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Greetings from the Division

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ONCE again we take pleasure in sending greetings to our brethren and sisters in the British Union. On several occasions during the past few months, when visiting other lands in the Division, we were asked how the work was going on in the British Isles during these times of difficulty. It was evident that in the hearts of our people there was a deep interest in the welfare of our believers in this country, and, without exception, at all the centres we visited we were requested to take back to Britain their warmest and heartiest greetings.

The outbreak of hostilities and the recent expansion of the theatre of war have affected our own Division. Really the Northern European Division has been more seriously affected than any other Division in the world. Even before the present European conflict began, Abyssinia was lost to us, and at the close of last summer it became apparent that it would not be possible for us to keep in close touch with our work and believers in Poland. Then the recent developments which have come in the north lands have made it very difficult for us to maintain contact with our work in Denmark, and difficult also to communicate with the other countries in Scandinavia, in the Baltic, and also with Finland. At the moment there are hardly any transportation facilities, and communications by cable or letter are rather infrequent. These conditions will doubtless ease in a little while, and we are all hoping and praying that ere long we may be able to have

regular mail communication with these various lands.

We have truly come to times of real perplexity, and yet these are the days of which we have spoken many, many times during the years we have been preaching the Advent message. We have known that in the last days perilous times would come, that the nations would be angry, and that in the hearts of men would be prejudice, fear, and injustice. We are certainly seeing this to-day. While these times bring their difficulties and their anxieties, we know that they point very clearly to the fact that the coming of the Lord is near at hand.

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy and Christian love to our brethren and sisters in Scandinavia at this time. It is difficult to realize that these peaceful countries have been overrun as they have been, and yet such is the stark truth. Our believers in Northern Europe are facing a real crisis. We certainly need to pray for the leaders of the work of God in those lands, that they may be given heavenly wisdom to know what "Israel ought to do." Let us pray also that the lives and health of our believers may be precious in the sight of the Lord, and that even though called upon to face hardships and dangers, they may know the protection of the Omnipotent One.

We have received word from our believers in Finland. A large proportion of our membership lived in

the eastern part of the country, and in view of the fact that so much of the territory has been lost to Finland, these believers with others have had to leave their homes and all that they possessed, and find new locations in other parts of the country. Families have been separated and these believers have lost everything they had. This has meant real sacrifice and hardship. So far as we know only two lost their lives in air-raids, but it will certainly be a considerable time before our believers in that land can again be established in stable, productive employment.

Encouraging word has come in from Poland. Our believers there are of good cheer and pressing forward with the work. Meetings are being held, and the recent information which has come to hand indicates that they are enjoying a good deal of religious liberty.

The situation which has arisen in the Division, however, will mean a great deal to us this year. In view of the currency regulations which have been put into effect in the various countries, and the recent invasion in some, it will mean that this year there will be very little, if anything, in the way of mission offerings coming to us from the north to care for our large mission programme. In fact, at the moment it looks as though there will be very little income to the Division outside the regular appropriations from the General Conference and the mission offerings and other funds which come to us from the British Union Conference. And yet we have this

large mission programme to care for in Africa both East and West. There will be a shortage in our Division income this year running into thousands of pounds, and a good deal of thoughtful study is being given at the moment as to how to adjust our work to this new and perplexing situation. It cannot be expected, of course, that the believers in the British Isles be asked to take on an extra burden commensurate with the loss the Division sustains through the difficulties which have arisen in Scandinavia, but we do know that in the hearts of our believers throughout this field there is a deep love for missions and an earnest longing in their hearts to see the work not only maintained, but extended into the unentered regions. We know that we can count on the loyal efforts of our people to seize this exceptional opportunity for missionary effort and sacrificial giving.

There are some ways, however, in which the resources of the mission treasury could be considerably augmented without laying but very little extra burden upon those who are already faithful in their tithes and offerings. Might we suggest the following:

1. The statistics which have been compiled show that quite a number of those who are members of the church are not as yet enjoying the wonderful blessing the Lord promises to His children in the last book of the Old Testament; one of the fullest and most remarkable blessings promised by the Lord is to be found in the third chapter of Malachi's prophecy. What a blessing it would be to the work of God if every churchmember were faithful in bringing in his tithes to the Lord! If instead of perhaps eighty per cent of our churchmembers, there were one hundred per cent faithful, what a difference it would make. This would not lay any extra burden upon those who are faithful, but it would mean that those who have not enjoyed the blessings resultant from bringing in the tithes into the storehouse would themselves share in this blessing, and at the same time have the joy in their hearts of knowing that they were supporting and extending the work of God.

2. Then we think again of the members of the church who do not attend the Sabbath-school. These

also are failing to receive the blessing the Lord has in store for them. The faithful week-by-week study of the Sabbath-school lessons, the fellowship that results from regular attendance at the Sabbath-school means much in spiritual growth, and the enjoyment of fellowship with the Lord. But as a part of this special blessing there is the joy and satisfaction of knowing that the offerings we bring to the Sabbath-school go to bring the light and knowledge of the truth to those who sit in heathen darkness. What it would mean to Sabbath-school offerings throughout the Union if those of our churchmembers who do not attend the Sabbath-school were to come to Sabbath-school, and bring with them their gifts unto the Lord! What it would mean also if those who for legitimate reasons perhaps cannot attend Sabbath-school regularly; maybe sickness intervenes, maybe one has to stay at home to care for an invalid, maybe one goes on holiday, but if when resuming attendance at the Sabbath-school they should bring with them the offerings for the Sabbaths they have missed, what this would mean in the way of increase in our Sabbath-school gifts!

3. Then we think again of the Week of Sacrifice. If every worker and all our believers throughout the field were to join in this, it would mean a large increase in our mission gifts. Sometimes we wonder if it would not be a good thing in our homes to introduce the thought expressed in the term "self-denial." This practice is followed by one or two religious bodies. It might be well if this were brought into our homes in a very definite way, so that at each meal we were made conscious of the fact that it was a week of self-denial. The children should be taught to appreciate this; they would thus know what the Week of Sacrifice meant, and the whole family would join in this special effort and be definitely conscious of the fact.

Brethren and sisters, we have come to difficult times in the work of God, and yet we are to face the present situation with courage and hope, knowing that the Lord still rules in heaven, and that He is at the helm guiding and directing His people. We must remember that:

"The work which the church has

failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 463.*

This fact is not to bring discouragement or any slackening of effort. It will be noted that the statement reads: "She will have to do." The work must go forward whatever the difficulties. So let us face coming days with a courage born of God, with the assurance that He is with His people, and that as we march forward courageously, with hearts consecrated wholly to the purpose of God, He will be with us unto the end.

"Brethren, it is no time now for mourning and despair, no time to yield to doubt and unbelief. Christ is not now a Saviour in Joseph's new tomb, closed with a great stone, and sealed with the Roman seal; we have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts; He sitteth between the cherubim; and amid the strife and tumult of nations, He guards His people still. He who ruleth in the heavens is the Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of His enemies, His people will be safe in His hands."—*Ibid., Vol. 5, pages 753, 754.*

Wedding Bells

SISSON-CARBERY.—Brother Michael Sisson and Sister Cecelia Carbery were united together in marriage on Monday, March 18th, at our Dublin church. The reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, where many well-wishing friends assembled. The sun shone brightly on the bride. May life's paths for them be found in pleasant places. We wish them every happiness as they unite heart and mind in the Advent message.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

DENNE-KING.—On March 17th Brother Denne and Sister K. King were united in marriage at the Chiswick Advent church in the presence of a large gathering. Both are members of the Ealing church where they take an active part, Brother Denne being our assistant Sabbath-school leader. We wish this young couple a very happy life together, and that God's blessing may rest upon their union. We are looking forward to this new home being a strong pillar in the Ealing church.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Another Year at Newbold

BEGINNING the school year as we did on September 6, 1939, just three days after the outbreak of war, we naturally wondered what effect the political situation would have upon our important work of training young people for Christian service, but we can surely say, "Hitherto hath the Lord led us," and for His care and guidance we would ascribe praise and blessing to His holy name.

You will rejoice with us that we are able to present another Graduating Class. The closing exercises will be held on Sunday, May 12th, at 3 p.m., and we extend to our many friends and patrons a cordial invitation to be present.

As we review the blessings which the school year has brought to us, there stands out the memory of the Autumn Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor C. A. Reeves and the Spring Week by Pastor W. H. Meredith. They were times of deep spiritual refreshing, and decisions were made that will be of lifelong benefit to those who took part.

We have just completed a very successful Colporteur's Institute, and seventy of our students have decided to enter the canvassing field this summer. We feel that the Lord has again called other seventy disciples and is sending them forth to the cities and villages of Great Britain. Let us pray that they will return again rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.

The young people of Newbold have engaged in many lines of missionary endeavour this year. Sabbath by Sabbath the members of the Visiting Band have gone from door to door distributing tracts and, wherever possible, speaking a word for the Master, while the Correspondence Band has been active in writing letters and sending *Present Truth* far and near.

The following figures show the achievements in some of the campaigns of the year:

	£	s.	d.
Harvest Ingathering ...	426	15	8
Highest total for one			
Sunday's canvassing	45	6	7
Tract Campaign	9	11	8
Big Week, literature sold	80	0	0
Easter week-end, literature sold	72	11	5

But the most important work that has been done at Newbold during the year cannot be put down in columns of figures; it is not measured by any mathematical scale. Like the seed which is silently sown in the ground, so the teacher from day to day endeavours to implant high ideals and noble thoughts in the minds and hearts of his pupils. His work is revealed in the harvest of young people who, having left the classroom, take their places in earth's dark corners and bring light and healing to those in darkness and distress.

The College has been fortunate this second term in having many visitors for the week-ends, and their messages have been greatly appreciated by all. Quite a number of families from the vicinity are now coming in to worship with us on Sabbath, and it is evident that the present chapel will soon be too small to seat our congregation.

Plans are being laid to accommodate guests at the College during the summer months, and we welcome inquiries from any who would like to spend their holidays in the delightful surroundings which Newbold affords.

Our Correspondence School is growing. Here is an opportunity for many who are not able to attend the regular classes at the College to receive the benefits of a Christian education.

The faculty of Newbold have consecrated all their powers to the task of seeing the youth of the Advent message receive that Christian training which will save them to the cause and work of the Master. While day is still with us, ere the sun sets for ever on earth's western horizon, we want to see all our young people safely sheltered within the fold of God. Parents, ministers, church elders, and young people's leaders,

GRADUATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 12th

THE Graduation Service this year will be at 3 p.m. instead of 4 o'clock as in previous years to enable visitors to return home before black-out time. The College will provide hot and cold drinks at the close of the service.

let us arise and work in this most productive field of evangelism. Let us give our youth the best that can be given and solicit their talents and their time for the finishing of the work.

W. G. MURDOCH.



An Open Letter to All Our Members

DEAR Brethren and Sisters:

You have no doubt read the announcements appearing in the MESSENGER recently concerning the use of Newbold College as a summer holiday resort during the months of June, July, and August. Some have already written for accommodation, and it has come to our notice that several others are expecting to make the College their holiday centre this summer. A number of the students have stated that members in their home churches are coming to Newbold for their summer holidays. We are very glad to have this information, but it would help us very considerably in making our plans if those of you who anticipate visiting the College would write and let us know when you wish to come, so that suitable accommodation may be reserved. We would be very sorry to disappoint anybody. If, therefore, you have fixed your holiday dates and think of coming to Newbold, please write as soon as possible so that we may have our plans well in hand and ensure all our visitors a pleasant time.

You will be interested to know that we have already booked rooms for those who are not members, and we are hoping these visitors will receive a good impression of our school and all that it represents.

By coming to Newbold for your holidays you will not only provide yourselves with a pleasant time of quiet and peaceful relaxation amid the delights of nature, but you will be contributing in a degree toward the maintenance of the College during its vacation period.

We look forward to hearing from you and also to meeting you here this summer.

Yours very sincerely,

N. H. KNIGHT,
Business Manager.

Notes from the Union President

FIRST QUARTER'S REPORT

THE first quarter's tithe figures are just available, and we are thankful to say that there is an increase in tithe, compared with last year, of over £600. This is an indication of continued faithfulness on the part of our members under trying war conditions.

The calamity that has befallen Scandinavia has brought a drastic reduction in mission income, and the problem of preserving our mission activities in these stressful times is thus aggravated. Where peace and liberty still prevail we should press on with the work of God, and be sure that the treasury is not depleted by any lack of faithfulness on our part. Surely times like the present call us to a deeper faithfulness in every phase of our relationship to God.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

WE are now in the closing weeks of the College year at Newbold, and shortly the graduation exercises will be held (May 10th-12th). Soon after that date certain of our teachers will be visiting the churches prepared to interview prospective students for the school year, 1940-41. We appeal to all our people everywhere to encourage every possible young person to go to our College for further preparation for the duties of life. We want to keep our entire teaching staff at work at Newbold, but there are going to be certain difficulties created by the war. We should not retrench in our school work until we are absolutely compelled to do so. Young people should not be discouraged because of war conditions from going to the College. We need every one of our youth, and they need the benefits that Newbold can confer upon them. We shall be glad to be put in touch with any needing special counsel on this subject.

"STEPS TO CHRIST" FOR THE SERVICES

THE pocket edition of this priceless little book has served a very useful purpose. It is being put into the hands of a number of soldiers, sailors, and others, and those interested in bringing the blessings of this book to men living under trying conditions are invited to contribute

to a fund being created for this purpose.

OUR INSTITUTIONS

PAPER restrictions are causing problems at our printing house, but we are carrying on as best we can under the difficulty. Economies are being effected throughout our work in the use of paper, and we hope to continue the publication of our

books, periodicals, and Harvest In-gathering literature, and to keep every phase of the Publishing Department going strongly.

At the Granose Factory prices of materials are soaring in a somewhat alarming fashion, but so far we have managed to keep the staff fully occupied, and we once again urge our members to do a little more to help us by purchasing more Granose products through the retailers in their localities. H. W. LOWE.

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Notes from the President

THE first quarter of 1940 has closed on a note of confidence in South England. There are those who believe that figures and statistics do not tell all the story, and I am inclined to agree with them, but figures and statistics do tell a good part of the story, and if we endeavour to see the real picture that is behind them they can be very enlightening.

For instance, think of this heartening fact which emerges from our study of the figures for the first quarter of 1940—*forty-two churches and companies in South England report an increase in tithe.*

INCOME

SURELY that is a picture of faithfulness and loyalty to the Lord in these days of darkness and doubt. It is a picture of a membership scattered throughout our conference territory nobly maintaining the principles of truth, and placing God and His cause first in their allegiance.

The increase of £250 in tithe income for this first quarter as compared with the first quarter of 1939 is surely a reason for real thankfulness to God. By the way, why not ask your local elder, treasurer, or conference worker if your church shared in making a £250 increase possible? It is your interest, your faithfulness, and your loyalty which makes progress possible.

Let us remember also that "God

is not slack concerning His promise." Behind these encouraging figures we see the spiritual significance of blessings joyfully received and personal confidence in God maintained.

It is also a joy to report that our conference contribution to the cause of God overseas was increased for the first quarter of 1940. This means that we show a substantial increase in mission offerings represented by the Sabbath-school, Young People's, and other mission offerings taken during the first quarter. While the Sabbath-school offerings for the twelve Sabbaths revealed a good increase, the Thirteenth Sabbath offering suffered a loss. Perhaps energetic Sabbath-school secretaries will give attention to this during this present quarter.

FINNISH RELIEF OFFERING

HERE is another heartening news item: Over £200 was contributed to the Finnish relief offering by members in South England. This surely is a proof of the deep interest our membership is taking in the work of God in mission lands, and an evidence of that practical sympathy for a people mutilated by the ravages of war. We know that this offering on the part of our churches was a source of great encouragement to our brethren and sisters in that stricken country.

LITTLE BROWN BOXES

FINALLY, our "Cinderella" Offering (the Evangelistic Box Fund)

shows some increase for the first quarter. We budgetted to receive a meagre £50 for Home Evangelism, and the actual receipts were £47! Surely something can be done to transform this "Cinderella" into a real "Princess"! Doubtless you have been reading the interesting and enlightening news under "Flashes from the Home Front." Remember the Evangelistic Box Fund is our only contribution for work in the home field, apart from the tithe income. Your local treasurer will be glad to supply you with a box and to receive your regular contributions. Our evangelists are doing a grand work in difficult times, but we can only keep Home Evangelism pro-

gressing as the funds are maintained. Incidentally you will be interested to know that we are endeavouring to build up an Evangelistic Fund of at least £500 for autumn campaigns. A few days ago an anonymous gift of £25 for this fund was thankfully received. Already there are encouraging signs that this fund for evangelism is receiving support. All gifts sent to the South England Conference office for this needy purpose of "finishing the work" at home will be gratefully acknowledged.

Truly we have much for which to be thankful as we review the evidences of God's rich blessing upon His cause and upon His people.

G. D. KING.

Youth Convention at Southampton

THINGS were looking rather blue at Southampton. Perhaps the better word would be "black!" At any rate the dark clouds have been very much in evidence. The arctic conditions which prevailed in so many parts of the country during the early part of this year were experienced to the full in what used to be called "the sunny south." Half the members were ill, and as some of the rest had to care for the sick, attendances at meetings fell to zero, or thereabouts, like the mercury in the thermometer. It did not need a physician to point out that a tonic was needed.

South England Conference FLASHES FROM THE HOME FRONT

The First Night

THE Opening Night was upon them all too suddenly. That Sunday in early November dawned uncertainly. It was not quite sure whether it wanted to be an autumn day or a winter day. It eventually decided to be both!

As Evangelist studied his sermon, which had been on his mind for weeks, he wondered whether the promise of the morning would hold good all day. Evangelist's pet aversion was a wet Sunday night!

Two hours before the meeting Bible-worker and he were getting ready for the meeting in the Majestic Kinedrome. The stage had to be set for the choir. Lighting had to be modified. Hymn-sheets distributed, literature cards placed with them. They were at last ready for the practice with the choir, which had been planned to arrive an hour early. But, as is the nature of choirs, it didn't! When it came, having worried Evangelist by its tardiness, there was just time to get arranged when the doors had to be opened.

Everything that could be done had been done. Evangelist asked of the weather. "It's foggy, and has just started to rain," a steward cheerfully observed! "Any people coming in?" was the next question. "Fair, but



PASTOR C. R. BONNEY

Ordained 1939 Annual Meeting.
District Leader—North Western District:

Reading, High Wycombe, Slough.

Twelve new members added during 1939.

Present Campaigns at Slough and High Wycombe.

Two campaigns are being conducted simultaneously. Attendances have fallen off since presentation of the Sabbath, but an active interest on the part of fifty persons is being maintained. Twelve are now attending Sabbath services.

Against discouraging circumstances the workers in this district are pressing on courageously. A good baptism is expected to materialize under God's blessing.

Associate workers: Miss E. Powell and R. H. Bainbridge.

there's still twenty-five minutes to go." Back-stage, Evangelist made certain of his notes and programme. Bible-worker was busy at the other end of the cinema getting the stewards functioning efficiently. Thrilled by the number coming in, the amateur ushers were forgetting their duty! The organ started. Fifteen minutes to go!

Evangelist took his Bible and went to his desk. Only the curtain hid the audience. The vast cinema was alive with the rustle of increasing numbers. Evangelist longed to know how many were there. He looked at his watch. Three minutes to go. The organist started the last voluntary. The curtain would go up when this piece ended. The moment for which he had planned and worked with his helpers had arrived. The opening night on which he had spent a quarter of his budget, and upon which he relied for the good tone of the entire series was here! The organ ended, and the curtain went up. With a prayer for strength Evangelist looked out over this first audience in Newtown. How many of these would accept his message? "God grant me words. May all these be saved for Jesus' sake." The First Night had started.

LESLIE HARDINGE.

(Next time: "Fostering the Interest.")

In due time the tonic came, and the condition of the patient showed immediate improvement. It took the form of a Young People's Convention. The convention was intended primarily to benefit the Missionary Volunteers, but it proved helpful also to those who, though no longer young in years, were still young in spirit. Representatives were present from Bournemouth, Weymouth, Portsmouth, Andover, Medstead, and Fareham, as well as Southampton.

An address on the Friday evening by the president of the conference, Pastor G. D. King, based on the parable of the ten virgins, was the beginning of a very enjoyable and profitable season. All present were made to see very clearly the need for being ready to meet the Bridegroom.

The Sabbath morning service was very impressive. The church building was full, and additional chairs had to be brought in for late-comers. At this hour, Pastor King gave an address suited to the needs of the young people and the older ones. It was a call for whole-hearted consecration to God and His work. At the close of this service nearly all the young people present signed consecration cards, and five little ones made their decision to serve Jesus as their Lord.

Another inspiring address was given at the three o'clock service. Pastor E. R. Warland took this meeting, and outlined in a very interesting way the work to which our young men and women and our boys and girls are called. Only by following the counsel given in the Bible, Brother Warland said, could we obtain the victory over the powers of darkness and win souls for God.

The period from six-thirty to eight o'clock was devoted to talks and papers given by our leaders, and by the young people themselves. We were all grateful for the helpful hints and suggestions passed on to us.

The session did not close with this evening meeting. Our untiring young people's secretary had arranged to take us for a rather lengthy trip. Incredible though it may seem, within a few short minutes we had arrived at Liverpool Street Station in London, had boarded the train, reached Harwich, and Flushing, and

Hamburg, yes, and Denmark. We found ourselves at the convention that sixty of our British folk attended last August! We thoroughly enjoyed our brief stay there!

Sunday began with a short Bible study by the writer. It had been predicted that no one would arrive for this early meeting, but the prophecy proved to be false. There was a fair gathering, and the good attendance was maintained throughout the day. Consideration was given to all the matters that appeal especially to Missionary Volunteers. Every talk given, every paper read, proved helpful. It was good to listen while the young men and women gave their experiences. They asked questions, and they answered questions. They gave their reasons why they believed this or did not believe that. There is surely a field of usefulness for such young people.

Two or three friends not of our faith found their way into some of the convention meetings. They listened with attention and expressed themselves as having enjoyed these services. Who knows to what extent the seed sown in their hearts will germinate and bring forth fruit?

It was expected that Pastor King

would speak on Sunday evening on: "God in Control!" We were sorry that he was called away, so was unable to take the meeting. Pastor Warland deputized at short notice. The Lord certainly blessed His servant, and gave him freedom and power in the presentation of the message. Our own members and the strangers who were present all seemed to give earnest heed to the word spoken. The young people had circulated two thousand handbills, announcing this Sunday evening meeting. If the response from the public was not encouraging, the promises of the Word of God are. We know that God's Word will not return unto Him void.

So the youth convention came to an end. But the influence of the convention remains. Young people, and older ones, too, pledged themselves to support the work outlined for the Missionary Volunteers. Indeed they expressed their determination to be progressive volunteers in the true sense of the term. Maybe we shall see definite results in Southampton in the winning of those not of our faith. Let us pray that this may be the case.

F. A. SPEARING.

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Notes from the President

EVANGELISM

THE evangelists are now giving or are about to give the truths which make a severing line in the lives of the people who accept them. Remember the evangelists in your prayers, but do not forget those who, young in Bible knowledge, have to make a stand in their homes and business places. Pray that Christ's promise may be made true in their experiences, "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Luke 21:15.

EVANGELISTIC BOXES

JUDGING by reports there are very few members who own boxes, and fewer still who use them. You may

say that you already do all you can with your offerings at the church. I read this the other day under the heading, "How much shall I give this year to missions?" "A little argument with myself. 1. If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast the vote in favour of the recalling of every missionary in both the home and foreign fields. 2. If I give less than heretofore, I favour a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution. 3. If I give the same as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is 'Hold the Fort,' forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All His soldiers are under marching orders always. They

are commanded to 'Go.' 4. If I increase my offering this year, then I favour an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. I will join this class."

LITERATURE CONVENTIONS

Brother B. Belton writes:

"THE interest of the earlier conventions was seen in the last three meetings of the quarter. It was good to share in the enthusiasm of the young people of the Derby and Stoke churches who worked hard in distributing our missionary magazine, *Present Truth*.

"Heavy rain in Stoke threatened to keep us indoors, but those cheerful young folk would not be daunted. They felt it was well worth the soaking to place the truth in many homes that Sunday morning.

"The special speakers were Pastor J. M. Howard and the treasurer of The Stanborough Press, Brother J. C. Craven, and their ministry was greatly appreciated.

"The Field Missionary Department has now issued a book of instructions in selling our smaller publications and magazines, with a full supply of tested canvasses. Every churchmember should be sure to take advantage of these practical hints. Get a copy now. It is yours for the asking; and its suggestions will help you tremendously in your door-to-door evangelism."

BIG WEEK

You will rejoice to know that the first report of *Good News* ordered this year shows an increase of 400 over the last report last year. Keep it up! The more we sell the more we help the work at home and abroad.

HAVE YOU FOUND YOURS?

THIS year should show our greatest gain in membership. God expects it and you want it.

Before you win someone to the truth you must find a prospect. Have you found yours?

If not, you should start looking for one at once.

Having found one you should lead him on step by step. Give him literature that will interest him—tracts, *Present Truth*, books large or small.

Find an opening for Bible studies. If you are not prepared to give the

study, get somebody to go with you.

Invite him to the Sunday night meeting in the church, if you have one; if not, do your utmost to interest other members and strive to get one started.

Plan and work and pray until he is won.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

WORLD-SHAKING events are happening very near us. Overnight a new period in history begins for some countries. Pray for our leaders in those parts of our Division just across the water, for their responsibilities are very heavy.

What great blessings and privileges we enjoy. Are we showing our appreciation of them by working for the cause as never before?

Let us all remember that great blessings bring solemn obligations.

R. S. JOYCE.



Tracting at Middlesbrough

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

THIS inspiring text was the keynote of a recent visit by Brethren J. Harker and B. E. Sparrow, when a "pocket" convention was held at the Advent Hall, Middlesbrough, April 5th to 7th, for the promotion and advancement of the annual tract campaign for 1940.

The convention was a success. A large number of programmes were distributed, and in the well-attended meetings an excellent spirit prevailed.

Brother Sparrow's usual custom of taking us to another country with the aid of his electro-photo film was followed, and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Then followed Brother Harker's inspiring appeal for volunteers, which was met with a willing and ready response from those present.

On Sunday morning, though the sun hid its light, a shining group of eager volunteers, young and old, were gathered to shed their bright beams into people's homes. "Working for Jesus," I heard some youngster say, as some over-cautious individual peeped through an almost hermetically sealed door. We smiled at the youth, and he felt happy about it.

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such work in these days of increasing peril and unrest? We believe that our Saviour accepts this work as done for Him. W. DOWSON.



Merseyside Missionary Volunteers

THE Merseyside branch of the great Missionary Volunteer family held its first Investiture service on Wednesday evening, March 13th, when Brother B. E. Sparrow presented badges to eight of its members for proficiency in their respective courses.

Four Friends experienced the thrill of wearing their first badges, while three Companions followed to receive the recognition of their progress. Finally the M.V. leader, true to title, led the way in securing the Master Comrade badge.

The investiture was followed by a film of interest to all nature-lovers, "The Dispersal of Seeds," when Pastor Bell impressed spiritual lessons from natural illustrations.

It is our sincere hope that this first investiture in Liverpool will be followed by many others, and that these progressive courses may be the means of preparing efficient workers to "go on God's errands."

G. WOODHEAD.



Changes of Address

THE Dundee company welcome all visitors to their new spiritual home, The Nethergate Assembly Hall, 156 Nethergate, Dundee.

H. T. JOHNSON.

MEMBERS at Wolverhampton are now meeting at The Friends' Meeting House, Horsman Street, Wolverhampton. The times of meeting are: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11 o'clock.

F. D. BUCKLE.

At Rest

MARSHALL.—On January 18, 1940, Mrs. E. Marshall of Parkfield Street, Manchester, fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-two years. Six days later her body was laid to rest in the Southern Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Brother R. A. Freeth. Mrs. Marshall first became acquainted with "present truth" at the public lectures delivered by Pastor Johnston in Manchester. Later she surrendered to the claims of the message under the ministry of Pastor S. G. Hyde, by whom she was baptized on March 3, 1934. Through a distressing ailment our sister was, for several years, prevented from participating in the privileges of public worship, but ever

had a hearty welcome for friends and fellow-believers who visited her home. She bore her sufferings with a marked cheerfulness and courage, and passed away in the glad hope of a resurrection to glory and honour and immortality. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter and other relatives.

H. THOMPSON,
Church Clerk.

STEELE.—Brother George Steele, after a short illness, fell asleep in Jesus on January 20, 1940, at the age of seventy-four years. He was laid to rest in Shirley Cemetery on January 26th. The writer conducted the last rites, including a service at the house. Our brother accepted the message under the labours of Pastor D. Morrison, and was baptized in June, 1931. For nine years he has served his Lord and the Advent cause well. Part of this time he fulfilled the office of a deacon. He excelled in missionary zeal and built up a list of about 200 regular readers of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, and for some years past collected about £30 in each Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We shall greatly miss his helping hand and worthy example at Croydon. But as we remember his sufferings in those days before he entered into rest, we say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Brother Steele leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

F. C. BAILEY.

STUBBS.—The Portsmouth church has lost a faithful and beloved member in Arthur Edwin Stubbs, who passed peacefully away on February 16, 1940, at the age of sixty-four years. Our dear brother had not been in very good health for some time, but in spite of this, he went cheerfully about his duties, never happy unless he was helping others. Almost his last hours were spent in going backward and forward to his son who was very seriously ill. Sad to say Brother Stubbs died before his son, the son passing away just a week later. Our brother accepted the message under the labours of the late Pastor A. E. Bacon, who baptized him at the Elm Grove Baptist Church on July 18, 1936. He also served as deacon. Brother Stubbs leaves a wife, daughter, and seven sisters to mourn their loss. He was laid to rest in Milton Cemetery. Pastor W. J. Young conducted the funeral service, and spoke words of hope and comfort. We know that if we are faithful we shall meet him again in the resurrection.

Church Clerk.

SEELEY.—Many of the older members of the MESSENGER family will regret to learn of the passing of Sister Jane Seeley at the advanced age of eighty-one. Though our sister had been ailing for some months, the end came rather suddenly. Sister Seeley first accepted the message under the ministry of Elder Ellery Robinson, and later was baptized by Elder H. E. Robinson, some forty-four years ago. From that time on Sister Seeley was a valiant and consecrated soldier of the Cross, bearing her humble but constant witness to the message by means of her *Present Truth* sales, her zealous Ingathering efforts, and her sympathetic sick ministry. Indeed, she was well known in many Cambridgeshire hamlets through her tireless missionary activity. One of the last tasks she undertook, despite her failing strength, was the reading of the Word twice daily to the blind. She sank peacefully to sleep on February 25th and was laid to rest in the Ely Cemetery, there to await the clarion call of Him she had loved so long, and served so well. Of her it can be truly said that she rests from her labours and her works do follow her.

W. BOWDEN, E. COX.

WOODROW.—On February 23, 1940, at the ripe old age of seventy-four, our devoted isolated sister, Mrs. Nellie Woodrow, living in the village of Blandford, Dorset, passed to her rest. For over seven years, since her baptism by Brother Dorland at Salisbury in 1932, she has maintained her faith and witnessed faithfully for the truth in the countryside around through various kinds of missionary work. Not possessing the strength to do regular house-to-house work, nor the means to purchase literature with which to work, she was delighted at the receipt of occasional gifts of tracts and back numbers of *Present Truth* which she eagerly distributed to the villagers. It was

a source of inspiration to us in the conference office to note her loyalty in sending tithes and offerings from her meagre resources. Her sorrowing husband, who has more recently embraced the truth, writes: "The only thing that worried her was that she could not give more. I am trying hard to follow in her footsteps."

J. H. PARKIN.

STEWART-JACKS.—Sister Isadore Winifred Stewart-Jacks heard the Advent message through reading our publications, and was a faithful member of the Bombay church for seventeen years. She came to England just before the outbreak of war for health reasons, and to be near her children. After a short and severe illness, during which surgical treatment was applied, our sister fell asleep in Christ on March 26, 1940, at the age of fifty-five years. The funeral service was held in the Stanborough Park church in the presence of a number of bereaved relatives and friends. Suitable words of Christian comfort were spoken by the writer from Psalm ninety-one, our sister's favourite passage of Scripture. The interment was made in the beautiful Garston Churchyard at which Pastor W. L. Emmerson officiated. Our deepest sympathy extends to four sorrowing children, the husband who is in India, and other relations. Their sorrow, however, is not without hope, as we believe our sister will respond to the Saviour's call on the resurrection morning.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

HALL.—Sister Amelia Hall, wife of our late Pastor Hall, had been slowly failing in health for some months. Her end came peacefully on April 4, 1940, when she had reached the age of seventy. Her husband, who fell asleep in Christ in 1938, was an ordained minister for seventeen years. During this time Sister Hall, with her husband, made many real friends in the various churches for which they worked. For fifty-five years she followed her Master, for it was at the age of fifteen that she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized. The writer, assisted by Brother Bainbridge, performed the last rites on April 11th in the Slough Municipal Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

C. R. BONNEY.

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