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Do You Pray for Newbold?

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JESUS said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Newbold Missionary College exists to fulfil the prayers you utter in response to this exhortation of our Saviour. The day it ceases to prepare labourers fit for the Master's service, it ceases to justify its existence. We ask, therefore, that you will pray specifically for the College that it may successfully fulfil its allotted task.

Our title forms the question, "Do you pray for Newbold Missionary College?" We believe you do, and thank you for your interest. Perhaps, however, your prayers have had to be somewhat vague from a lack of sufficient knowledge of our difficulties and needs. May we suggest certain specific problems which confront the College, and which you could pray about? We believe that added definiteness in your prayers will mean much to us as we endeavour to shoulder the responsibilities God has placed upon us.

As you know, the encroachment of modernistic thought has sapped the life of a very large proportion of theological colleges. If we are to escape similar contamination we shall need to exercise constant vigilance, for Satan finds a thousand ways of insinuating his specious teachings even where the Word of God is held in the highest regard. Will you not pray for those who are entrusted at the College with the work of preparing ministers, Bible workers, and teachers for the harvest field, that

they may escape even the merest taint of scientific superstition?

It would be idle, unreasonable, contrary to Satan's very nature, to suppose that he will not tempt such fundamentalists as Seventh-Day Adventist teachers with the forbidden fruits of perverted scholarship. Think how great his victory if he can cause some seed of doubt to be sown in the minds of those who will soon be entering the ranks of the loyal workers. Sensing the dangers and the responsibilities of their work, the teachers at Newbold College look to the faithful believers in this Union to place a hedge of prayer around them that in humility and consecration they may lead the students to the Master-teacher.

Furthermore, here in the British Isles we are faced with a very serious problem in the building up of our membership, one that calls for concerted effort on the part of every department. The need is a challenge not only to prepare more workers but also to equip them better than ever before. The young men and women who go out from us must be ready to grapple with the forces of evil with a strength, skill, and sturdiness hitherto unparalleled. They are unlikely to possess these qualities unless they see them exemplified in their teachers. A more positive note must be sounded. The message must be presented more clearly and convinc-

ingly. The power of the Spirit of God must be more visibly demonstrated. Pray again that God may Himself teach the teachers that they may be equal to their task.

Pray, too, for the students. Those who are acquainted with college life will tell you that while it is in many ways a highly privileged one, it is also very strenuous. It makes heavy demands on the physical strength of the students while exacting a willing sacrifice of many of the liberties which characterize the life of the young people of to-day. It often involves remaining in a state of financial dependence and uncertainty over a period of several years—in some cases it means going for weeks and months with no pocket-money. That is particularly hard in the case of students who before coming to college to prepare for the Lord's work, held comparatively lucrative positions. Then there is the unaccustomed manual labour for some—and for others the still more unaccustomed intellectual activity. For all there is the routine life with very little let-up, day in, day out, week in, week out, from six in the morning till ten at night. Yes, the students need your prayers that they may keep their eyes fixed on the goal, not allowing themselves to be turned from their course, but devoting their undivided energies to their work of preparation to meet the challenge of this crisis hour. Let them know that you are praying for their success as they battle against sin in their own lives and as they sharpen their tools

ready to deal shrewd blows for truth when they actively join in the conflict of the ages on the side of Prince Emmanuel.

Of the many other things in connection with the College for which we would ask you to pray, I will mention but one. That is its material prosperity. The college is the Lord's. It is His property which is involved. Those who are in charge of the various departments work for His glory and the advancement of the cause of truth just as truly as do the teachers and students. Pray for them that they may be given wisdom and skill. Pray for those who work under them that they may be conscientious and "cunning" workmen, to use the Bible term. Pray for the farmer and the farm that the crops may be good. Pray for the gardener that he may see good results from his untiring efforts. Pray for the leather and textile industries, that the workman-

ship may be always good and the articles produced a witness to faithful effort. Pray for all the other industrial departments. As they prosper, the College prospers and the cause of truth prospers, for more and more students can be equipped for service.

Does God expect us to take such a detailed interest in the various phases of His work? I believe He does. Jesus said that if any two believers agreed on a request to His Father and made it in His name, it would be granted. What might not we expect of good and progress if the six thousand members in the British Union would unite to pray for the things we have outlined? But never mind what the others will or will not do. Will you, to-day, take the time to present these matters before the Lord? And having done so to-day, will you make a practice of doing so till the final victory is won?

at the Sanitarium, including our manager and matron, several sisters, the whole of the maintenance and office staffs, together with gardeners and a few others.

When the Medical Officer referred to in our opening paragraph left a month ago he wrote, among other things, as follows:

"During these sixteen and a half months I have been always aware of my good fortune in having to work, first of all with you as administrator, then with matron, and then with the staff, particularly the nursing staff. I introduced, as was my duty, a form of treatment which was completely new to you all, and yet you co-operated with eagerness and in a way that compared most favourably with the attitude of others, who 'passed by on the other side,' and all of you I found not only tolerant, but also co-operative in a very high degree. I know that some of our demands have involved service on Sabbath. I have regretted this, but have done my best to keep it down to a minimum. It has only served to show how ready the majority were to undertake works of necessity and mercy even on the Sabbath day. But it has been the general religious background, particularly of the nursing staff, that I have valued, because I know that in many cases patients have derived the most definite benefit from the religious attitude of one or other of your nursing staff. I sincerely hope that the next phase of sanitarium history will be as free from internal conflict and misunderstandings as has been this chapter, which we now close."

"I hope you will not fail to convey to the Board of Directors my appreciation of their co-operative attitude."

The Christian sympathy and kindness of the staff have had their interesting results. An Air Force official, who was a patient, developed quite an interest in the religious background of the institution, and certain other encouraging testimonies have been received from patients who have written about their experiences in the institution.

The present plan of operation is bringing our work very much more closely in touch with the medical profession. Who knows but that the Lord has guided in this respect and that certain prejudices may be broken down by reason of these war conditions?

Looking over the whole situation we can visualize certain unfortunate things that might have happened, some already mentioned here, and others not mentioned, such as ex-

Our Sanitarium Work

SOME interesting items were gathered from a report recently given to the full Union Committee by A. H. Thompson, the manager of our Sanitarium, and we pass them on to the field by way of information, particularly in view of the fact that this is a great time for the dissemination of rumours which have no foundation in fact.

It was pointed out that since just before the outbreak of war we found ourselves without the services of an Adventist doctor. We could not obtain such services though we tried in several directions. Many questions went through our minds, among them the possibilities of continuing to operate the Sanitarium as a denominational institution. This might have been possible had we had an Adventist doctor available, and if we could even be sure that patients would have remained in this area under the threat of air raids. Time has proved that it would have been almost impossible in view of local air raids for us to have retained the patients. Furthermore, all kinds of questions involving the requisitioning of the building for different purposes also had to be entertained.

Then government inquiries began to come through, partly in view of the fact that the building had been

offered, in the event of war, back in the year 1935. The Ministry of Health eventually took control of the building, and it came under the superintendence of a doctor, who, though not an Adventist, was a real Christian gentleman. Patients were of the psychiatric type and an altogether new and exceedingly difficult kind of case was handled here.

Certain structural alterations of a minor nature were made in the building, but all of these, which have cost a fair sum of money, will contribute to the usefulness of the building when it returns to our service.

At the present moment another change in administration is taking place, for one of the largest teaching hospitals in London is taking over the Sanitarium and the Annexe, which is still under the control of the Ministry of Health.

It has been necessary for a number of our nurses to take their state training away from the Sanitarium, but this may not be as bad as it seems, because it is very probable that the nursing authorities in England are going to demand that no nurses shall take up work anywhere unless they have had such state training.

Quite a number of Adventist employees have all along been retained

ceedingly heavy financial losses that might have crippled the Union in times like the present.

It really does seem, to those of us who know the inside facts, that God has guided us to the best solution possible under very trying conditions. To be sure the situation is not ideal, but then we can hardly expect a tremendous war to descend upon the

world without having certain inconveniences thrust upon us. We thank God for His guidance under difficulties in this department of our work, and for the faithful witness of many of our workers there. We are working to the end that at the cessation of hostilities this phase of the message will be much more strongly built up than heretofore. H. W. LOWE.

Compulsory Registration of Women

THE scope of emergency compulsory powers has been extended to include our women. While only the 20-21 age group is immediately affected, it is likely that other groups may be called upon later.

This raises some question in the minds of our young women as to what attitude they should take, and as to what may be expected of them.

It is not the worst thing that all our people should be forced by worldly events to have to make definite decisions for themselves. So many of us drift along through life scarcely knowing what we believe until some vital moment is thrust upon us. Then we realize that we hardly know what convictions we have, and are forced to think, pray, and act quickly.

So far as this present compulsory registration is concerned it is not too clear what detailed forms of work will be called for, but munition making and kindred service will be involved. It is possible that the registration form will contain some open questions which will give an opportunity for the person concerned to

indicate what kind of work she is willing to do. If so, some indication could there be given regarding (1) Sabbath observance, (2) Munition making, and (3) Willingness to do certain other work, subject to recognition of the Sabbath question.

Care will be needed in describing one's present work, because a careless term may make the difference between nationally important and unimportant work.

Girls of 20-21 now employed must obviously either find voluntarily some important work, or be prepared to face all that is involved under compulsory registration.

Once more we remind all of the urgent necessity of standing upon *personal* convictions. Church and family beliefs are a valuable and valid background, but we stand ultimately upon our individual God-given convictions. We need also to bear in mind that we Christians must share the common burden within the limits of our religious beliefs. Within those limits service should be looked upon as a duty and a privilege.

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Investiture at Bristol

DID I hear you say that you have never visited the Missionary Volunteer Society at Bristol?

Well then, you will be interested to know that we of the West Country have joined the great army of Adventist youth. With nine Friends, one Companion, and one Master Comrade among our ranks, we are

advancing in the cause of righteousness and truth.

Friday evening, March 7th, saw a group of members gathered together to welcome the second week-end of Missionary Volunteer week. In spite of the fact that it was snowing without, nothing could damp the spirits of those assembled within. Pastor W. T. Bartlett's address on

prayer was of great help and encouragement to all.

Sabbath morning dawned bright and sunny, and it was indeed an incentive to all to come and worship at the house of the Lord.

Sabbath-school and the preaching service were well attended, a great blessing was obtained and we felt the Spirit of God draw very close to us.

Then came the time for which we had worked and prayed. The afternoon service began promptly at 2.45 p.m. With the sun shining outside and, moreover, with God's sunshine in our hearts, we felt as we expressed it in song, that, "The love of Christ constraineth us," and that with God's help we would go forward, as never before, to help others and show them the way of life.

The young people who had earned their insignia lined up at the front of the church and with a few words of encouragement and prayer Pastor Bartlett presented them with their badges.

We are now working for the next grade. Did I hear you say you hadn't started yet? Then "go to it," for you do not know the blessing and joy you are missing.

Let us boldly march forward with ranks unbroken, to finish the proclamation of the Gospel in the earth, for "the night cometh when no man can work," so let us do our part while it is yet day.

RUTH M. DORLAND.



Baptism at Walthamstow

A BAPTISM was held recently at the Walthamstow church, when three persons from the East London area, and two from Colchester, were baptized by the writer. Pastor Warland examined the candidates and gave the address. Brother McGougan from Colchester was also present.

Three other souls who were ready for baptism, but were unable to go forward at that time, will be baptized in the near future, making six in all from the East London area.

We pray that these dear ones, who have thus publicly declared their allegiance to Christ, may continue in the way, and share with the church in the great triumph.

LEONARD E. A. LANE.

Reading Convention

February 14th

IN connection with the above, we were very pleased at Reading to receive visits from Pastors J. Harker and E. R. Warland.

In their addresses, both made very pertinent references to outstanding needs of our lives in these swift moving times. After a good Sabbath-school, Pastor Harker spoke to us for what seemed a short while on John 9:4: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." He showed how the force of the word "must" entered into everything that Christ did, in spite of every besetment, and must dominate our lives also.

We met again in the afternoon, and Pastor E. R. Warland drew our attention to another word of equal import, "ought"—"We *ought* to give the more earnest heed to those things which we have heard, lest at any time we let them slip." He went on to mention seven things to which we ought to give heed in these days, to keep us from drifting and to help us retain our vision of holy things. Anchors for our souls, Pastor Warland called them. Prayer, study, obedience, watchfulness, looking unto Jesus, going to church, and winning souls. As each was spoken of, a representative anchor with the theme upon it, was suspended over the desk until we could see all seven.

After this enjoyable address we had a discussion hour, in which questions were called for in regard to queries arising out of the work of the Home Missionary, Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Departments. Both visitors answered at length the questions raised and added from time to time points of interest which were very helpful.

At 6:30 in the evening a good number assembled in the schoolroom to see a display of films which Pastor Warland had brought along. The topics depicted were: The Empire Airlines, Travel in Borneo, Glacier Climbing and Sight-Seeing in New Zealand, and Ski-ing in Switzerland. They were very interesting indeed and, in their place, enjoyed just as much as the other displays of God's goodness during the hours of Sabbath.

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"We Will Arise and Build"

IT is many years now since we began our special activities in what is known as "Big Week." In fact the plan was launched at the Autumn Council held at Indianapolis in the year 1920, so we really come of age this year. For twenty-one years, as the spring of the year has come to us, we have gone out selling our literature and making our gifts to the Missions Extension Fund.

When the plan was first launched the brethren had in mind the establishment of small printing plants in needy mission fields. A few years later it was decided to include clinics and mission schools. What a wonderful blessing has come to lands across the seas through the efforts of our believers in the Big Week plan! All over the world to-day there are little publishing plants, also dispensaries and mission schools, which are doing a wonderful work for God as the result of the sacrificial efforts of our church members.

The call made to us is simple and yet so comprehensive that all are included. We are each asked to join in the sale of our literature and give the profit from all sales of literature during "Big Week" to the Missions Extension Fund. We look to all our conference and institutional workers to give the equivalent of one day's salary. Still further, all our colporteurs are invited to give the proceeds of the highest day's sales during the "Big Week" to the fund.

This year in our Division quite a number of interests are to benefit. There are two dispensaries, one in Liberia and the other in the Northern Cameroons. The hospital in Nigeria needs some special equipment. The little publishing plant in Nigeria is to receive special help in the matter of type and equipment, and five of our mission schools are to receive assistance in building up their libraries, and the Secondary School at Watford is due to receive some sorely needed items of equipment.

I was particularly pleased when meeting with our publishing brethren at the time of the recent Autumn Council to observe their kindly interest in our mission endeavours. The brethren of the Pacific Press Publishing House very kindly granted to each of the five mission schools just

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Now these educational institutions need further help toward building up their libraries. They need other books to which our young people can have access in their work of training. In our mission fields in Africa, both East and West, the educational work is developing strongly. This work goes hand in hand with strong evangelistic endeavours. Many of the students who have gone out from these schools are growing into strong workers in the cause of God. Now, when so many of them are becoming proficient in the use of the English language, it becomes imperative that the training school libraries be built up more strongly.

Once again we seek your kindly help and co-operation, and we certainly trust that all our church-members will take their part in the special efforts this year. If all join in the task it will be relatively easy to reach the goal. Let us give, let us work, and above all, let us pray that God may bless the literature that is distributed, that He may bless those who purchase and those who give, that He may bless also the work in the regions beyond.

"Let us rise to action,
Work with one design,
Work with Christ, and triumph
In the work divine;
Victory's palm awaits us,
Let us then work on
Till we hear the welcome,
"Faithful ones, well done!"

W. E. READ.



To say "I believe" is not simply to give assent to a form of words. It is to commit oneself to the cause of Christ in the struggle of the centuries. The true soldier of the Cross is not attracted by the prospect of unexacting service or an insignificant campaign, but only by the promise of strenuous warfare in which he may earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Professor J. G. Riddell, M.A.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

After Many Days

To the text, "neither a borrower nor a lender be," there may be one exception—that is, a book.

"You know that book you lent me a few days ago?" remarked a seeker after truth, whom I shall call the "S.A.T." "Well, I have got someone else to read it now." The book in question was *The Great Controversy*, and the following story came out. It so happened that the "S.A.T." had paid a visit to Dewsbury to see a married cousin. While chatting together the subject led on to reading and it was not long before she volunteered the news that she was reading a wonderful book entitled *The Great Controversy*.

"Wait a minute," said the excited cousin, and so saying she bounded up the stairs. Five minutes later she was back, hurriedly dusting a thick volume. It was an old edition of the *The Great Controversy*. After many years the work of a colporteur had begun to bear fruitage.

Who knows the extent of our labours or even the final results of the spoken and written word? Into that Christian Science home, the light may sweep away all error and lead its members "up upon the platform of truth."

Two days later, a snatch of conversation at the mill arrested the "S.A.T."s" attention. A group of workmen were discussing religion. Roman Catholicism did not seem to carry favour. Somehow the talk drifted on to the work accomplished by the Reformation, and it was at this point that the "S.A.T." pricked up her ears. You see, she had just finished reading about Luther. Later it transpired that the workman who had mentioned about the Reformation had also been studying *The Great Controversy*.

"So you know all about the seventh day being the Sabbath then?" asked the workman, which question revealed that he had certainly read the important part of the book.

"Oh, yes, I know all about that and believe it true," was the reply.

A day or so later more good news followed. "I've got two more people

reading that book.' Both my mother and sister are reading it."

The thought occurred to me: Are we recommending our books to our relatives? Do they know what we believe? The book my father had bought twenty years ago is gathering to itself to-day a number of friendly

human beings. What if it had been kept on the bookshelf and had not been lent? Surely, the cry, unlike that of the young man in the story of the axe that swam, would have been: "Alas, Master for it was *not* borrowed."

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Workers' Council

Cardiff—February 18th to 19th

THE two days which the workers of the Welsh Mission spent together in Cardiff will long be remembered as red-letter days. We were glad that our superintendent, Pastor S. G. Hyde, was able to plan for such a gathering and that it was possible for Pastors W. E. Read, H. W. Lowe, and J. Harker to join with the eight members of the Welsh Mission staff in fellowship and counsel.

Right from the beginning, all felt and expressed their feeling of the presence and blessing of the Lord. As we studied the Word and the work, and as we prayed about and discussed many aspects of the work of the ministry, we were conscious of a unified spirit and of happy fellowship.

Our Union president spoke at the opening meeting, basing his message on Job 29. We were reminded by this helpful study that

1. God's blessing always rests upon a good man.
2. To-day God is sharing His secrets with His people.
3. The only thing we need to fear is sin.
4. We need the close walk with God enjoyed by Enoch and also the fidelity of Abraham.

Following this introductory message we all shared in the blessings of the prayer-season, this being also an occasion of consecration to the service of the Master.

By means of excellent papers, prepared by the workers, we studied the great problem of how to adapt ourselves to the new times and conditions, and how to continue to advance and see souls born into the kingdom of Jesus.

Brother Cumings and Sister W. Reed were able to tell of their successful work with *Present Truth*, and the contacts thus made, while Brother Cooper spoke of the possibilities, personally experienced, of the cottage meeting. Brother Munson directed our attention to the "war-time" public campaign, and Brother Jackson spoke of the need of maintaining the evangelistic programme throughout the twelve months of the year. Then, too, Brother Conroy, discussed the potentialities of our loyal membership in aiding and encouraging the ministry in its evangelistic programme.

Free and frank discussion followed each presentation, participated in by the local workers as well as our visiting counsellors.

Pastor Read's studies with us were

much appreciated. These covered important aspects of the minister's life and service, such as:

1. His study life.
2. His high calling.
3. His adaptation to the new time.

Then Pastor Lowe's presentation of a study on "Relationships" was particularly helpful. The unity of purpose and action, so essential in the church of God, was emphasized by the parables of the "Vine" and the "Bride and Bridegroom" as well as by the beautiful prayer of Jesus in John seventeen.

Pastor Lowe also discussed with us some "Vital Viewpoints"—matters vital to the success of the Gospel worker.

All the workers enjoyed the presentation of the subject of "Evangelism" by the Mission superintendent. Drawing from his wide and varied experience in aggressive evangelism we gained new incentive, evidence of which will be seen, we confidently believe, in more fruitful service in the days which lie ahead.

The closing study from our Union president encouraged all with the thought that God's face is always turned towards His people and that God's promise to Moses, "My presence shall go with you," is our promise, too. Said Pastor Lowe: "It is not what we can do, nor what we have, but rather what we *are* that really counts."

Missionary Volunteer Department

Greetings to British Advent Youth

GREETINGS! A letter just received by Pastor H. W. Lowe from the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department and signed by Brethren A. W. Peterson, D. A. Ochs, and C. L. Bond, our General Conference Missionary Volunteer leaders, states that at a recent Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Council held in the United States, the thoughts of all present turned sympathetically towards the youth of Britain in these days of emergency and peril. These kindly feelings found expression in the following action:

Voted, To convey our greetings of goodwill and fellowship to the Advent youth of Great Britain.

The goodwill of our leaders found further expression in these warm-hearted words:

"What a wonderful fellowship of service our young people's workers are in, and what a privilege it is that our hearts can span the distance and our prayers bind you to the throne of grace. . . . May God greatly bless you in your ministry and may He pour out His Spirit upon the youth of your field that they may catch a fuller vision of God's purpose for them, and that they may be girded with power to do exploits for Him."

Pastor Harker brought to us for consideration many matters affecting the internal interests of the church. The departmental activities of the work of God can have a considerable effect upon the spiritual well-being of the membership. Brother Harker spent some time with us in seeking a better understanding of this aspect of the church's life.

Yes, this Council proved a real success and brought much blessing

and encouragement. The two days spent together seemed too little. Yet, surely, we all returned to our tasks greatly strengthened. The Council closed with a testimony meeting in which everyone sought the opportunity to declare his or her confidence in God and in the Advent message, and to express readiness to serve the Lord and the church more faithfully in the future.

H. K. MUNSON.

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHE—"

Questions on Christian Benevolence Answered

Question: "I have read a book on tithe paying in which the author suggests various ways of setting aside the tenth of one's income. Have we as a church always used our present methods of tithe paying, or have we developed them by experience? Also what guarantees have we of confidential and businesslike dealings in these matters?"

CHRISTIAN tithe-payers have tried many methods of collecting and using the tithe, but none seems to have worked as satisfactorily on a denominational scale as our own. Obviously to have each individual using the tithe in his own way does not conform to Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Nor does it conform with Numbers 18:21, *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 249, and *Gospel Workers*, pages 226, 227, all of which condemn any but strictly organized and unified methods of collection, and specific use, of the tithe. There should be no tendency to haphazardness in the Lord's business.

So far as we know, the Advent church has always adopted a centralized plan of collecting the tithe, though the present envelope method has doubtless been perfected by experience as the church has grown in numbers. There certainly is no better method of collecting tithes and offerings than that at present in use. Years ago a box was used in certain churches, into which monies were placed, but it was a method full of defects and was soon dropped. For

example, money dropped in a box anonymously might not have covering receipts issued, which latter should always be done. Then, this

method lends itself to some ostentation, which in almsgiving and tithe paying is not desirable. It was also subject to other abuses, and has been rightly discontinued.

Our treasurers issue receipts for every penny received—even when anonymous money is paid in, and their books are audited by a trustworthy conference treasurer. If either of these persons abused the confidence their positions demand, they would be unworthy to continue in office. We have seldom, if ever, known confidence abused. We recommend every person to receive a receipt personally, even if it is eventually destroyed.

Our present methods are thus businesslike and confidential, and they furthermore ensure an equitable distribution of means to every phase of the church's work at home and abroad. This is why we prefer all money to go through the regular channels.

H. W. LOWE.

Another Pioneer Sleeps



YOUNG.—On the morning of Tuesday, February 25, 1941, Pastor W. J. Young died suddenly while travelling on his way to canvass at Brixham. His life had been one of service and sacrifice. For over forty years he served the Master he loved so dearly. This blessed message was a joy to his heart. In 1900, during the South African war, Pastor Young, then a layman, with a thousand other men, boarded H.M.S. "Terrible" and left Portsmouth for Durban, South Africa. For four months the ship's crew were held at Durban and during that time Brother Young was busily holding meetings in the dynamo room—teaching the third angel's message to his fellow-sailors. We imagine the studies given at that time, under such exceptional circumstances, were some of the most difficult in our brother's useful life. The noise of the dynamos was deafening. As a result of these studies Brethren Standen, Pratt, Leadingham, Vick, Prior, and others took their

stand for the truth. Later, when the warship was in China waters, Brother Morrison joined the group of believers.

In 1907 Brother Young entered the work and was ordained in 1913. Twelve years later he was elected superintendent of the Irish Mission, and faithfully witnessed for the Lord there until 1928. Owing to a breakdown in health our brother, after twenty-five years' continuous service, retired in 1932.

He and his wife settled in Paignton and gave acceptable help as elder to the Torquay church. He had gained the respect and affection of the members by his willingness to serve in any capacity. His ability in opening the Scriptures was appreciated by all.

On Friday, February 28th, Pastor A. K. Armstrong laid our faithful brother to rest in Paignton Cemetery, and Pastors J. M. Howard and A. J. Mustard spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

Soon on that glad resurrection morn our brother will hear the words of our blessed Saviour saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Pastor Young leaves a widow and two sisters to mourn their loss. Our deepest sympathies go out to the sorrowing relatives and friends.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.
J. M. HOWARD.
A. J. MUSTARD.

At Rest

CALVERT.—Sister Marion Calvert passed away peacefully on Sabbath morning, March 1, 1941, being nearly eighty years of age. Sister Calvert was a follower of her Saviour for very many years, and accepted the Advent message ten years ago under the ministry of Pastor Madgwick at Blackburn. She held firmly to the truth to the end. Although quiet and unassuming, her gentle, sweet influence is already missed by her fellow-members. In the midst of deep snow we laid our sister to rest at Blackburn Cemetery in the sure and certain hope of resurrection when Jesus comes. We extend our sincerest sympathy to those who mourn. The services at the home and graveside were conducted by the writer.

W. J. CANNON.

GRAHAM.—Sister Mrs. Graham passed peacefully away on February 8, 1941, at the age of seventy-five. She had been a faithful member of the Plymouth church for about eighteen years, having been baptized by Pastor Spearing in 1923. She was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 12th, in certain hope of a resurrection with the righteous. The service was conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong.

G. ANDREWS, Church Clerk.

THACKABERRY.—The Manchester church lost one of its faithful members when, on February 12, 1941, Sister Mary Thackaberry fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-one. Although a silent sufferer, her life was an active one. She took a full share in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and served faithfully as a deaconess. Her sweet influence was felt by all and she will be greatly missed. Our sister accepted the truth under the labours of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt and was baptized on August 3, 1918. She was laid to rest in the Southern Cemetery on February 17, 1941, to await the call of Jesus, the Life-giver, on the resurrection morning. A large number of members and friends from the three churches, Manchester, Stretford, and Stockport attended a comforting service in the Parkfield Street church conducted by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, who also officiated at the graveside. Our sympathy goes out to her two sons, three daughters, and other relatives.

H. THOMSON, Church Clerk.

LEWIS.—On Wednesday, March 5, 1941, we laid Sister Lewis to rest in the church burial ground at Ystrad Mynach. She passed to a blessed sleep very peacefully during the early hours of the previous Sabbath in her sixty-eighth year. Sister Lewis is the first Advent believer to rest and await her Lord in this area. Brother Lewis and his wife accepted the message seven years ago under the ministry of Brother W. G. Nicholson. Pastor S. G. Hyde conducted a service in the home among a good gathering of friends. Four Adventist brothers and two close friends of the family bore the coffin into the quiet cemetery and the writer joined in the committal service. With Brother Lewis we look forward to the grand reunion day when Christ will come to claim His own.

PAUL CUMINGS.

HIBBERT.—Sister Lizzie Hibbert died on February 18, 1941, aged eighty-three years, and was buried in Kettering Cemetery on February 22nd. For thirty years she had been a faithful member, and though precluded from attending the services of the church for some years because of infirmity, her love for the truth never wavered, and she was always ready to help wherever she could. She sleeps until Jesus comes to take her home.

M. L. FELLOWS.

DURBIN.—It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Sister Mary Ellen Durbin, who passed peacefully away on Wednesday, March 12, 1941, at the age of thirty-seven, after an illness of only a few days. Our sister accepted present truth, with her husband and son, through the labours of Pastor Leslie G. Hardinge, and was baptized at Plymouth in June, 1939. Only ten days before her passing, she assisted in conducting the Sabbath-school in the new church at Exeter. Of a very cheerful disposition, always willing to lend a helping hand, she will be sadly missed by us all. We mourn with Brother Durbin and his son Jimmy, who is studying at Newbold College. But we sorrow not as those without hope, for we have a sure and certain hope of a happy reunion at the soon coming of our Lord.

E. HAYMAN, Church Clerk.

FRASER.—We regret to record the death of Brother Fraser of the Brighton church. Our brother who was sixty-eight passed away suddenly, owing to heart failure, on February 25, 1941, at Woodcote in Oxfordshire, where he and his family were evacuated owing to war conditions. Not many minutes before his death he was showing his usual kind sympathy by ministering to the comfort of his wife. Brother Fraser was baptized in 1937 by Pastor E. R. Warland after receiving studies by Pastor G. W. Bailey. We laid him to rest in the peaceful little churchyard at Woodcote on March 1, 1941, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Our sympathies go out to Sister Fraser and her daughter Doris, together with Brother Fraser's sister and two brothers, to mourn the temporary loss of one who was loved.

C. R. BONNEY.

Paper Shortage

DUE to the severe paper rationing it has been necessary to reduce greatly the editions of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. Home Missionary secretaries and members who sell these papers should place a standing order at once and should at the same time state the number of regular readers they have to supply.

A. WARREN.

Reading Convention (Continued from page 4.)

There was only one complaint to make, the time seemed all too short. We were sorry that it was not possible for more members of the North Western District to be there. It would have been good to have seen the church as full as at the last convention in 1940. We were very glad for the music rendered by the choir and the male trio. This, too, brought joy to the occasion. We must thank God for the encouragement that such times bring to us. Time alone will reveal the part these hours of spiritual joy have played. Until eternity comes, I am sure we shall always remember them.

R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

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