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## Two Important Mission Appeals

By H. W. LOWE

FOR the twenty-fifth year in succession the believers in the British Union are to take part in a house-to-house collection on behalf of our world-wide work. Under government licence the month of June has been set apart for this object. Collecting will begin on Sunday, June 2nd, and will definitely close on Sunday, June 30th. This period brings to us at least three good things, all of which should be fully appreciated and fully exploited. First, June is the month of long hours of daylight. The collector could work twelve hours every day throughout the month if he so wished. We can also reasonably expect a full share of good sunny weather. Finally, there are five Sundays in which to work for the Lord. These must be the "big days" of the campaign—days of consecrated service, golden days.

In contrast to the many privileges that are ours in the British field, we might do well to reflect a little on the situation across the North Sea. There in Scandinavia, Poland, and the Baltic States, the hearts of our brethren and sisters still glow with missionary zeal; they still love the message of God and long to be active in this Appeal work. But war has come. Privileges which they once enjoyed are now cut off. Whole conferences and unions will not now be able to take any part in the gath-

ering in of funds for missionary work in the regions beyond. In view of these facts and all that they mean to the missions exchequer, and also because of the opportunity that has been given to us to make our appeal to the public in spite of the war and under government protection, we might ask in the language of the psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord" at this time?

Surely there can be only one fitting thank-offering to bring to God, that is, the pledging of ourselves to give and collect as never before. The giving part of our pledge can be best redeemed during the Week of Sacrifice. The call comes to every believer to make this week—May 25th-31st—a period of self-sacrificing living with a view to making larger gifts to the cause of God at a time when our financial resources are being so severely taxed. Please note the date when the offering is due. June 1st should witness a multitude of gifts both large and small, brought to the treasury as the church's own sacrificial contribution to our great twofold missionary project.

June 2nd will provide the first opportunity to get out among the

people. So that all may be fully informed as to how the work should be done under the new regulations, a special instructions leaflet has been prepared, a copy of which will be made available to every member. Be sure you get your copy and read it well before beginning to collect. These leaflets will be on hand in the churches and companies on Sabbath, May 18th. The isolated will be supplied direct from the conference offices. All who are of the proper age can go out with the utmost confidence and without fear of interference so long as the few simple regulations are strictly adhered to. Let us remember the following important facts:

1. We are working to time. What we fail to do in June we cannot do in July.

2. The favour of God is seen in the granting of the licence to collect which is now in our possession. This should be taken as a token of His willingness to accomplish great things through the humble persevering worker.

3. The privilege to gather in funds for the work of God to-day may not be ours to enjoy for very long. Like the Master in the days of His earthly ministry, we must "work while it is day: for the night cometh, when no man can work."

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**Please remember Week of Sacrifice Offering,  
June 1st**

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### Evangelism in Essex

"DRIVE, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee." 2 Kings 4:24. These words of the Shunammite woman were uttered in an hour of desperate emergency when life and death issues hung in the balance. I believe the Lord is saying this to His people in these dark days of threat and war. Difficulties must not be made an excuse for inaction; rather should they become a spur to greater advancement.

I am glad to report that such a determined and aggressive soul-winning spirit is inspiring the membership of our Essex district. We believe the clock strikes the hour of a great opportunity. We are overwhelmingly convinced that the great need of to-day is evangelism.

Despite the tremendous obstacles which the black-out and weather conditions have presented to public evangelism during the winter months we have been enabled by the Lord's help to establish a solid group of Sabbath-keepers in the hitherto unentered town of Chelmsford. A growing Sabbath-school has now been organized here. New Sabbath-keepers are regularly traveling distances of five, ten, and twelve miles to the meetings from other parts of Essex. Throughout the winter one man has travelled to all the meetings, a distance of eighteen miles each way. One Sunday night in a blinding storm this good brother had to abandon his car in a snowdrift and walk home many miles in the black-out. At recent Sunday services we have had the joy of seeing a number of souls surrendering to Christ for the first time.

Ten miles from Chelmsford, on the way to London, stands Brentwood. This is another town where the Advent message has never before been proclaimed. We have now

commenced a Sunday afternoon campaign in this stronghold of Roman Catholicism, and we are finding a most encouraging response. A good congregation is listening with the deepest interest week by week as God's last-day message is unfolded. We plan to establish a new Sabbath-school here in a few weeks. This campaign is being run without any cost to the conference. We are happy also to have been able, from gifts received, to hand to the conference £50 toward its evangelistic budget for next autumn.

The prospects for good baptisms in the summer in these two unentered towns are really excellent. Among the number now keeping Sabbath and preparing for baptism we have ten men. Some of these men have given up very good positions in order to keep God's commandments. They are of good courage in the Lord, and believe that He will see them through in these dark days of hardship and uncertainty. God is blessing the faithful labours of our associate workers, Brother John West and Sister M. Clements.

We much appreciated the strong help which Brethren Nord and Warland gave to our churches during the Home Missionary convention held at Ilford earlier in the year. Our keen group of missionary workers was responsible for the sale of nearly 2,000 copies of *Present Truth* in the district during the recent Tract Campaign.

Pastor W. E. Read's visit to our district on Sabbath April 27th, will be long remembered. The riches of His goodness (Rom. 2:4), of His grace (Eph. 1:7), and of His glory (Eph. 3:16) were powerfully presented in a deeply spiritual message which revealed the completeness of God's resources for the believer in Christ. The afternoon talk recounted some of Pastor Read's experi-

ences in Africa and troubled lands of Europe. A note of courage and confidence in the advancing cause of God was sounded which came as a real spiritual tonic for these testing times.

Although somewhat depleted by evacuation, our Ilford membership, together with those at Forest Gate and Romford, are striving faithfully to keep the flag of truth flying in east London. Brother Bunting, with Miss Donaldson as Bible-worker, is conducting an effort at Ilford. We are confident that the seed sown there will bear fruit.

Brethren, pray for us, "that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph" at each centre of the Essex district.

C. A. REEVES.



### Bristol M.V. Convention

WE are on our way to the opening meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Convention at Arley Hill, Bristol.

"Well, my dear, I wonder how many there will be there to-night? Ah! Here's the door." Click—"Well I never! The place is almost full! 'O ye of little faith, wherefore didst ye doubt?'"

There's Pastor Bartlett and Pastor Warland. And over there is Pastor Dorland, and there, Sister Guntrip. Who would have thought that with all their busy plans for the forthcoming effort they would have found time to be present. Well, those who did not come missed the opening blessing which God poured so graciously upon us all.

We were glad to welcome into our midst eight young people from Cheltenham and Gloucester. These included Evangelist Vince and his Bible-worker, Sister R. John, who both materially added to the success of the convention by giving well-thought-out papers on some of the problems which confront the Advent youth of to-day. Croscombe was represented in the person of Brother Johnson, layman and ex-colporteur, and Bath church sent four young people, not to mention others from surrounding districts, some of whom gave good and interesting papers.

On Sabbath afternoon two Friend

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**JUNE—one month's Ingathering. BE READY!**

badges were invested upon Sisters Olive Reid and Coral Clifford, both of the Bath church.

The visit of Brethren Bartlett and Warland was very timely, as many queries were cleared up relative to the Progressive Courses, and a fresh wave of enthusiasm was evident among the young people—a keenness to start right in, and all planned to work for the Friend qualification, and to continue until all are Master Comrades. And why all this? To pass the time away? No; to fit the Advent youth for service; to use the one life God has given us in the winning of souls. Are you, young reader, still hesitating to fit yourself for greater usefulness in the Master's harvest field? God calls you now. Why not say yes to-day?

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.



### Portsmouth Sabbath-School Helps the Far East

It is surprising, but very true, how anything original will bring enthusiasm, and often reach an objective. Portsmouth church has recently seen this. The Sabbath-school superintendent, Brother Hearne, made a model of a ship, and rightly named it *S.S. Endeavour*, its object being to help in reaching the quarterly Sabbath-school offering goal of £10, particularly by a good offering on Thirteenth Sabbath.

The idea was for members to put in the boat from week to week any special gifts for Thirteenth Sabbath. The ship was commissioned in the early part of the year, but owing to the very severe weather and sickness, the passage was rough; but the brighter days came and more members attended the Sabbath-school, and our good ship began to carry a heavier cargo. Then as she steamed into port on the Thirteenth Sabbath members were invited during the singing of the second hymn to put their Thirteenth Sabbath offering into the ship. How good it was to see those gifts!

Finally the time came for unloading, and our ship revealed a fine cargo, providing a good overflow for the work in the Far Eastern Division. How happy every one was to "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!" J. HASTINGS,

*S.S. Secretary.*

### Missionary Volunteer Convention at Wimbledon

THE Wimbledon church was proud to be hostess to representatives from the Chiswick, Ealing, Lewisham, Gillingham, Hastings, and other Missionary Volunteer societies for the M.V. Convention, during the week-end, March 29th to 31st.

At the first meeting on Friday evening, Brother P. Knudsen gave the address. His earnest appeal was that we should be "out and out" Christians, not trying to walk with one foot in the narrow way, and the other in the broad road which leads to destruction. On Sabbath morning Pastor W. T. Bartlett spoke on the apostle John's message to children, young people, and parents. (1 John 2.) The exhortation to "love not the world" which passeth away is to the Adventist youth of to-day more solemn than ever, and was the burden of the morning address.

There was an Investiture service in the afternoon when five of the Wimbledon M.V.'s became Companions, and one a Friend. This brief service was held just prior to Pastor H. W. Lowe's appeal to all young people to allow the Holy Spirit always to be their Guide. He spoke of the special need for Spirit-filled lives in these days when faith is being tried and tested. Our young men particularly need the assurance that they are doing the will of God and being led by His Spirit. This assurance is experienced by all whose every act and word is Spirit-guided. In these evil days our only safety is in complete surrender to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

On Sabbath evening the convention discussions began, the various activities of the M.V. movement in accordance with decisions reached during the Congress held in Denmark last year being promoted. Reminiscences were given by Pastor E. R. Warland, who showed still and moving pictures of the Congress later in the evening.

Sunday's proceedings were opened with a Bible study by Pastor W. W. Armstrong, who took as his text 2 Peter 1:3. He showed that the people of God are called not only to glory but also to virtue, or service.

The rest of Sunday until 6.30

p.m. was given up to profitable discussions of a number of subjects of vital interest to young people. During the discussions appreciation was expressed generally of the new M.V. periodical, *The Progressive Volunteer*, which certainly is a wonderful "baby," having developed into something really fine in its first three months of life. We can recommend this paper to all our young people everywhere—and to those who are not so young!

There was no lull in these discussions, which is an indication of the interest taken in them, and we believe they will bear fruit in better organized M.V. societies, deeper interest in the Progressive Courses, a consequent weaning away from worldly interests, and a forward movement in the M.V. department in the South England Conference generally.

The climax of the convention was reached in the Sunday evening service which had been specially advertised in 2,000 tract-handbills given out in the Sabbath lunch hour by volunteers. Pastor W. T. Bartlett spoke on the subject, "Is God in Control?" The answer which God gave to Habakkuk (chap. 2:4) and which was repeated by Paul to the Hebrews (chap. 10:38) is His answer to all who are wondering in these troublous times, "I am in control, don't worry, the just shall not die—he shall live—by his faith."

Some fifteen non-members were present at this meeting and we trust some of these will study the truth with us and join the church, thus giving to the Wimbledon church the best kind of memento of a very profitable and enjoyable M.V. Convention, which, we hope, will not be the last.

A. C. VINE.



### The Clacton Explosion

WORD has come through from our worker at Clacton that none of our members was hurt in the terrific explosion which followed the German raider's crash last week.

One of our people had, however, an almost miraculous escape from injury when the house was severely damaged.

Our members at Clacton are of good courage in the Lord.

G. D. KING.

# Student Colporteur Institute

At last the opening of the College Institute had arrived. At last the time had come for many of us to make our first acquaintance with the ways and means of persuading people to purchase our truth-filled books. For weeks we had been looking forward to this time with keen anticipation. Much time spent poring over maps of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales had created in our minds vivid pictures of rolling downs, lonely moors, rocky coasts, and nestling villages; but now—we were really going to find out where, and how.

Prevailing war conditions made the coming of any visitor from the Division impossible. However, the arrival of our old friend, Pastor G. D. King, compensated for this, while Pastor J. M. Howard, conducting his first Student Institute at Newbold, opened the proceedings on Monday morning, April 1st, with

an address that promised good things to come. We were not to be disappointed. Already we began to feel that there was something good in store for us, and it was not long before we were delving into "the doctrine" of Gospel Salesmanship, learning what ought and ought not to be done, under the able guidance of Brother King.

From the very beginning Brother Howard suggested that there was going to be something special about this summer's work. He pointed out that in these days of distress people

need the very message of hope and comfort which our books contain. "This summer," he said, "ought to be the best summer on record." And he certainly emphasized the word "best"!

The devotional feature of our Institute—the chapel talks—proved to be a source of great encouragement and blessing. To mention one instance. Brother B. Belton spoke on Wednesday morning, taking for his text Isaiah 45:2, where God has promised to go before His people making "the crooked places straight," breaking in pieces "the gates of brass," and cutting in sunder "the bars of iron." He went on to show how God had opened doors for His faithful servants in the past, and—what was more important for us—gave us some very practical examples of how God is still opening doors



A happy group of student-colporteurs

## Programme of Graduation Service

(Sunday, May 12th, 3 p.m.)

- Hymn No. 120 ..... Congregation
- Prayer ..... H. W. Lowe
- Solo ..... G. Hyde
- Principal's Remarks ..... W. G. C. Murdoch
- Address ..... W. R. A. Madgwick
- Hymn No. 369 ..... Congregation

### PRESENTATION of DIPLOMAS

- Choir ..... "I will always give thanks unto the Lord"
- Class Responses ..... R. D. Vine, V. Lauderdale
- Class Song ..... Graduates
- Presentation of Gift
- Hymn No. 104 ..... Congregation
- Benediction ..... R. S. Joyce



Student-colporteurs who will be taking up



The recent institute at Newbold College.

for His faithful colporteurs to-day.

On Wednesday evening Brother A. Warren initiated us into the mysteries of Scholarship Finance.

We were indeed privileged on Thursday in having a short visit from the president of the Union Conference, Pastor H. W. Lowe. His timely advice and counsel should prove a great help to us during our summer's work. Among other things he emphasized that under the present conditions, as never before, we must sell our books on a spiritual basis, remembering that we are "Lay Evangelists and Christian Colporteurs" and that our summer's work forms a part of our training.

Friday morning—and already over sixty students had applied for the summer's work. Still the application forms trickled in! By this time Brother Howard was getting



canvassing work for the first time this year.

quite excited, feeling sure that this was going to be the biggest summer ever. With real joy he announced later in the day that over seventy students were planning to enter the colporteur work this summer. What a record—truly, the biggest ever!

Now what about our goal? How

much do you think? £3,000 perhaps? No. Then maybe a little more, say £3,500? Still wrong, for claiming God's promises, the students are going to place £4,000 worth of truth-filled books in the homes of Great Britain this summer—truly a work of national importance!

Friday evening—it is the Students' Symposium. Eight students related their past summer's experiences. They told us of God's providential care, His wonderful leadings, His rich blessings. After this meeting we could all say: "Truly God is good, His promises are sure, they are still yea and amen in Christ Jesus." Now we look forward to our summer's work, not with a fearful foreboding of "losing out," but with the sure knowledge that we are on the Lord's side. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Therefore with the apostle Paul we confidently say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

KENNETH LACEY.

### Please Note

As mentioned in our last issue the Graduation Service is planned this year for 3 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. 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.

## Programme of Class Night

(Saturday, May 11th, 7.30 p.m.)

Chairman's Remarks .....	R. D. Vine
Hymn No. 129 .....	Congregation
Scripture Reading .....	V. Lauderdale
Prayer .....	L. Gardner
Pianoforte Solo	
Welcome Speech .....	B. Coupland
Poem "Submission" .....	R. Gowlett
As we know them .....	A. Kohler, D. Maffey
Quartette	
Speech "Slaves of Christ" .....	G. Hyde
Hymn No. 67 .....	Congregation
Speech "To Proclaim Liberty" .....	I. Hapgood

### CLASS SONG

Valedictory Speech .....	B. W. Dougherty
Hymn No. 467 .....	Congregation
Benediction	

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### Notes from the President

OUR most encouraging news this week is to do with the Sabbath afternoon services our evangelists have started. Here are some first Sabbath attendances:

W. Maudsley, Stockton .....30  
 W. M. Lennox, Scarborough ...19  
 A. F. Bird, Wellingborough .....15

These are people who are interested enough in God's Word to spend time in study of the truth which is usually devoted to shopping or pleasure. Let us do nothing that will repel them as they mingle among us, either through over-enthusiasm or coldness. Let us also remember that as they take their stand for the fundamentals, they will have many old habits and sins to contend with, and if in their efforts they fall, let us be the last to criticize the new members. Solomon saw that "a just man falleth seven times, and riseth again." Prov. 24:16. The fact that he rises again is an element in his success in serving God.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

THERE is more cheering news about the children's services. Another has been started in South Birmingham by one of our lay members, with an attendance of seventy! Here are figures of great interest:

Mrs. White, Eassenhall .....11  
 Mrs. Holloway, Ilkeston .....34  
 Mrs. Belton, Weoley Castle .....70  
 Mrs. Rhodes, Rotherham .....22

In *Gospel Workers*, page 207, we are told: "Very much has been lost to the cause of truth by lack of attention to the spiritual needs of the young." "Why should not labour for the youth in our borders be regarded as missionary work of the highest kind?"

### ECONOMY

THE government has reduced the amount of paper to all publishing houses and is pleading for economy in paper usage. In some churches we know that many copies of the MESSENGER are wasted. Either they

are not claimed by members, or too many are ordered. This is waste that should definitely be avoided in peace time let alone in time of war. We recommend that the name of the family should be written on the paper. In this way each member is ensured a copy regularly, and if a member is absent, the home missionary secretary can see that it is delivered by some one who is visiting the absentee, or it can be posted if the member is out of the district.

In one church where this plan has just been started, it was found that sixteen copies had been ordered in excess; in another, thirty-five copies; and also that members did not receive their copies if absent.

### PENNY-A-WEEK EVANGELISTIC BOXES

By the way, have you got your box?  
 R. S. JOYCE.

## Writing Poetry for Our Magazines

### Four Helpful Hints

1. GET new gems of thought or experience. Some new inspiring lesson or story. Don't write on worn-out themes. Aim for originality of thought. Aim for beauty and aptness of expression. Choose carefully all word figures, metaphors, and similes.

2. *Metre.* Make sure there are the same number of syllables in corresponding lines. If the first verse has eight syllables in the first and third lines, and six in the second and fourth lines, make all following verses uniform with this.

3. *Rhythm.* See that the accented syllables are placed rhythmically through the piece. If you begin with the Iambic measure—that is, accenting the second of each pair of syllables—keep this uniformly through the whole poem.

4. After you have written the poem, revise it over and over until it is as fresh, natural, and beautiful as you can possibly make it. Don't be easily satisfied. A.W.

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### Notes from the Superintendent

#### VISIT OF THE DIVISION PRESIDENT

THE week following the Cardiff Convention, South Wales was greatly favoured by a week-end visit from the president of the Division, Pastor W. E. Read. In spite of the fact that the friends had come into Cardiff in goodly numbers the week before, excellent attendances were registered at the three places—Newport, Cardiff, and Swansea. Being a charter member of the Newport church, it was "coming home" to our Division president. All enjoyed his ministry and greatly appreciated this unexpected Easter treat.

#### STUDENT COLPORTEURS

THE new Field Missionary secretary, Pastor J. M. Howard, has taken steps to put Wales back upon the colporteur map. About sixteen young

people from the College are going to spend the summer canvassing in Wales. Two are going to the Isle of Anglesey. In addition, another sister is joining up with Sister Green in Flintshire. The Welsh membership will have a real burden of prayer this summer and I know that we shall not fail to carry these students upon our hearts and make mention of them in our daily prayer life. The student invasion of Wales will take place almost as soon as you read these notes.

#### COLPORTEUR NEWS

PASTOR HOWARD spent a long week-end with us in Wales recently, going to those churches where he could make contact with those distributing the literature. He was able to tell us that Wales is about £60 up in its sales compared with last year. Splendid news!

## WELSH TRACTS

AT a recent meeting of the Advisory Committee it was agreed to go ahead with the publication of some tracts in the Welsh tongue. We thought of having three suitable ones translated and published in time for their use by those students working among Welsh-speaking peoples.

## TREASURY RECEIPTS

WE are glad to pass on word that Wales showed up well in tithe receipts for the first quarter. Had everybody been faithful and on time, the receipts would have been much better. Only about six out of every ten members figured in the tithe returns for the opening quarter.

Dear members of the church in Wales, will you seek to be faithful in bringing to the treasury that which belongs to the Lord. To the unfaithful the Lord says: "Ye have robbed Me." Let such a stigma be removed from every Adventist believer.

Sabbath-school offerings are also up to budget standard—in spite of the worst weather in any quarter within living memory. Here again, we wish every member could feel it a duty, as well as a privilege, to give a weekly offering so that the work of God "in all the earth" can be prosecuted with vigour in these closing days.

## FINLAND'S OFFERING

MEMBERS will be pleased to learn that Wales' contribution to the Finnish Fund was, approximately, £30. The president of the Finland Conference has sent a heartfelt message of thanks.

## EVANGELISM

THE last should be the first. At least let it be first in our prayers and thoughts—saving souls for Jesus.

We found Pastor H. K. Munson and Sister M. Mason, on a recent visit to Wrexham, busy and full of courage and hope for the future. Their campaign has reached a critical stage. As the workers labour and pray with the people in their homes, let us pray that power may be sent from above to aid them.

Brother Conroy has an interest in Newport which has reached an advanced stage. He, too, needs the prayers of God's people. Brother Cumings starts a small venture this

week (May 1st) in the big area of Ely, Cardiff—by using a school-room on Wednesday evenings. We shall pray that this further effort to reach sincere hearts may prove fruitful.

## THIS YEAR'S INGATHERING

IN a month's time we launch the

Ingathering Campaign. We have the month of June to raise our £1,000. We hope that organizing committees are at work in every church, getting ready for the "great push." If everybody will cast procrastination aside and begin at once, one month will be ample. The sooner the task is done, the better. S. G. HYDE.

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## On the Glasgow Front

ONE and a quarter million people live in this wonderful city, yet we have less than 100 members, some of whom have stood the test for thirty years or more, while others have only recently come among us. During the year 1939 thirteen new members were added to our membership and others are ready for baptism.

Once again after an encouraging campaign in a well-placed cinema we have transferred to our lovely church (bless the man who, twelve years ago, negotiated for such a representative building). We find that having a good church building helps greatly in this country of religion where men love their "kirk." On Sundays the attendance fills the church and on Wednesdays also the attendance is sometimes 100 strong.

While Harvest Ingathering is only one aspect of church activity, it does serve as a fairly reliable pulse. We like to think that this is so when we report that 1939 saw seventy-five per cent of our membership collecting and the goal reached before the official close of the campaign, the church having reached its goal for the first time for many years and collected £100 more than the previous year.

This year we hope to see the percentage of workers increased, and are confident that in spite of such hindrances as the banning of child collectors, who by the way did splendid service last year, we shall get our goal again.

The young men and women are the life of this church and a spirit of comradeship has been established

by a weekly social evening. This comradeship has meant much to us when faced with the many campaigns that come to us during the year, and the enthusiasm fostered on these occasions bears much fruit in missionary endeavour.

Our young men are bearing faithful testimony before the local tribunal and so far have received considerate treatment.

Four hundred miles away from the hub of the Empire, we are anxious to make known to our brethren and sisters everywhere that there is indeed an active church and an aggressive evangelistic campaign in full swing. We need your prayers and your interest here in Glasgow. L. D. VINCE.

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REFINED young man, aged 19, seeks situation as all-round farm hand. Two years' experience on farm at Newbold College. Sabbath privileges. Write, in first instance: L.J.R., c/o Mr. Jacques, 434 Chepstow Road, Newport, Mon.

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## Notes from the Union President

### THE HOLIDAY QUESTION

WE are proceeding with our plan to open our Newbold College for summer guests this year. Newbold is in the very centre of England, and in the heart of beautiful old Warwickshire. Special terms are offered to Adventists and we hope many of our members will get into touch with the manager at an early date.

While speaking of holidays, does not our faith in the Advent message suggest that we remember to maintain all the objectives in which our faith rests during our physical absence from the activities of church life? Faith makes us regular in our contributions to the local church funds, and it leads us to regularity in the support of missions and other causes while we are absent on our own pleasures. This is doubly true in stringent times like these.

### A PIANO NEEDED

ONE of our church schools badly needs a good piano. Anyone interested in donating a really good instrument for this purpose should communicate first with the writer.

### A REMINDER

OUR plans are developing for the Union Conference session in the new Watford Town Hall, July 30th to August 5th. At no time was there greater need for assembly for devotion, study, and general inspiration. Let us plan ahead to attend this important gathering. The times and our own spiritual needs demand that full advantage be taken of this meeting.

### 1940 HARVEST INGATHERING

ATTENTION is directed to the new conditions under which our Harvest Ingathering for missions will be conducted this year. A government licence will give our work a better standing, but it will be necessary for every member to adhere to the details of the new organization. One essential will be a *prompt* beginning. Let us do our thinking now, and our acting the moment the campaign organization is ready. It will be a great burden and a privilege to be able to engage in this work for God at a time when many other countries are denied liberty to support the cause of missions. H. W. LOWE.

## At Rest

BAILEY.—Pastor G. W. Bailey fell asleep in Christ on April 10, 1940, aged seventy-five years. He was a member of the first company that came in the year 1889 from the United States to Great Britain to canvass, and with the exception of a visit of two years to America, he has remained in this field ever since. For some years Brother Bailey was in charge of the colporteur work. Later he engaged in pastoral service, being ordained to the ministry. Brother Bailey laboured faithfully in many places, and was everywhere greatly loved and honoured for his genuine Christian character. His health has not been good for a year or two past, and of late symptoms of paralysis began to appear. To the last, his thoughts were on the work to which his life had been entirely given. He leaves a daughter from his first marriage, now living in America, and Sister Bailey mourns the termination of thirty years of happy married life. She, like everyone who knew Brother Bailey, has no doubt that his name is written in heaven among the faithful servants. Brother Bailey died surrounded by his children in the Lord, and the Bournemouth Cemetery chapel was crowded with friends, some of whom came from a distance to pay the last earthly honours to a beloved pastor. The writer conducted the service. W. T. BARTLETT.

BEAZLEY.—The Reading church lost one of its faithful members when, on March 6th, Sister Mrs. Beazley, aged seventy-three, fell asleep in Christ after a long illness. She was baptized by Pastor Tonks in 1928, and ever since has remained loyal to the Advent message she so much loved. Our sister will surely share in the triumphs of the resurrection morning when the Lord comes. The writer, assisted by Brother Bainbridge, officiated at the funeral ser-

vice and burial. It was rather uncommon to see thirteen sons and daughters standing at the graveside to pay their last tribute to a much-loved mother.

C. R. BONNEY.

GREGORY.—Brother Edward George Gregory and his wife accepted the Advent message in Dublin, under the labours of Mrs. Dan Parsons, about the year 1908, and was baptized by the late Pastor R. Mussen. Our brother was a faithful member of the church, and held several different offices through the years. He was the first elder of the Wolverhampton church, and also held that office for the past fourteen years. He will be missed greatly. Brother Gregory will be remembered by many as a traveller for our health foods, and by others as a member of the executive committee of the South England Conference. He died, after a brief illness, on April 15, 1940, at the age of sixty-eight, and we laid him to rest, on April 18th, in the Wolverhampton Cemetery. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter—Sister Ashton of York—to mourn a loved husband and father. One son has served in the canvassing field for many years, and the daughter as a nurse at The Stanboroughs. The service was conducted by the writer. HAROLD W. McCROW.

HADDEN.—The Stanboroughs family has been made sad by the death of Nurse Clara (Fairy) Hadden, who died on April 14, 1940, at the age of twenty-two years, and was interred in the Watford New Cemetery on April 17th, Pastor W. H. Meredith officiating. Our beloved sister joined the staff of The Stanboroughs five years ago. Her nursing capabilities were much appreciated by the patients; she had that sympathetic nature which makes for

good nursing. The many floral tributes and the mourners present at the funeral service testified to the love and devotion to our sister. When she was taken ill, about six weeks previously, it was realized that she was in a serious condition. She was removed to Shrodells Hospital, Watford, for an operation, from which she did not recover. We believe she will be among those "which are arrayed in white robes." Our deepest sympathy goes out to her parents, sister, and three brothers, whose home is in Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland. A. H. THOMPSON.

BARRON.—It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of our dear sister, Violet Harriett Barron, of Newport, Isle of Wight. The local newspaper spoke of a "long illness, patiently borne." For many years our sister was an invalid, but she let her light shine for the Saviour during her affliction. Although an isolated member, not privileged often to attend a place of worship, she was faithful to the truth. Sister Barron accepted the message under the labours of Pastor A. D. Armstrong, many years ago. She passed away on April 18, 1940, at the age of fifty years. Her sister, who was a faithful companion of the deceased for a long time, and other relatives are left to mourn. The funeral service was conducted by a minister of the Church of England. F. A. SPEARING.

WILLIAMS.—Sister Charlotte Williams of the Stanborough Park church passed away April 25, 1940, aged seventy-six years. For a quarter of a century she has been a most loyal member in the South England Conference. She was baptized by Pastor S. G. Haughey and had always been highly regarded as a patient and loyal Christian soul wherever she went. She leaves five sons and three daughters to mourn their loss; one of these sons, Dr. A. H. Williams, and one of the daughters, Mrs. Richardson of Derby, being members of the Adventist faith so much loved by Sister Williams. We laid her to rest in the Watford New Cemetery in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends, and we are sure that the joy of the redeemed will be hers in the morning of the resurrection. H. W. LOWE.

DUTTON.—Brother John Dutton, an old member of the Bournemouth church, who first heard the truth in the Isle of Wight as a result of the labours of Pastor Armstrong, passed away on February 1, 1940, at the age of sixty-three, after an acute illness. He was buried at the North Cemetery, Bournemouth, on February 5th. He suffered for many years but looked forward to the land where the roses never fade. Our sympathies go out to the family that is left to mourn their loved one. G. R. BELL.

### Treasurers Please Note!

WE regret that on account of lack of space it has been impossible to include the report of tithes and offerings for the first quarter of 1940 in this issue. It will appear next time.

EDITOR.

### SUNSET CALENDAR

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May 17th	8.48	8.59	9.00	9.21	9.26
May 24th	8.58	9.09	9.10	9.34	9.37

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