houses of worship which will give stability to the work—a rallying place for worship from day to day. The appeal is not only for money to sustain the work already established, but to answer the opening calls from every quarter.

There also come appeals from such lands as China and Spain, where some of our workers have sacrificed their lives on behalf of this message, where some of our buildings have been destroyed. In these war-stricken countries there must be carried on a work of rehabilitation. Tens of thousands of pounds will be required to restore that which has been destroyed.

These appeals bring sore perplexity to the Budget Committee. The mission funds are limited. There is scarcely enough to sustain the work that is now going forward, practically nothing to answer the calls for new work. Shall we send these missionaries back to their fields disappointed and disheartened? Shall we say to them, We cannot aid you in this hour of great need? We cannot feel that this is the message God would have us return to our brethren and sisters out on the firing lines. They are our representatives. We have sent them out in our stead to carry the Gospel message to those who know it not. We have lowered them into the pit of heathen darkness and superstition, and we must

stand by and hold the ropes. We must furnish the sinews of war that the work may go on and not languish. We can answer these calls and render this help only as you who read this message sustain us in our efforts.

In some of our mission fields our workers are living on a reduced wage. Our mission funds have not permitted us to restore the cut in salary given them several years ago in the depression period. This inequality must be remedied and relief furnished some of these devoted and faithful missionaries.

In this hour of need in our missionary operations, the Budget Committee appeals to the rank and file of our people. Will you not come to the aid of our missions in this great hour of opportunity, in this crisis hour in our work? You have faithfully done this many times in the past. You have loyally stood by and have sacrificed and toiled that this message may be carried to the world, but there can be no cessation in our warfare. It must go on unceasingly until the final victory, until the day of harvest when the Lord shall come to gather His children home, and what joy will then be ours to see in the kingdom some who have been brought there through our efforts, through our sacrifice.

We must give and give again to the support of this work. We must give until it hurts. We must sacrifice, even of our penury, in order

that those who have nothing may receive the Gospel of salvation. We must bind about our supposed wants, economize in every possible way, that this message may be carried to the world. We know that we can depend on you. We know that you will not disappoint us in supplying the calls which our missionaries are now making.

We appeal especially to the men and women among us of wealth, who possess a comfortable competence. Can you not turn some of your possessions into money in such an hour as this? Christ exhorted the disciples, "Sell that ye have, and give alms." In this time of great world crisis, when we know not what a day may bring forth, has not this message, "Sell that ye have," an application to some who read this appeal? We believe it has. Will you not earnestly pray that God will reveal to you what you should do?

The Budget Committee, with greatly burdened hearts, send out this earnest appeal to our brethren and sisters. The Mission Board in this hour needs your aid. Our missions need your support. Our missionaries need the encouragement which you can give by your prayers and by your gifts, and may God lead you to do the best you can to enable the Advent message to enter the open doors now awaiting it.

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE,  
W. E. NELSON, *Chairman*.

## Camp-Meetings in Kenya

IN September I had the great joy of visiting four large camp-meetings close to the Equator. These were seasons of real spiritual blessing to my own soul. In an area not larger than one-eighth the size of Nebraska, or one-fifth the size of England, about one hundred square miles, nearly 13,000 believers gathered in camps. There are not many places in this old world where we could duplicate this experience. We had one gathering in the Kisii hills, where 5,000 were present, and two gatherings among the Luo people, where 7,000 were present, these places being within forty miles of each other. Another meeting was held across the Kavirondo Bay, where 450 were pres-

ent. Another, which I did not visit, drew 700.

The Kisii camp was similar in certain respects to the Feast of Tabernacles. Some three hundred grass huts were put up, which accommodated nearly three thousand people. The natives took pride in making neat, substantial dwellings, and some had come in three or four days ahead to do this. A prize was awarded the ones having the best hut. Each church had its appointed place, and order prevailed throughout the camp-meeting. At the other camps, however, material was more scarce, and the believers had to come shorter distances, which made it less necessary to put up so many. But there

were some two hundred, anyhow.

I found the Africans a singing people, as their brethren and sisters are in other parts of the world. They like to sing our familiar Gospel songs, but even more the ones they themselves have composed. Each group or church would render a selection, not in parts as we are accustomed to hear, but one would begin a solo prelude, and then all would join in. They certainly made the hills and valleys ring with their voices.

On account of the cool, damp evenings, generally speaking there were no meetings at night, but the natives would start singing about dusk as they prepared their evening meal and would keep it up until bedtime. I am sure that they would have sung all night if permission had been granted.

Once the school building, where 100 to 150 of the girls were sleeping, caught fire at about three o'clock in the morning. The girls soon had the fire extinguished, however, and then the singing commenced again. Rain, storm, or sunshine, they seem to be just as happy and full of song.

Those present at the camps were all believers, although probably not more than thirty per cent were baptized as yet. I saw only one or two who wore any ornaments or charms at all. These people do not come because of curiosity, but because they long to hear the word of truth.

It is customary to take up the annual offering at the camps. This was done at the Kisii camps, but not at the others, because the believers had not been able to dispose of their crops. The offering taken up at the Kisii camp surprised me greatly, and I feel that it should put many of us to shame. The believers were right there when it came to giving. The offering amounted to 5,353.50 shillings, or five shillings per churchmember. If you should figure the per capita giving in the home fields, you will find it much lower than this, not more than twenty-five or thirty per cent of this in many fields. The African, I found, wanted to support his own work and then help to push out into new, unentered fields.

The work in those parts has been self-supporting since 1935,

and now they are setting aside a part of their tithe income for new fields.

Nearly 600 were baptized at the camps. One woman walked thirty miles to be-baptized, carrying a five-day-old baby on her back. At the close of the Kisii camp the whole gathering stood, without exception, to show their desire and determination to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord.

A missionary's work is no sine-

cure. He must be in harness from early morning until late at night, and an expert at all trades. I found also that the wives of most of our missionaries are taking an active part, and an important one, although without remuneration. The work was well organized and progressing. The camps are, I believe, and will be more so in the future, a great inspiration and encouragement to the believers.

E. R. COLSON.

## Providences in the Holy Land

BROTHER A. CAREY, secretary to the British Union Conference, has passed on the following letter from Pastor G. Keough who, after several years as Bible teacher at Newbold, left a year or so ago to take up work again in the Orient, where he has spent the greater part of his life as a missionary.

"It is over a year since we left the fair shores of England for the mission field," he writes. "During that year our experiences have been many and varied. The condition of Palestine has been growing worse and worse, and it has been difficult to travel anywhere in safety. I have been waiting for some time to pay a visit to our work in Transjordan, but from here to Jericho I would be sure to fall 'among thieves,' so I have not gone, though the need is pressing. We pray to God to keep our members there, and there is a confidence in my soul that He will do so. It is good to feel that you can trust in the Lord at all times. I have been to Damascus and back several times, and I find people very friendly to me in the various places. In Nazareth, in Tiberias, in Jenin, and in all those very troubled centres, I found people friendly. Recently I was the only Christian in a bus from Damascus, and we were told of an armed band a few (2) kilometres away, near Cana of Galilee. It was said that they were sure to shoot me, but it was good to see how every man in the bus showed anxiety to save me. We came through all right. And when we were past the trouble, I remembered how I had been impressed to pray just a short time before. An overwhelming

longing came into my heart, and I prayed in myself, reaching out and laying hold of God with great desire and delight. But I had no thought of the danger till we were right upon it. So does God prepare deliverance even before we sense the danger.

"The work in the Union makes progress. We have baptized forty-six this year, and there are others in baptismal classes. In Baghdad there are six in the baptismal class, and they may be baptized this year. Quite a good proportion of those baptized are young people, and among them are some six who, we hope, will attend our new Training School which my son, Arthur, has come out to open. Thus we are not only seeing success to-day, but there is promise of even better things to-morrow, for our main hope for the work here lies in our trained young people. This message must go to every 'tribe,' and we have a great task if we are to reach the tribes of Arabia. They call us, and I have every hope that we shall respond, and 'the dromedaries of Midian . . . shall come: they shall bring gold and incense.'" Isa. 60:6. Yes, with your prayers on our behalf—and I have been greatly encouraged to know that many at home are praying for us—and with God's blessing on our efforts, we shall carry the message to every tribe, and many of them shall be saved in God's kingdom. Please continue to pray for us."



LIFE beats most of us to our knees; all of us, perhaps, if we had the courage.—*Dr. J. A. Hutton.*

## God's Challenge to Youth

THE apostle Paul gives the following admonition: "Let no one think slightly of you because you are a young man; but in *speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity*, be an example for your fellow-Christians to imitate." 1 Tim. 4:12 (Weymouth).

What Paul here admonishes Christians to do, he was willing to do himself, for he speaks of his own experience thus: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." Phil. 3:17. What a wonderful influence would go out from the young people of the church if it were perfectly safe for everyone to follow their example.

Let us dwell on the first word of admonition in our text: "Be thou an example of the believers, *in word*." It is not an easy thing to control our words. It is the easiest thing in the world to say that which we ought not to say, and to retaliate when someone says something which crosses our path and does not just agree with our views. When I was a boy, if someone said something sharp to me, I would always try to have something sharper to say back. This tendency became a real hindrance to my Christian life. God has wonderfully blessed me in overcoming this trait, and I know he will help you to overcome similar traits in your life. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 4:31; 4:4.

"Be thou an example . . . in *conversation*." The word "conversation" in this verse means conduct, and has reference to the acts of everyday life. Paul expresses the thought in this way in his letter to Titus: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: . . . that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:7, 8.

First let us notice the question of honesty. God wants us to be

honest men and women. There is so much dishonesty in the world that it is an easy thing for one to get the impression that it is all right to be just a bit shrewd in dealing with others, and that shrewdness may possibly just get over the border-line a little bit, on to the side of dishonesty. But God wants us in all our dealings, in all contacts, to be strictly honest. Another point in our conduct we should consider is diligence. God wants us to be diligent, and He tells us: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it." Eccles. 9:10. And we are not only to do it, but to do it with our might. A great deal depends on that.

Then there is the question of choosing our friends. God does not want us in any way to form intimate companionships with those who are not endeavouring to serve Him. There is a little statement found in *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 48, that we would do well to memorize. It says, "Love those best who love Christ most." I trust you will never forget that statement, and if by the grace of God we carry it out in our lives what a blessing it will be to us.

"Be thou an example . . . in *charity*"—love. Someone has said that "to be like Christ in His love is far more than to be like Him in His knowledge." Sincere love for Christ always finds a way to do things for Him. The one whose love leads him to respond to the will of God is the one who meets God's approval, the one who will be saved in the end. So the Saviour says: "If ye love Me, show your love by keeping My commandments."

The world, my young friends, is dying for a little bit of love. We who know Christ and have experienced His saving grace in our lives and have known of His love, are duty bound to make others acquainted with that great love which led Him to sacrifice His life on Calvary's tree. May God help us to respond more genuinely to His love than we have before.

"Be thou an example . . . in *faith*." The meaning of faith is

not sufficiently understood by the majority of people, and we do well to devote some thought to it. When John G. Paton was translating the New Testament into an island language, he found great difficulty in finding a native word for faith. While he was at work at his study, a native teacher came in hot and tired from a long walk. He threw himself down on a cane chair, and putting his feet up on another, used a word which meant, "I am resting my whole weight here." Instantly Dr. Paton had his word, and the natives of that island now know faith to be an act whereby the whole weight of mind and heart is resting on Jesus. And really, what else is faith?

Lack of faith makes it impossible for God to mete out to us the blessings which He so much desires to bestow. Christ came to one place where He could "do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And He marvelled because of their unbelief." God longs for us to manifest faith toward Him. "Faith is the hand that takes hold of infinite help; it is the medium by which the renewed heart is made to beat in unison with the heart of Christ."—"*Messengers to Young People*," page 102.

"Be thou an example . . . in *purity*." In Psalm 24:3, 4 the question is asked: "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?" and the answer is given: "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart." There will be no exceptions made to this rule. For "every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3. To be clean in life and pure in thought, one must keep his heart fully surrendered to God every moment; for the instant we permit Satan to have his way in the life, that instant will impure thoughts find entrance. The youth who belong to God will not only guard carefully their habits and their thinking, but their words will be pure.

Let us meditate again upon our opening text. "Let no man think slightly of you because you are a young man; but in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, be an example for your fellow-Christians

to imitate." God is counting upon every Christian young man and woman to carry out His instruction. He is counting on you. May God help you to live such an exemplary Christian life that those who come in contact with you from day to day may see that you have been with Jesus. "Neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." 1 Tim. 5:22.

C. LESTER BOND.



### Evangelistic Prayer List 1938-1939

WE publish below an alphabetical list of places in which intensive public proclamation of the Advent message is to be undertaken this winter. Associated with the preachers mentioned will be a number of earnest Bible-workers and young preachers whose work, though not so public, is nevertheless an integral and vital part of our soul-saving efforts for God. We feel that it would be an admirable thing if all our people would keep this prayer list before them throughout the winter for daily mention before God.

Place	Worker
Bedford	L. A. Watson
Belfast	E. E. Craven
Belfast	J. G. Bevan
Bournemouth	G. R. Bell
Bromley	F. C. Bailey
Buckley	T. H. Cooper
Cardiff	S. G. Hyde
Clacton	J. M. Howard
Colchester	J. M. Howard
Coventry	S. G. Joyce
Crumlin	H. K. Munson
Darlington	F. Edwards
Dublin	W. G. Nicholson
Edinburgh	J. A. McMillan
Exeter	L. G. Hardinge
Folkestone	A. J. Mustard
Glasgow	L. D. Vince
Greenock	J. J. Wilmshurst
Holloway	J. H. Bayliss
Hornchurch	C. A. Reeves
Hull	L. Murdoch
Leeds	J. C. French
Liverpool District	W. Maudsley
Londonderry	E. Zins
Manchester	W. J. Cannon
Newbridge	H. K. Munson
Northampton	A. F. Bird
Penarth	S. G. Hyde
Plymouth	A. K. Armstrong
Rhyl	T. H. Cooper
Rotherham	W. R. A. Madgwick
Shrewsbury	D. Conroy
Slough	C. R. Bonney
Swansea	F. S. Jackson
Worcester	J. R. Lewis
York	W. M. Lennox

So few people in this old land of ours know about the message that surely we should seek God in some way to bring a knowledge of His Word before the multitudes who are going through life without a Saviour and without a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

The day has gone when we could afford to waste a lot of time warning people of things that are coming. Men to-day have only to lift up their eyes in order to see for themselves the dreadful condition of this old world. The servant of the Lord has said:

"There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly. Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen. . . . There are those who are waiting and watching and working for our Lord's appearing. Another class are falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate."—*"Desire of Ages,"* page 636.

Our business is to keep lifted the banner of King Jesus and to lead

others to range themselves under His colours.

Only through the power of persistent, widespread prayer on the part of the church can our men and women who labour in the homes and in public hope to gain souls for the kingdom. We must cut loose from narrow ideas, from our criticisms and unbelief. We must let go everything that is secondary. We must concentrate on the great essentials in our preparation for the coming of the King. It is too late for anything else!

Will you, therefore, take the prayer list we are publishing and bring it before the Lord from day to day, and make yourself a part of this movement to publish the truth before it is too late? Liberty now is ours, but it may not remain with us for long.

May God give us the greatest year in soul-winning and in spiritual devotion to His cause that we have ever known. H. W. LOWE.

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## Field Missionary Department

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### Why Not a Book Drive?

By a Colporteur

"MANY of our industries are still in the grip of a sharp depression; but there has been a definite upward trend . . . which can be accelerated."

In his plea for a trade drive to "synchronize with the steady progress of rearmament," the writer of the above editorial optimistically adds that this should mean greater activity in world markets.

In other words, the increased prosperity of the major industries should help and encourage our backward industries along the path of prosperity.

From our point of view, does not this statement seem especially applicable to the book industry, and to the Advent market above all others? Should there not be a special effort to increase our influence in the literature field and thus

counteract the steady increase of lawlessness and decline of religion?

Why not a book drive?

It was Jeremy Taylor who said, "He that . . . publishes [or distributes] a book hath preached to all that read it a louder sermon than could be spoken in a church."

At this time there is need of an intensive drive with the printed page, that they who sit in darkness might have light. It all too often happens that the willing horse does the work while the rest sit back at their ease. Those who look on say, "They must like it." Or, it is said, "They have the gift of persuasion." But God gives a fitness for the task to all who gird their armour on. Shall we neglect to work for the Master because of a sense of weakness and inefficiency? When all other means have failed the literature ministry is often most successful. Will you not engage in it now?

W. DOWSON.

## Doors Opened

"MAMMA, someone at the door," we heard at another home. But in spite of frequent knocks no one came. At last we went round to the side of the villa, into the conservatory, and knocked at the back door. This time the lady came, and when I was partly through my canvass she suddenly said, "But how did you get here?"

"Why, through this conserva-

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## God Calls for Colporteurs

*God calls for those who will engage  
In spreading forth the printed page,  
Whose hearts are warm with  
Christian zeal*

*And in their lives His love reveal;  
God calls for those with hearts aglow,  
With love for souls who do not know  
The way of truth, but still remain  
Bound and held fast by error's chain.*

*With holy zeal and earnest prayer  
Let us the Word of God declare;  
In every place are souls in need  
Whom Satan seeks still to mislead;  
To those who from the truth have  
erred*

*The printed page speaks forth the  
word,  
And angels will attend our way  
As with the books we work each day.*

*Our labour will not be in vain,  
For 'tis Christ's love that doth con-  
strain;*

*His love will reach the hardest heart,  
And saving grace He will impart;  
With hearts aflame and burning  
bright,*

*Our words will lead men to the light,  
And through the truth we spread  
each day*

*Some wayward souls will find their  
way.*

*God calls for men of moral worth,  
No matter if of lowly birth;  
Those who are true in inmost heart,  
Who from the truth will not depart;  
Those who can see work to be done,  
Who'll labour on till souls are won;  
Such men God calls to scatter wide  
The saving truths our books provide.*

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

tory door," I said, wondering just what her point was.

"Well, that's strange," she said, "because I always keep that door locked!"

On learning that we had prayed for God to prepare the way before us, she seemed impressed and entered her name in the prospectus for a copy of the book.

Really, the colporteur sees the power of God in his work, and is

conscious that the way of access to the people is prepared by the divine hand. Time and again he can say with the apostle, "When I came . . . to preach Christ's Gospel, . . . a door was opened unto me of the Lord." 2 Cor. 2:12.

B. BELTON.

ALL the best fruits in life ripen slowly. The finest things all take time to grow. Nature refuses to be hurried. The seed in the earth must pass through all the stages one by one before it becomes grain. There are no short cuts to the harvest.—*Jas. Reid, D.D.*

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## The Refugee Problem

OUR people from all parts of the Union are writing us to say they have had letters asking them to do something to help people on the Continent to find homes and work in this country.

We have every sympathy with people who are in this unfortunate position, and have taken official advice on the question of refugees. Our members should be exceedingly careful about making any offers to individuals. The Government has its own plans, and we must not create the impression that we as a denomination are encouraging refugees to come here for work, either temporarily or permanently, or for ultimate naturalization.

Some poor people write as though they are members when they are not. We feel our people should counsel with us before entering upon negotiations, as this may avoid serious complications later on.

H. W. LOWE.

## Southampton Dorcas Society

ON Wednesday afternoon, October 12, 1938, a good company of members met for the first Dorcas meeting held in the room adjoining

our church here in Southampton. Our church elder, Brother E. Ashton, opened the meeting, directing our thoughts to the ninth chapter of Acts, verses 32-43. We were admonished to go forward in good works for the furtherance of God's cause. After asking God's blessing, materials were distributed by our leader, Mrs. C. Smith, to the company, to be made up into garments for Christmas presents. By this means we shall be able to visit homes and present the truth of God.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and we pray that this effort will also help to bring the members into closer unity with one another. Some who cannot meet with us are making garments at home.

D. W. BILLARD.

Joint Leader and Secretary.

## At Rest

ELLIS.—John Ellis was born in 1865 near Nottingham, England, and passed away July 24, 1938. At the age of twenty-six Brother Ellis accepted this message and worked for the Lord in the colporteur and evangelistic work in several parts of England. Later his health failed and he moved to Canada. We miss his earnest Christlike ways. His hope was bright to the end. His faithful companion in life, Sister Ellis, survives him and also sisters and brothers in Canada and in England. Brother Bowett, of Rest Haven, assisted by the writer, conducted the funeral service.

R. E. ROBINSON.

## A Correction

RECORDING the death of Sister Holmes, late of the Leeds church, we regret that she was described as a "youthful," instead of a "faithful member" in our last issue.—ED.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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Dec. 23rd	3.54	3.49	4.06	3.40	4.00

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