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## Works of Faith

By J. HARKER

LOOKING back over the year that is now rapidly drawing to a close, we can see many evidences of the living, working faith in God's remnant people throughout the British Union. Such a faith on the part of the missionary worker scorns every "reasonable excuse" that may be offered for not going on. It defies adverse conditions and seeks to obey the commands of God against every hindering influence. This determination to work on in faith will continually increase in the lives of all who will ultimately triumph as probationary time hastens to its close. As difficulties confront the people of God and the testings of faith become more numerous, the consecrated, persevering worker will gain added strength and power to accomplish more and more. For these, the designation given to John by the angel, will have special significance: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

The tasks set for the churches throughout the field during 1940, were just as great as during the times of peace, yet in spite of many disturbances in church and family life due to war conditions, in every case more has been accomplished than was called for. Every goal has been reached and exceeded.

The Tract and Paper Campaign which has just closed, had as its aim an increase of 5,000 *Present Truth* an issue for six issues. The totals reached have been well in advance of the figure set, and more papers could have been sold had they been available.

So also with the Harvest Ingathering. Our goal was £10,000. Everybody would have been satisfied if that sum had been forthcoming, but a working faith on the part of God's people has made possible £11,400—the highest sum ever reached in any year.

The Missions Extension Campaign was also a success. The amount raised for the fund was over £600,

### Co-operating with God

WHEN God's servants with consecrated zeal co-operate with divine instrumentalities, the state of things that exists in this world will be changed, and soon the earth will with joy receive her King. Then "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—*E. G. White*, in "Review and Herald," Sept. 17, 1903.

yielding an increase of £53 over the previous year. The Week of Sacrifice also showed an increase of £122.

In other ways there has been ample evidence of strong determination on the part of some to press on in personal missionary endeavour. One good brother has kept up weekly

visits to a certain home in spite of a long walk under blackout conditions and the interruption of air raids, and has won two souls to the Lord and His truth. Others have persevered with papers and visits, obtaining similar results. There are at least a dozen cases of persons either baptized or waiting to be baptized as a definite result of efforts put forth by our churchmembers.

We believe that this persevering work will bring the church of God into the blessings of the latter rain. God will have a people in these last days who will know how to triumph over every difficulty.

"None should wait in idle expectancy for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is given for service. As churchmembers go forth at God's bidding, the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power. Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvellous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be labourers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not labourers together with God."—*"Review and Herald," July 21, 1896.*

## Notes from the Union President

### MISSION OFFERINGS

DESPITE all the perplexities that war has brought to the land it is remarkable that the nine months of 1940 have brought in nearly £300 more in mission offerings than the same period of 1939. This does not include Harvest Ingathering which, as everyone now knows, reached the hitherto untouched figure of £11,400.

We have a little later information on our tithe income, and are glad to say that for the eleven months of 1940 this income is £1,900 above that of the same period of the previous year. How shall we explain these remarkable increases? They are the more remarkable when we consider that, to our shame, our gain in membership has been very small. Obviously our members are rising to the call of the times, and are showing an increased faithfulness. They are realizing that the consecration of one's self to God also means the faithful dedication of one's means to the cause of God.

## "The Progressive Volunteer"

As one of the early British Seventh-Day Adventists, I have often regretted our backwardness in making adequate provision for our youth. We have suffered through the years and suffer still on account of this lack.

Our educational work, in this respect, has not been on the necessary scale. I am glad that at last we are beginning to tackle the problem of secondary school education, and that our Secondary School at Stanborough Park is starting well.

I am also thankful that the British Union is giving earnest attention to the development of our young people generally along the lines worked out by our Missionary Volunteer Department in America. In furtherance of this progressive move, *The Progressive Volunteer* has been started. I was glad when I heard that this paper was to be issued, and my satisfaction deepens month by month as I read the magazine. It will naturally grow better and better as the missionary volunteer movement, of which it is the organ, grows in strength.

### MORE CHURCH DAMAGE

PASTOR SPEARING reports that he and his members have had a harassing time, and that our church in Southampton has suffered some damage by air raids. A fire bomb fell through the roof in a certain part of the building but providentially it burned itself out on a concrete floor, whereas, had it fallen two yards either way it would have fallen on a wooden floor and fired the whole building. This is one of our oldest churches in Britain. Just across the road from it is a house where the early pioneers, including Sister E. G. White, spent some time before they moved to Ulceby, many years ago.

Fortunately there was no loss of life though some of our members had their homes damaged, and one or two had them destroyed.

Pastor Dorland reports similar conditions but no damage to the Bristol church. None of our members was injured but several had homes damaged or destroyed.

H. W. LOWE.

never be out of date, and as year by year, new candidates take up the Progressive Courses, they will find in the old volumes much to help them.

W. T. BARTLETT.

NOTE.—*The Progressive Volunteer* will be sent post free to any single address for one year, for 3/—, or two copies for 5/—. If the paper is supplied through a local missionary volunteer society, the price is 2d. per copy.

J.H.

## "The Dream House"

JOURNEYING recently to a Cornish village, I met an evacuee. "Are you from London?" she questioned. "Yes," I answered, "I am staying in Cornwall for a rest.

"I am staying here," she said, "because I have no home in the world." She went on to describe the awful weeks she had passed through. She came from a town in Kent where bombs had fallen in great numbers. Every night had been spent in the shelter.

Then came the last awful night. She described the horror, as she and her husband clung together while the fatal bomb destroyed their home.

"And it was our dream house," she said. "For years we had saved and planned for that dream house; all the furnishings were to colour scheme; and the garden was perfect. But there, our lives were saved by our wonderful Anderson shelter."

"No, my dear," I answered, "your lives were not saved by the shelter, but by the wonderful mercy of God."

A beautiful smile came into her eyes. "You are right," she said. "We prayed that night as we had never prayed before, and I know our lives were saved in answer to prayer."

We only had a few minutes before reaching our destination, but we talked together of another dream home, which is being prepared for all who have faith in God. A home and a homeland which will never be destroyed by the tragedy of warfare, because it is an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, reserved in heaven for all who believe. As we parted smiling, she waved until I was out of sight, and somehow I felt I should meet her again in the real dream homeland of God.

L. BROOKING.

May I suggest that every adult Sabbath-keeper subscribe to this paper and read it, then give it away to some young person outside our ranks. It has much in it that appeals to a progressive young person. Let us try to make sure that all our young people make a right use of *The Progressive Volunteer*.

Some of them, under the influence of the present literary standards, may prefer matter that does not call for more than a casual reading. Tell them that a magazine which requires them to think and work is worth far more to their development than the stories written down to a low mental level. Even with the increased postage, the paper is worth its subscription price.

*The Progressive Volunteer* is worth preserving and binding. All who are interested in young people should keep the bound volumes on their bookshelves. As the volumes grow in number they will furnish an increasingly valuable work of reference for our progressively-minded youth. The bulk of the contents will

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### Notes from the President

IT seems scarcely possible that these are the last MESSENGER notes for 1940. It is early yet to give detailed figures of accomplishments during the year, but it can be said that in spite of all its unparalleled difficulties the year has been one of rich blessing during which we have been made more conscious than ever of God's leading in His cause.

#### CHRISTMAS CHEER

As these notes come to you, perhaps your mind will be on Christmas and what it means to you in happiness and joy. This is a time when we take delight in making gifts to those we love and respect, and surely such a spirit is in harmony with God's Spirit who freely gives us all things. Now, as you make your gifts, perhaps you will wish to make a special gift to the Lord as the year closes. Here are two special objectives within our own field which urgently call for your support: *Field Evangelism* (including the special plan of door-to-door inquiry cards) and *Secondary School Equipment Fund*.

CONCERNING field evangelism, we have been encouraged with the loyal support given by several special gifts. These have enabled the conference committee to make strong plans and also will be a tremendous help as we endeavour to budget for 1941. As far as evangelistic budgets and general operating are concerned, the South England Conference is self-supporting inasmuch as we make no request for outside appropriations. This is only possible by reason of the loyal and faithful response on the part of our membership in tithes and offerings. The year 1940 has been an encouraging one in this respect, and we expect to close the year with a good increase in tithe income. Any special gift for evangelism will be used for the advancement of God's message in our own territory. Autumn evangelistic campaigns have now started at Bournemouth (G. R. Bell), Slough

(C. R. Bonney), and Wembley (J. H. Bayliss). Encouraging attendances have been reported in all these places.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

It has been a great joy to see the splendid start made by our own Secondary School. The first term of the school has now closed with an enrolment of 120 pupils. Both Brother White and Miss West have been more than surprised at the response in the number attending in the senior and junior schools. It has become necessary to employ a fifth teacher. The first term this was on a temporary basis, but now a permanent appointment is being made. The great need is for increased facilities in equipment. The science department and library have thus far received little attention. Here is an opportunity for those interested in Christian education. The Lord has wonderfully blessed this forward move and those who can should show their thankfulness to God by a special

gift for the progress of our educational programme. Your gift can be sent direct to the headmaster, Stanborough Secondary School, Sheepcot Lane, Watford, Herts., or to the conference treasurer, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford.

#### BOURNEMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING

SINCE our last notes appeared, a well-attended district meeting has been conducted at Bournemouth. The visit of Pastor Gilbert Lewis was much appreciated, and his thrilling stories of mission progress brought joy to the hearts of faithful home missionary workers.

#### SOUTHAMPTON

MESSENGER readers will be glad to know that while our church at Southampton recently suffered some damage, our members have been kept safe during the raids, although some have lost their homes and employment. Pastor Spearing writes courageously and is pressing forward with his work of ministry in that area. He closes a long letter by saying, "We are not downhearted. We are very grateful that our lives and the lives of our fellow-members are spared, and that the church is standing."

TRULY we have much for which to thank the Lord as we close the year 1940.  
 G. D. KING.

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### Baptism at Nottingham

ON Sabbath afternoon, October 26th, in the George Street Baptist church, Nottingham, fifteen candidates presented themselves to make public their declaration of faith and their desire to be buried with Jesus in baptism so as to rise to a new life following in His footsteps, and by His help to keep the Father's commandments.

The number was made up as follows: two sisters came from Leicester, and three young people from Derby, two sisters from the Lincoln district, one young person from Sutton-in-Ashfield and one from Mansfield. The remaining six were the fruits of the work in Beeston. It was interesting to find on examination that this message was

known to one sister forty years ago, and to another twenty years ago, when she was receiving *Present Truth* from a regular caller at her home. Also it was revealed that three candidates were there as a direct result of the work of a colporteur who worked faithfully in Beeston and, when he knew there was to be a public campaign there, sent personal invitations to all those who had purchased his book.

Pastor R. S. Joyce conducted the service which was well attended by members and friends.

As these new believers take their stand with the people of God and thus become members also of the large MESSENGER family, let us find a place in our prayers for them, together with all those who are step-

ping out in faith, that God will help them to continue feeding upon His Word that they may become strong and in their turn be light-bearers for Him that the kingdom of God may be hastened and many others find their way therein. B. KINMAN.



### A Yorkshire Sabbath-School Report from Leeds

A is for ANSWER for our church history,  
On the board every week, it should be no mystery.

B is for BIBLE we study each week,  
We delved in Acts five; the lesson to seek.

C stand for CHINA, last week the appeal  
By Brother Sparrow given, made each the need feel.

D for DISCIPLES—that means you and I—  
Getting ready the Master to greet by and by.

E for the ENVELOPE, your offering to hold,  
To help some poor Chinese lamb into the fold.

F for the FAMILY—our classes, of course,  
And last week our twenty-three-minute discourse.

G for GAMALIEL, and the warning he gave  
Before the council and apostles brave.

H for the HEART, and also for HYMN;  
Put one with the other, when in church we sing.

I stands for YOU or ME, you'll agree  
Pulling our weight in the school, don't you see?

J means JOHN, who with Peter did go  
A-preaching the Gospel, though councils said, No!

K was the KNOWLEDGE that God was with them,  
That they ought to obey Him rather than men.

L for the LORD, and His LIGHT and His LEADING,  
Shunning all else, only His Word heeding.

M stands for MEN and MISSIONS and MONEY  
And making the heathen's drab world sunny.

N means NOW—no time for delay;  
Work with our might, the King's on His way.

O is for OFFERING, the best of the year,  
With twenty-seven shillings beats all others clear.

P for the PRAYER by our Brother Roe  
And Sister Druitt to close before we home go.

Q for the QUESTIONS, asked in the review  
By Brother French given, to me and to you.

R the REPORT, which was given last week  
About Mother Hubbard and little Bo-peep.

S is for SEVEN and STUDY and SCHOOL,  
STRONG and STALWART, if seven's the rule.

T for our TEACHERS and THOUGHTS in our class,  
Just give them out, don't let the word pass.

U for UNIVERSAL, our school for every one  
Home division or present, the Lord bids you come.

V is for VICTORY, we shall win the fight

If we study in Sabbath-school with all our might.  
W is the WORD, the Bible's the book  
That tells of the Lord, and of life in a look.

X for XTRAORDINARY and XPLICIT we shall be  
When we XACTLY XAMINE the Word, you see.

Y stands for YOU, in our school there's a place  
To fit you for life, and the hard knocks to face.

Z is for ZEALOUS—for this we must be  
If ever the King in His beauty we'll see. GORDON J. CLEE.

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## MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

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### Useful Information for New Home Missionary Secretaries

ALL church literature supplies should be ordered through the church home missionary secretary—tracts, papers, books, Sabbath-school quarterlies, and American magazines. Class registers and envelopes, however, should be obtained by the Sabbath-school secretary through the conference office. Applications regarding the supplies of THE BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER and Ingathering literature should also be made to the conference office.

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Magazines and shilling books are supplied to members at half price but the cost of carriage should be added by the secretary, together with a small sum for stamps, stationery etc. The carriage charge will vary with the distance, so it is not possible to state the exact sum the secretary should charge to members.

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	Single copies	2-6 copies	7-20 copies
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for the Lord in this city where Jesus Himself went about doing good and healing the sick.

B. FARNSTROM.

At Rest

Craven.—Sister (Nurse) Craven fell asleep in Jesus on November 22, 1940, aged seventy-four years. She was a member of the Wallasey company, having accepted the message four years ago under the ministry of Pastor W. Maudsley. Hers was a long and useful life of ministry to the sick and suffering. Her case book was found to record over 2,000 patients whom she had attended, and all this was in addition to her home duties. She was at church a few weeks before her death and was our faithful and much-appreciated pianist. Just before she passed away she repeated the shepherd psalm and expressed confidence that she would enter her eternal home. Pastor J. Bell conducted the funeral service and spoke words of comfort to her daughter and family.

M. WARNOCK, Church Clerk.

Heptonstall.—We regret the passing of Sister L. Heptonstall which occurred suddenly on November 11, 1940. Our sister was a faithful member of the Leeds church during the past fifteen years, Dr. and Mrs. Druitt being instrumental in winning her to the cause she loved. She leaves two daughters to mourn the loss of a good Christian mother. Brother J. C. French conducted the last rites, and our sister was laid to rest in Holbeck Cemetery on November 14th, assured of a place in the first resurrection. CHURCH CLERK.

Switzer.—The Ealing church has recently suffered a loss through the death of Brother T. A. Switzer. Our brother accepted the Advent message six years ago as a result of the labours of Pastor R. A. Anderson. He had not enjoyed good health for some time and it was found necessary for him to be taken to hospital to undergo an operation from which he seemed to be recovering. As I visited him, he spoke of his confidence in Christ both for the present and the future. He testified to the peace that was his even though that area had been considerably bombed. His last words as I left him revealed that he knew God's will for him was best. It was with some surprise and grief that our church heard a week later that he had passed away on October 1, 1940. A few days later we laid him to rest at the South Ealing Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. To Sister Switzer and her daughter Louise we extend our sympathy and prayers. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Printing.—C. Russell, Newton Street, Macclesfield.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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The Jerusalem Institute

KNOWING that the Arabic Union Mission has treatment rooms in Jerusalem, many will no doubt be interested to hear a little about them. These treatment rooms were established in Jerusalem before the Great War; and when, some years after the war, some of the missionaries returned to the field, they found many in Palestine who remembered our former medical work here, and who besought us to reopen the treatment rooms. And in the years of our work since the reopening we have had many wonderful experiences which show that God is blessing this branch of His great work also. Our institute in Jerusalem is the only representative of our medical work in the whole Near East, and we should like to see

other health centres established in this needy field.

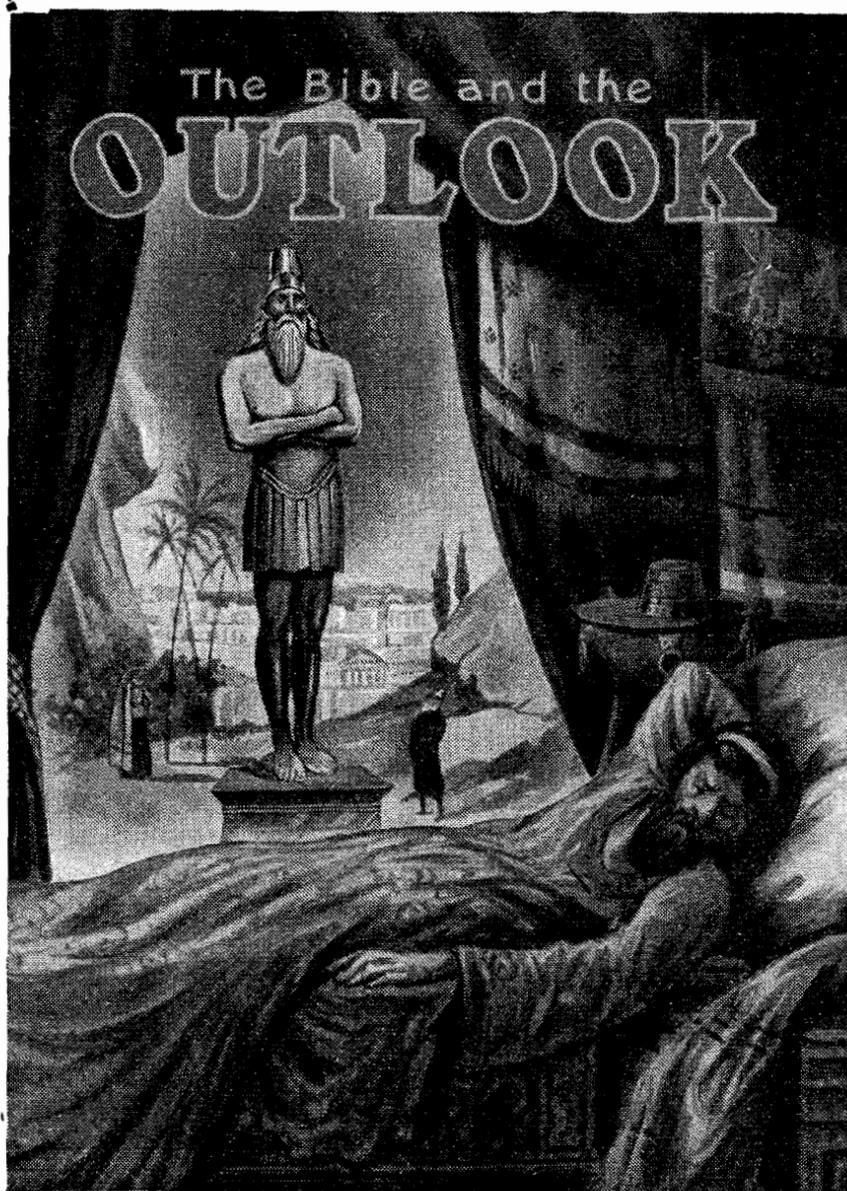
Many have found healing for their infirmities through the treatments given at this institution. We have a rather mixed collection of patients, as is natural in a city with such a varied population. And no one is immune from sickness. From those in the highest places to the beggars in the streets, everyone is liable to fall sick. Both Jews and Arabs come to us, and many from the European population. They come to us from all walks of life to find health. There come to us workmen, tradespeople, grocers, police, priests, sheiks, monks, nuns, military men, government officials, farmers, etc.

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