

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

The Colporteur Conference

WHEN we heard that fifty colporteurs had officially sent in their requests for accommodation, and realized that still others, as usual, would turn up later, we knew we were going to have a really profitable time.

I wonder why it was that there was such a large gathering this year, and that all were so eager to express their joy at being present? Perhaps the main factor responsible was the fact that God had so wonderfully blessed our efforts this year, that all felt so grateful to Him for the help received, and wished to express and show their real gratitude.

Think of it, almost £4,500 in excess of last year's total sales! We all praise God for this won-

By H. D. HOWARD.

derful achievement, and pray that the additional seed sown will finally bring a bountiful harvest.

Pastor H. W. Lowe spoke to us at our opening meeting on Monday evening, December 29th, giving us a warm welcome as usual, and voicing our own gratitude to God for the prosperous year just completed. He stated that we were actually leading the world field in literature ministry, and that our American brethren rejoiced with us in our success.

LAUNCHING "BIBLE SPEAKS"

Pastor W. H. Meredith spoke

to us in the first devotional hour of the conference on Tuesday morning pointing out the wonderful provision God has made in His Word for help in every time of difficulty and perplexity, illustrating his theme from the experiences of the holy men of God in bygone days.

This helpful study was a most appropriate introduction to what was, perhaps the most important event of the conference—the launching of the new book, *The Bible Speaks*.

In his characteristic style, Pastor W. L. Emmerson recounted to us its story from the birth of the idea in a committee of colporteurs and publishing house men, two years ago, to its launching at



Colporteurs of the British Union in Conference at Watford.

this conference, and explained the many features which had been incorporated into the new publication to enhance its spiritual value and sales possibilities. Surely much praise is due to him and his associates in the Press for their unceasing efforts to bring this great work into being.

Pastor J. M. Howard and Brethren A. Warren, J. C. Craven, B. Belton, and A. W. Cook then gave us some information from the financial, technical, and other angles, and in so doing further increased our appreciation of all that had been put into the new book.

In closing, Brother Meredith offered a most solemn prayer for the dedication of *The Bible Speaks* to the work of winning souls for the kingdom of God.

INSPIRING DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

On Tuesday evening, Pastor R. S. Joyce spoke to us on the reasons for our desire to go to heaven and why we should seek to win others for the kingdom of God. He spoke again on Wednesday morning, from Proverbs 20:27, of the candle of the Lord, which he showed to be our conscience. If our thoughts are right, then our living will be right also.

Pastor W. T. Bartlett gave us an interesting study on Thursday morning from the experience of Elisha, who requested a double portion of God's Spirit for the special work before him. He then showed us that, because of the special work before us in these closing days of earth's history, we should also ask for a double portion of His Spirit that we may be able to go into the homes of the people in the spirit and power of Elijah.

On Thursday evening we all enjoyed a most interesting lantern lecture by Brother Emmer-son entitled, "What Was Jesus Like?" in which he explained to us, from the numerous paintings of Christ, how the faith or apostasy of different ages of the church was reflected in the representations of our Lord by contemporary artists. Many of the points he brought out were noted by the colporteurs for future use in explaining to their prospects the Bible pictures in our publications.



"The Bible Speaks" Training Class.

At our devotional hour on Friday morning, Brother King spoke of the wonderful example our Master set for us as an evangelist, as an obedient Son, in humility, in discipline and determination, and in steadfastly setting His face to go to Jerusalem, knowing what would be the ultimate result. He declared that His greatest temptation was to shun the cross. Our greatest temptation, also, in following Him, is to shun our cross. But we must be loyal to Him and to our country. We must be filled with a love for souls and learn from Him the art of using the personal touch to win them for eternity.

Friday evening brought us to our symposium service. The church was full of eager listeners anxious to hear from various colporteurs their best experience during 1941. All immensely enjoyed the recital of the wonderful workings of Providence in these experiences.

Each day of the conference there was the usual full programme of instructional classes and practice periods, nearly twenty of the colporteurs joining *The Bible Speaks* class. A new feature of our conference, this year, was the praise and prayer service each afternoon, where we had, in addition to the usual prayer bands, a short service of praise to God for His wonderful help toward us.

A BLESSED SABBATH

One of the largest Sabbath-schools ever attended by many of us was presided over by Pastor G. D. King on Sabbath morning, and all thoroughly enjoyed his exposition of the lesson.

The preaching service which followed was taken by our president, Pastor H. W. Lowe, and at that solemn hour a call for re-dedication for service was made, and responded to by the whole congregation. Upon this occasion, also, we were favoured with an anthem by the male choir. An ordination service was held in the afternoon, when Brethren J. H. Bayliss and A. C. Vine were ordained to the Gospel ministry.

The communion service for the colporteurs was held on Sunday morning, and it was indeed a privilege to unite together for this solemn occasion.

Our physical well-being was cared for by Dr. Williams, who spoke to us on Sunday afternoon and generously answered our many questions.

The last item on the conference programme was the social, when it was our privilege to join with the Press staff and their families who had purposely postponed their Christmas social for this purpose. We certainly did appreciate their thoughtfulness and spirit of friendship. Needless to say, we were all one happy family that evening and there was great excitement as we watched the dis-

tribution of the gifts for the children from the mysterious pond, open only to the children for fishing!

The colporteurs wish to thank the Press family for all they have done for their fellow-workers in the field during 1941, especially in view of the difficulties occasioned by a greatly reduced staff. We also appreciate the kindness

of the Stanborough Park church for allowing us to use their church building for this all too short, but happy occasion.

We praise God most of all for His wonderful help toward us, and pray that His blessing may rest upon all our labours in scattering the printed page and in winning souls for His everlasting kingdom of peace.

and selling values. Twenty voices freely contributed suggestions for slight alterations or additions here and there, our secretary, Brother McLeod quickly noting these, and before the conference closed each *Bible Speaks* colporteur was furnished with an indispensable part of his armoury—a selling-talk that we believed would suit to a nicety the new needs of these tremendous times.

We feel greatly indebted to the experienced *Bible Readings* men, Brethren J. Benefield, E. J. Whiting, C. L. W. Cooke, W. C. McLeod, and J. W. Dean for their invaluable co-operation and contributing thoughts. Above all we are sure that the good Spirit of God, came with His "sweet influence" and teaching power on every heart.

What will be the results? First class, we think, judging by the remarkable reports now coming in. We believe that under the blessing of God the future of *The Bible Speaks*, as a ready seller and soul-winner, is assured.

B. BELTON.

Launching "The Bible Speaks"

THE new book by Pastor Emerson, *The Bible Speaks*, was to be introduced to our body of literature-evangelists at the Colporteurs' Conference. Its official "launching," in fact, would be the crowning feature at this year's gathering.

We had previously been given the responsibility of preparing the "selling-talk" and of teaching this to the workers who were about to transfer their attention and skill to the circulation of this latest volume.

Now, a selling-talk for any of our books calls for some careful study if it is to meet all the requirements of accuracy, pleasing sequence of thought, brevity, and "sales pull." And it ought to be well tested in actual practice before being offered to men who are to use it.

Christmas, however, had arrived and we had only just received the prospectus from the publishing house.

Yes, we would have to do it. We would have to be excused from the family circle on Christmas night (missing our o'd friend Scrooge thereby!) to spend the hours alone. But never did a "canvass" behave so kindly as this one. From the very start it took on promising shape. Those "selling pages" decided upon during that long day's work of the prospectus committee were falling nicely into line.

And so it came about that in two hours a "Suggested Selling-Talk" for *The Bible Speaks* emerged.

But how would the class at the conference receive it?

Those seasoned colporteurs who have "carved out" from years of solid experience many a successful canvass? Would it meet their

high ideals of all that a canvass ought to be?

For sixteen years we have shouldered the responsibility of giving canvassing tuition at our annual instructional classes. But never did a body of colporteurs behave so co-operatively or work so assiduously as did this *Bible Speaks* group.

With typed copies before us of our Christmas night effort, we made the best use of every minute. We took those paragraphs word by word and sentence by sentence, examining their spiritual

An Appreciation of "The Bible Speaks"

from Pastor W. E. READ

I HAVE read through the manuscript for the new book entitled, *The Bible Speaks* and personally I feel very happy to see this excellent set of Bible Readings under this new title.

We all appreciated, I know, the old book, *Bible Readings*. It was one of the first Adventist books some of us studied when we became acquainted with present truth. When we began to give Bible studies ourselves in our early enthusiasm, how we benefited from the studies in this volume.

Think of the thousands of *Bible Readings* that have been sold. We always looked upon it as one of our easiest sellers. I think of the thousands of souls who have been brought into the truth by its ministry; and what a blessing it has been to tens of thousands of others. Furthermore it has been known that preachers of other communions used many of the

studies in preparing sermons for their people.

With the passing of the years, however, it became necessary to revise the book. There were many reasons for this. Now that we have this excellent revision* under its new name *The Bible Speaks*, I feel that Brother Emerson has done a splendid piece of work. It is a monumental work and will, I feel sure, fill a large place not only in the work of our colporteurs but also in the lives of our church-members. The chapter titles are well chosen; the sequence of thought running through the book is admirable; the extracts show wide research work and are certainly up to date; the range of matters presented is very compre-

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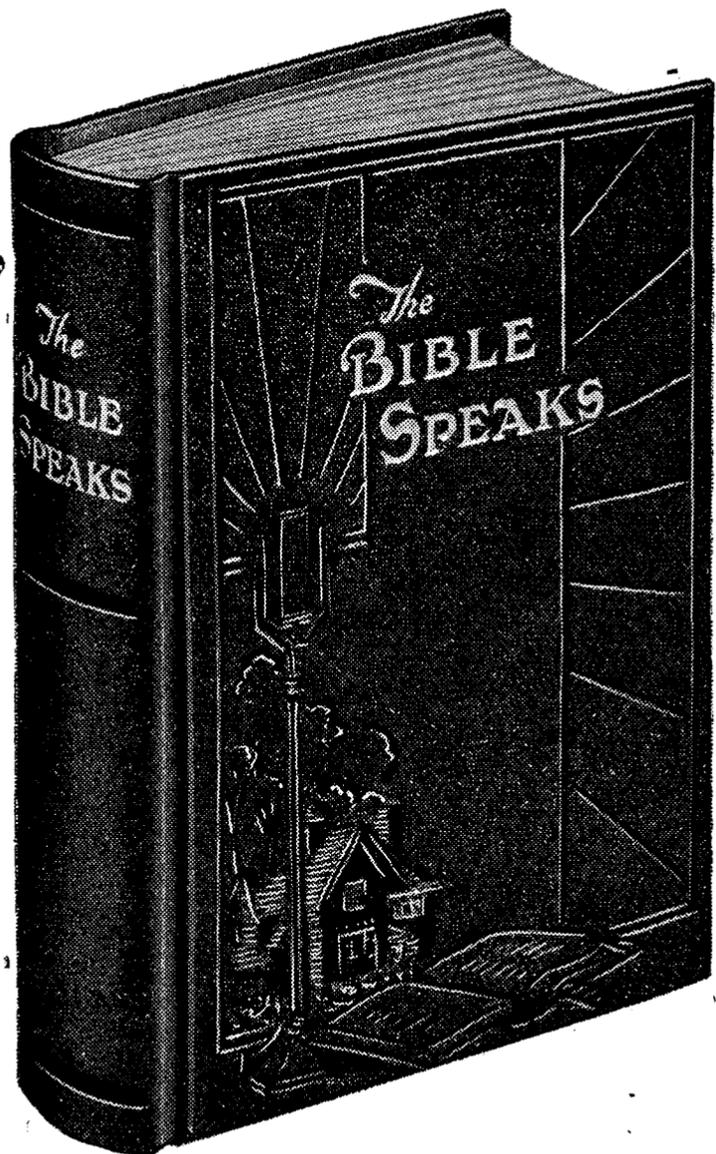
*We retain the word "revision" as it appears in Pastor Read's letter, though *The Bible Speaks* is not a revision in the accepted sense of the term, but an entirely new book both as regards text and illustrations.

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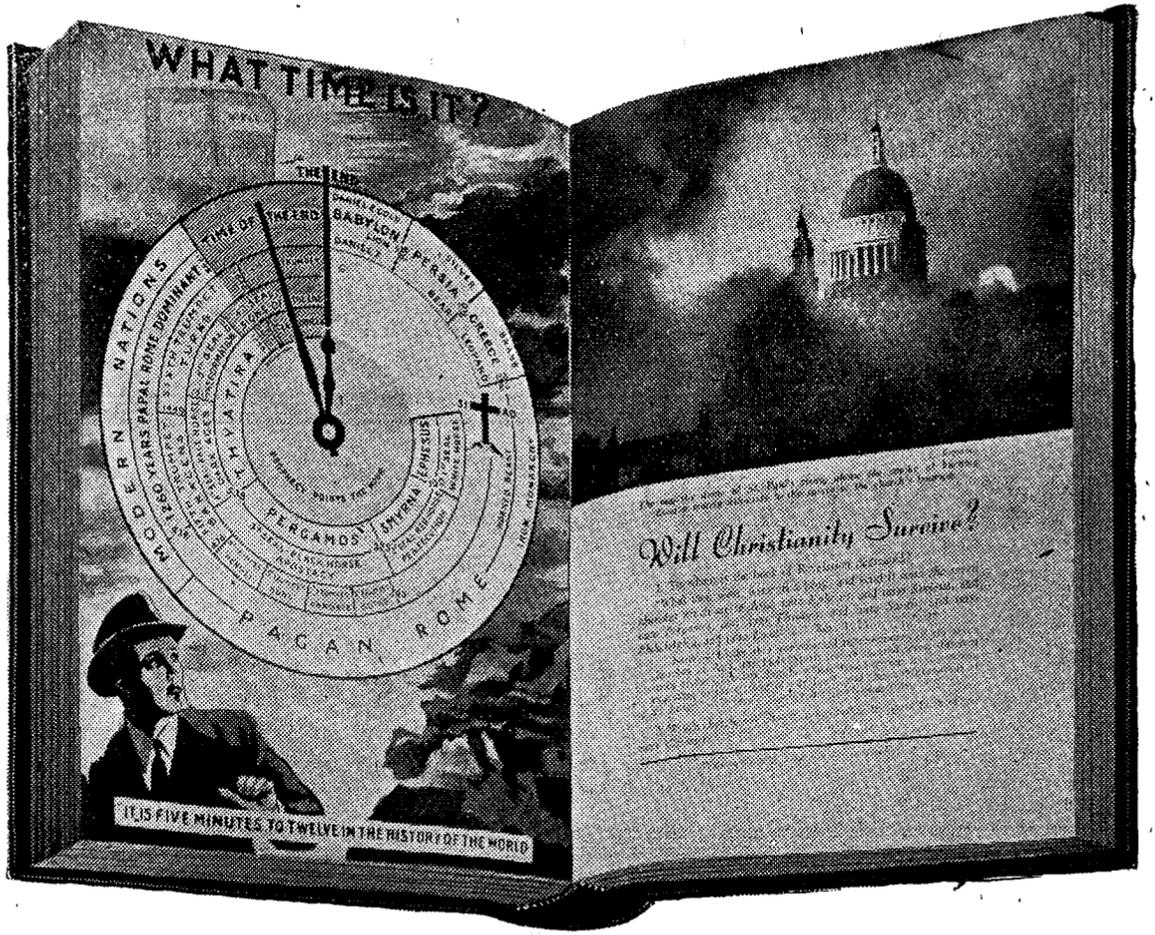
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hensive, and the arrangement of texts including the questions and answers is such as to lead the reader along the way step by step into the fullness of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Our believers will do well to

study carefully and prayerfully its pages and peruse these studies, especially during the winter evenings. Such prayerful meditation will certainly kindle anew the old love for the wonderful threefold message and fire our souls with devotion and evangelistic fervour.

May this book under the blessing of the Lord be the means not only of establishing more firmly our own members in "the faith once delivered to the saints," but also of leading many souls from darkness to light.

PHENOMENAL RECEPTION

OF "The Bible Speaks"

(Colporteurs' First Experiences)

Three Days— Only Five Refusals

"My first experience with the new book has been one of great blessing from God and He has shown to me His marvellous power in helping us poor human instruments to spread His truth in these days.

"My prospectus did not arrive until Monday, so I set forth on Tuesday not feeling too good a representative for such a work. With such thoughts in my mind and realizing that I had a new book, new district and no contact made, I was feeling fairly low. However, the Lord was with me and in my first three calls I received three orders. You can well imagine how thankful I was; I hurried home with the good news. On Wednesday, of course, I went out in different spirits and took ten more orders; it was the best day in my experience. On Thursday, six orders; the first sixteen are for early delivery.

"In the three days, I have only had about five refusals and they were on financial grounds. I have never seen people so anxious to obtain their copies. What makes it all the more remarkable to me, is that these miners (it is a small mining village) have not too much money in these times, but they have hearts of gold. I do feel that all who were in the class for the new book should go out with

it. My own impressions are that with a good approach, and close, the book will sell itself. I admit that I gave, in most cases, a very poor canvass but could see the prospect just waiting to order at the close."

A. PHILLIPS.

Ten Leather Orders in Succession

BROTHER J. BENEFIELD thought it would be a good idea to begin his work with *The Bible Speaks* by calling on previous purchasers of *Bible Certainties*. "The book," he writes, "has given great satisfaction and made it comparatively easy for me to secure further orders. The following is evidence of this:

First day	7 calls	7 orders
Second day	14 calls	17 orders
Third day	21 calls	11 orders
Fourth day (returning home)		3 orders."

Recounting some of these first contacts, he continues:

"A Mrs. W— asked instantly, 'How much is it?' Being shown, she said: 'Bring me a black as soon as you can'

"Calling at another home, the lady uttered exclamations of approval. 'We had better have one,' she said to her husband

"'Yes,' he said, 'of course. Which shall it be?'

"'The best, of course.' And so it was.

"At a hut attached to a gravel pit, I called around lunch time. Three men and three women were present. Apologizing, I was well received. *Bible Certainties* was spoken of in an approving way. One of the men quickly said to his mother, 'I should like something like that!' Continuing my canvass, all were gripped with intense delight.

"'Shall I have one?' said another to her husband.

"'And Mother, one for you?'

"'Yes.'

"'And you,' to the third woman. 'Certainly.'

"Then the first speaker said to his mother, 'And how about another *Bible Certainties*?' 'Yes.'

"So those present in the hut ordered £5 worth of books.

"Calling at a farm, I introduced myself to the farmer's daughter and very soon came the response to my canvass, 'Yes, indeed, book me a leather.' She had previously purchased *Our Wonderful Bible* and *Bible Certainties* in leather.

"Her mother, on my delivery of four copies of *Bible Certainties* in leather on a previous occasion, asked me to return some time to see her. My return with *The Bible Speaks* was welcomed, although her hands were in a cake mixture. Listening with a growing enthusiasm, she readily ordered a copy in the leather binding.

"Calling at another home I

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asked for Mother. When the daughter knew the reason for my visit, she said, 'Mother told me all about it last night and said it was more marvellous than the other, so I must have one, too.'

"Where does your sister live?" I asked, 'I missed her last time.'

"It's too far for you to go up there. Bring one along for her here and I will take Mother's as well, so I can pay for all three together.' Thus ten leather orders fell to me one after another in unbroken succession."

J. BENEFIELD.

"The Best Book Yet"

MISS M. LEES of Birmingham writes: "I visited people who had taken *Bible Certainties* two or three years ago, and most of them said it was the best book yet. Result, nine orders in two days.

"Commencing again this week, I called on seven people and six of them gave orders. They all said the books get better. At the end of my second week with *The Bible Speaks* I had a further twenty-three orders."

M. LEES.

Certainly "Speaks"

"A BUSHEY engineer asked me to bring him some more of our good books, so I promised him the first copy of *The Bible Speaks* in the leather binding, and as far as I know he had the first one as a 'prospect.'

"I felt I ought to call on some of my previous purchasers of *Bible Certainties*, so to Mrs.— I journeyed next. As I stood before her showing *The Bible Speaks* it was love at first sight. 'Come along on Friday and I'll have the stainless; it is beautiful,' she said.

"One after the other in quick succession the orders came and I was saved quite an appreciable quantity of breath for the work needed very little explanation. The book itself certainly 'speaks.'

"One lady to whom I had previously sold two *Bedtime Stories* was just in the act of sending a copy away to a friend when I knocked at her door. 'How

strange,' she said, 'you should come just at this moment. I was just thinking of you. Yes, I like it, it is very beautiful. I like the black one.'

"Feeling very happy I went

The Message for the Hour

THE churches of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, are combining to launch a campaign of evangelism by means of six public lectures on the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

The suggested titles of these lectures, according to the *Church Times*, are:

- Can I Believe in God?*
- Has Human Life a Purpose?*
- Why Should People Suffer?*
- What Does the Christian Religion Say About God?*
- What Does the Christian Religion Say About Man?*
- What Does the Gospel Tell Men to Do?*

This list strikingly reveals the timeliness of *The Bible Speaks*, for in it, among the large number of Bible studies, are these identical subjects, viz.:

- What the Bible Teaches About God.*
- What the Bible Teaches About Man.*
- Why Do the Innocent Suffer?*
- Is God in Control?*
- Can We Still Believe the Bible?*

Surely *The Bible Speaks* has the message for the hour.

along in prayer down a lane to the oldest inhabited public house in England. I had a homely chat with the landlord. He sought his wife's approval, she gladly gave it, and another copy found a resting place.

"So already God is blessing this fine new work." F. MALE.

"I Must Have One"

FROM Miss I. M. Green in North Wales comes this word:

"A New Year—a splendid new book—a wonderful message. How will it be received? For the an-

swer, let's away to the field and find out. The first day's work over: result, three orders in leather. Thank God for His goodness.

"What will to-morrow reveal? Five more homes opened their doors to receive *The Bible Speaks*. At the end of the week, twelve orders. 'I will have the black one,' was the response in each of these cases.

"What a beautiful book.' 'Oh, the pictures.' 'I must have one.' 'I will give you a pound now and bring the book at the end of the month.'

"So ends the first week with *The Bible Speaks*. May it be the first of many in 1942.

"O Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Mould me, make me, fit Thy messenger to be.'

"Speak Lord, by Thy Spirit at the quiet firesides of the homes in Britain, through *The Bible Speaks*." IDA M. GREEN.

Four Orders in Two Hours

BROTHER J. W. LAWS in north Yorkshire has also made an encouraging start. He says:

"On my first day I went out with both *Bible Certainties* and *The Bible Speaks*. Calling at one home, I canvassed *Bible Certainties*. After I had given it, I thought I would just show the new book and endeavour to explain some of the plates. The result was an order for three copies of *The Bible Speaks* in the blue binding.

"The next day I left the *Bible Certainties* prospectus at home, and just took *The Bible Speaks* with me. The first house I called at was that of a solicitor, and immediately secured an order for a copy in the blue binding. About the fourth call, I came across a doctor and his wife who ordered a leather copy. Further along the same road, I took orders from two local preachers, one for a leather and the other for a copy in the blue binding. I took the four orders in two hours."

J. W. LAWS.

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Three Cheers for Cheltenham

DURING the latter portion of 1940 and throughout 1941, we had a peculiar office in the Wimbledon Young People's society—the office of Keeper of the Banner.

And we needed him:

For though at first he only had to put it away to protect it from London's dust, it was afterward his job to protect it from London's criminals. We have already written of how it was preserved when our church was bombed, but that was but the beginning of the story. Six times, since then, our little church hall has been broken into by hooligans, and by all the indications, if they had found the banner, its lovely workmanship would have suffered equally with other treasures.

But they didn't find it. It was much too securely tucked away. And now the Keeper of the Banner is out of work.

What was that you said? Icha-bod?

Well, we read the Reading Course books, every available one of us who wasn't evacuated; we attended Bible doctrine and Home Nursing classes—and we passed the exams; we made flower and leaf collections and qualified for Vocational Honours; we planted gardens; we sewed; we knitted; we told stories; we faithfully completed our Bible reading and memory work: we learned to swim. In fact, we were absolutely certain that that precious banner could not but be ours again. Who else could have worked so hard? And *how* we had enjoyed it!

But despite our work, we *haven't* got it again. We've lost it. And only we who have had the joy of possessing it know how very much we regret its going.

Yet we *are* happy about it, nevertheless. To our credit we have but bravely lost it, and when we win it again (for we shall all the time try to do so), we shall hold it even more precious than heretofore, for that it could be

wrested from us has made it more desirable than ever.

Moreover, we are almost proud that our friends at Cheltenham must have it. Miss John, their leader comes from Wimbledon!

Our Investiture service was on Sabbath, December 20th, when Pastor Warland invested six new Friends, three Companions, and four Comrades, thirteen in all. We shall not soon forget that meeting. We were *so* sure of the banner, and but awaited the announcement that it *was* ours. Joyfully we listened through a talk on the joy of working for Vocational Honours, and another on the Reading Course books, a recitation, too, and a song, but still Brother Warland sat sphinx-like. Then *he* talked. Then there was the investiture. Then he talked some more about this, and about that. We hung on his words breathless. When *would* the announcement be forthcoming? We were completely tantalized. And then he said,

"You haven't won it after all."

Well, we're proud to be pitted against someone who is really trying.

Keep it, Cheltenham, until we can win it back again.

Three cheers for Cheltenham!
MARY J. VINE, Y.P.S. Leader,
1941.

Chelmsford and Brentwood Investiture Service

THE twentieth! How we looked forward to that day. How energetically we worked to make it possible. Maybe it was rather a strain to persevere until we could give an absolutely perfect recitation of the memory work and tie a "bowline" accurately at the first attempt, but eventually we all succeeded.

The twentieth! Yes, that was the day when we, the young people of Chelmsford and Brentwood, met together for our investiture. It was a very lovely service. We sang the hymns with

real fervour, and when Mrs. Bailey led us in prayer, we felt His presence and knew that He rejoiced with us. Both societies gave of their best, and produced some pleasing musical items, book reviews, and a recitation.

Pastor Harker conducted the Investiture, and we were glad to have him bestow on us the outward recognition of our work. The greatest inspiration, however, came from the talk which Pastor Harker gave. He pointed out that Jesus was always able to answer any group of men that questioned Him because He was qualified. As the great "Master Comrade" He had shown us the means whereby we might qualify, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

God does want us to do the work that we undertake for Him well. As we listened to the message, the ten newly-invested "Friends" and all the congregation prayed that God might make us perfect in every good work.

That wonderful day is over, but our hearts and minds are filled with the inspiration of it. We are working with a will to win higher honours; not just for the joy of it, but that we may, by continual development, be able to give of our very best in service to God and our fellowmen.

M. L. LANE.

Watford Town Investiture Service

RED letter days! We all like to have them.

For the Watford Town church Missionary Volunteer society, December 27th. was a red letter day, because at that time it held its first Investiture service.

Eight young people had been busy for several months, and the time had come for them to receive their Friend badges. However, owing to the Christmas holiday, only five were present to receive them.

The service opened with praise and prayer, and among the items which followed were a duet, The Lord's Prayer, a recitation of the twenty-third Psalm, and John

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14:1-3, each a requirement of the Progressive Course.

Brother Male gave a short talk on the advantages gained by studying these "Courses," rather than belonging to any outside organization.

Pastor Warland presented the badges to the five candidates, Brother Male, Eric College, Gladys, Gwen, and Francis Hankin, and then gave a short Bible

study on "Talents." We may have only one talent, but we are to use it, and God will bless us. The Progressive Courses are a great help in the improving of our talents.

And so with praise and prayer our service ended. But we hope it will not be the last of the Investitures for the Watford Town church. Now that we have begun, we intend to go on.

ELSIE PRATT.

school-room mid-week campaign was arranged. The finances for this were provided by the Barry Sewing Circle and our sisters there take great pride in the one sister who took her stand through their industry.

Now the time has come to leave the Advent family so dear to us in Barry, Caerphilly, Ely, Porth, and Gelligaer. Five isolated "pillars of the church" must be included, too. Together during five years we have grown in knowledge, in experience, in labour, and in grace. The truth has advanced. These are whitening fields. We quote from a letter recently received from a *Present Truth* reader contacted in Barry who regularly attends a weekly cottage meeting:

"I am grateful to you more than I can tell you, for all the help you have given me. . . . I have greater desires to put into practice the things I know and to live the Christlike life. . . . I hope you will never think me unmindful of the precious times you have given to me in the study of God's Word."

We believe that we shall meet this dear one in the kingdom and we shall look forward to even happier times with our many Welsh friends in that land where partings are no more.

P. CUMINGS.

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Glamorgan District

THERE are few moments more joyful than when new members are being received into church fellowship. The gradual partaking of the divine nature and those severences from sin that naturally follow as, step by step, the new way of life is made clear, are precious moments to the worker for Christ. Not always is he privileged to see the full fruition of his labour. At times God calls us to sow only, sometimes to water, and at others to reap.

This happy occasion of gathering in two souls, a brother and a sister, for the Master came to us at Abertridwr (Caerphilly) on Sabbath, December 13th. They are the firstfruits of a small summer-time campaign in the district.

Perhaps as nowhere else in this island, South Wales valleys have felt the altered conditions of war. The unemployment problem, once centred here, has almost gone. In many cases wives, too, are working full time. Then there are thousands of evacuee children all claiming the time of the people. This problem of increased activity has been our major difficulty recently. We have had the unhappy experience of receiving cancellation of seven regular weekly Bible studies of some long standing in the above mentioned campaign for no other reason. Nevertheless about 600 to 800 tracts together with *Present Truth* have been distributed each month in response to inquiries, and we

know that blessing will follow "though it tarry long."

During the year the remainder of the county has been claiming unceasing attention. Three sisters were baptized in August. Gelligaer are the richer by one, and with her are five splendid children brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This is a fine contribution to the junior Sabbath-school. In Ely, where a cottage meeting has continued for two and a half years and where three souls have been gathered in during this time, eighteen months ago a small

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Arrival in the Humber Area

BATTLE-SCARRED and cold! These were our first impressions as we arrived in Hull, this city on the Humber. But already we have found warm hearts and kindly faces among our members up here; new friends to replace the old ones we have left behind us in Wales.

We were happy to be present on Sabbath, December 27th, when the ordinances of the Lord's House were celebrated among about eighty of the members, the church being nearly full. There was special pleasure in being pres-

ent at this meeting, for several young men were ordained for the work of the church to fill the places of older pillars of strength who had been evacuated or who had laid down their burdens to rest awhile. It will be a privilege to go forward with these young men in the service of the church, that more souls may soon be added to our ranks.

It was inspiring to pay a visit to the Sabbath-school of the young company at Driffild. As a result of their interest in the onward cause of missions, nearly £4 has already been offered for the cause of the Lord.

The district bears a real loss in the departure of Pastor Lamont Murdoch and two of his helpers, Brother R. Vine and Sister E. Adair. We are glad not to be bereft completely, for Miss L. Gardner is to remain to continue her good work here and Brother Vine will not be far away.

Our prayers will go with Pastor and Sister Murdoch as they go to care for the work in the Birmingham area.

And from the membership of the Hull area we would only ask the same loyalty and support which has been given unsparingly to Pastor Murdoch in his four years of successful work among them. DENNIS A. CONROY.



Newcastle Dorcas Society

A SHORT while ago the question was asked in the MESSENGER, "Have you a Dorcas Society?" Yes, we have one in Newcastle. It was organized about five years ago.

Beside a very happy spirit of love and friendship existing among the members, others have benefited by our humble efforts through gifts of clothing, and also two of our local hospitals have received and gratefully acknowledged a box each of lovely knitted bed socks, and surgical stockings, together with a copy of *Good News*, *Bedtime Stories*, and *Steps to Christ*.

We have also done our small part in helping in the renovating of our church, and recently we handed over to our local treasurer the sum of £5 toward the local Students' Aid Fund.

Greetings to all other Dorcas societies. MRS. E. COULSON.



Change of Address

THE address of the South Birmingham church is now as follows: 290 Mansell Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

Sabbath-school convenes at 10.15 a.m., and divine service at 11.15 a.m. Visitors to the city will be very welcome.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

SCOTTISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor J. A. McMillan

Address: 15 Rowallan Gardens, Broomhill, Glasgow, W.1.

Dundee

As we enter into the New Year it is natural for our minds to dwell on the goodness of God and His blessings during the year that has just closed. As we think of the work in general we have much for which to praise and thank Him. We are sorry, however, that in the matter of winning souls we have had many disappointments, but we rejoice that two have joined with us, in church fellowship in Dundee, one by baptism and one by vote.

The amount of tithes has been

very encouraging, being more than double that received in 1940, and our Harvest Ingathering figure was about eighteen pounds over that of the previous year. So although our report is not as large as we would like it to be, especially from the standpoint of new members, we are thankful to God for His many mercies and blessings.

We do earnestly solicit your prayers that those who have been added may be kept faithful, and that others will take a definite stand with God's remnant people. D. MORRISON.

The Ministry of Literature

"And So Here is Another"

"What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?" 2 Kings 18:19.

"How much do you say that book is?"

"Well, here is twenty-five shillings, and on the top of it another 4/3, the cost of postage to Canada. We are moving out from here to-day so I am glad you have come in time because I want my child to have a book like that."

"Here is Sergeant —. Just demonstrate your book to him will you?"

And so the work goes on. I have not kept a strict account of those volumes which I have shipped to Canada, but I have prayed that each of them will find its way home with its glorious message.

It does seem like sending coals to Newcastle, doesn't it? because we have a publishing house in the district to which, some of these precious volumes have been addressed, but you must remember that it has needed a war to cause some souls in Canada to discover the truths which are contained in our books.

And, by the way, speaking of

war, who would have thought that one could sell religious books while so much blood is being shed? And yet the fact is that many are eager for words of comfort in such a time as this. I find that they have tried other books which have been brought to their doors but all seem to have left them the more bewildered.

The Spirit of prophecy says that the Word of God is to be presented with clearness and power that those who have ears to hear may hear the truth. Thus the Gospel of present truth will be placed in the way of those who know it not and it will be accepted by not a few, and carried by them to their own homes in all parts of the world.

Isn't that wonderful? Many of these Canadians have told me that they wish to read the books first and afterward they will take them home to their people.

F. J. KINMAN.



"Resurrection" Chapter Sufficient

ONE Friday morning my second canvass for *Bible Certainties* was in a beautifully furnished

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home where the lady had welcomed me most courteously.

Soon this person spoke feelingly of the comfort she was deriving from her well-marked Bible since the death of her Christian husband not long ago. I saw the markings under the old familiar promises in Isaiah. And in other places, too. Promise after promise marked with the pen as the God of all comfort had spoken to soothe and heal the

wounds of a stricken heart.

No need for me to use any more of *Bible Certainties* than the resurrection chapter, once I was free to move into the demonstration. So impressed was this Christian lady at that point, that unsolicited she opened a drawer near-by and paid out treasury notes for four leather copies!

God works amazing things in this colporteur ministry.

B. BELTON.

Is This True?

IN my recent reading I came across this complimentary yet challenging statement: "Seventh-Day Adventists, the world around, are gripped by one all-absorbing conviction—that God has divinely commissioned them to carry to all the world in this present generation, the sublime announcement that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is about to come to the world the second time. They bend every energy to accomplish this gigantic task. They are firmly persuaded that when this task is completed, when all the world has heard this majestic message regarding the return of our Lord, He will then come to complete the great plan of redemption. They look upon no sacrifice as too great, that results in hastening this work to its conclusion."

I wonder. Is it a true picture of us?

"Gripped by one all-absorbing conviction." True, many of our people are so gripped. On the other hand, too many of them are gripped by "the things of this world" that absorb more than their rightful share of time and thought and energy. And too often they come in weariness and hesitation to the business of the Lord which should have our best.

"They bend every energy." Not yet. When that day comes we shall see a mighty movement pulsating with divine enthusiasm. And then our people will be seen going out from home to home talking and praying with the people, and leaving papers and books for them to read.

"No sacrifice too great." Seventh-Day Adventists know

something about sacrifice. Perhaps no other people give more money per capita to extend Gospel work. But many of us in these modern times have yet much to learn about true sacrifice. With better planning of our time we could give more personal attention to witnessing work with our message-filled literature. Economic changes are rapidly taking place, and who can tell when our publishing houses will be affected by the coming changes. Restrictions and curtailments are certainly on their way. It behoves us as His witnesses in this work to be awake to the meaning of these eventful times and to redouble our efforts in literature service.

ERNEST LLOYD.

Personal Witnessing

"DURING a recent trip through West China I learned that the Book Depot secretaries in those sections where the war has raged are unable to keep a sufficient supply of Bibles and hymn books to meet the demand. Our refugee brethren pass those centres, and they re-equip themselves with Bibles and song books, often stating that they can get along without other belongings, but they must have God's Word and our gospel songs. In at least three places in the West, these faithful refugees have gathered a company of interested people about them, and are holding services regularly on the Sabbath."—*Eastern Tidings*.

Wedding Bells

CUNDLE-CHAPMAN. — On December 26, 1941, at the Baptist Church, York, loaned to us for the occasion, many friends and relatives assembled to witness the marriage of Brother Leslie Cundle, who came to us from the Enfield Wash church a few years ago, and Sister Lily Chapman, who has grown up among us.

The wedding was solemnized by Pastor Lennox.

After a reception in the Baptist Schoolroom, the young couple left for a short honeymoon in the north.

A. THOMPSON,
Church Clerk.

MONTGOMERY-SISSON.—On January 12, 1942, Brother Stanley Montgomery was united in marriage to Sister Marguerite Helen Sisson. A simple but reverent service was conducted by the writer at Birkby Baptist church, Huddersfield. Brother Montgomery is a member of our valiant colporteur force and is doing good work at Glasgow. Sister Sisson hails from Dublin, but recently has been nursing at Bournemouth. Both are anxious to work unitedly for the Lord's cause in future days.

We know we express the feelings of fellow colporteurs, members, and friends as we wish them God's richest blessing as they join in labouring for the Master.

W. J. CANNON.

WE have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.—*Life Sketches*.

Shilling Books Increased to

1/6

OWING to the increased cost of materials, scarcity of paper and other difficulties due to the war, the price of *Bed-time Stories*, *Steps to Christ*, *Home Health*, and other English and American shilling books is now increased to 1/6.

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UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

CANNON.—On October 10, 1941, our young sister Olive Cannon passed away after a short illness at the age of twenty-six. On October 14th she was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery. Services were held in the Stanborough Park church and at the graveside by the writer in the presence of a number of sympathetic friends. Her parents came into the truth over twenty years ago in Pontypridd, South Wales, and Olive with the other children was brought up in the truth and became a member of the church at Stanborough Park. Our sister was not one of the strongest, but was always a faithful worker according to her ability and rejoiced in the knowledge of her Saviour. Her favourite hymn, "Transformed by grace divine," was sung at the service, and we rejoiced in the hope that Olive would be among those who will be raised from their graves when Jesus comes. To the parents and her brothers and sister, and to us remaining church-members, come the words: "Be ye therefore steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," for soon Jesus is coming to gather His faithful ones to Himself.

W. H. MEREDITH.

YATES.—One of the old members of Brighton church fell asleep in Jesus on November 28, 1941. She had been a faithful member for over twenty years. Of late years she was a great sufferer spending her last year in hospital, but she never complained. Her one desire was to attend her church once more. Brother R. H. Smith conducted the service on December 4th in the church she loved. There were present two daughters and one son, together with many churchmembers. Her favourite hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," was sung. She was laid to rest in Hove Cemetery to await the call of her Lord on the glorious resurrection morning.

CHURCH CLERK.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Feb. 13th	6.10	6.10	6.23	6.11	6.26

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LANE.—Sister Lane, the beloved mother of Pastor L. E. A. Lane, passed away on December 1, 1941. For many years she has known the comfort a personal Saviour can give. When she was twenty-four she gave her life to Jesus and twelve years later a lay-member, Mrs. W. Baker, persuaded her to study the Advent message carefully. In 1895 she joined the North London church, then at Duncombe Hall. She worked very hard to train her three children and she sacrificed much to send them to our College at Watford. In her declining years she suffered a great deal, and could no longer attend the church. During these years she sometimes breathed a prayer that God would give her rest, but her faith never wavered. Her mother's heart was comforted to have her three children with her and strong in the faith. Sister R. M. Lane nursed her mother faithfully all through her sickness and infirmity. Her other daughter, the wife of Pastor A. K. Armstrong, and her only son Pastor L. E. A. Lane, were also present at the service held in Holloway church. Our beloved sister was laid to rest in Highgate Cemetery. Her favourite text was Psalm 34:8. "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." S. BULL.

LEIGH.—Mrs. Leigh of Plymouth, passed to her rest at the age of sixty-six in Watford, where she had been staying for some time with her daughter Mrs. W. G. Baldry and her son, Mr. H. Leigh. She had been a member of the Adventist church at Plymouth for over forty years. The writer first met her in Plymouth at a Week of Prayer in 1898. Through all these years she was a faithful member of the church and had the joy of seeing her son and daughter in the church and workers in the cause. For some time she suffered from a severe illness, but remained a cheerful and happy Christian. Services were held on November 25, 1941, in the Stanborough Park church, and at the North Watford Cemetery where we laid our sister to rest safe in the keeping of her Saviour whom she had loved and served so many years. Her loved ones, Brother and Sister W. G. Baldry and son, Brother and Sister H. Leigh and family, will greatly miss Mother, but they rejoice in love of the truth that Jesus is soon coming to gather His loved ones to Himself, when there will be a grand reunion of all who loved the Saviour. W. H. MEREDITH.

DUDLEY.—Mrs. E. Dudley, the beloved mother of Mrs. O. M. Dorland passed away peacefully on the last evening of the year 1941 in her seventy-third year, and was laid to rest at Carnford Cemetery, Bristol, on January 5, 1942. Sister Dudley was brought into the truth by Pastor Dorland in 1916 and was baptized with her two daughters in the same year. They were members of the Chiswick church and later Mrs. Dudley and her daughter Vi became members of the South England Conference church, living in St. Neots and later near Southend. The heavy raids on the east coast caused them to make their abode with the other daughter, May, who is now Mrs. Dorland. Mrs. Dudley suffered from severe illness, but through it all remained a patient, sweet Christian, who impressed all who knew her. Always cheerful, smiling and happy, she was a faithful and true Adventist, a good mother, and an earnest worker, who will be missed by all who knew her. We laid her to rest, safe in the keeping of the Lord she loved so well, awaiting the resurrection day. Her loved ones,

Brother and Sister Dorland, her daughter Vi, and her five grandchildren mourn her loss but rejoice in hope of the soon-coming Saviour. Services were held at the home of Brother Dorland and at the graveside by the writer.
W. H. MEREDITH.

BELL.—Mr. Robert Bell of Kinghorn, formerly of Edinburgh, died on Sabbath, November 22, 1941. Brother Bell had been accepted into church fellowship but a few months before. His health failed rapidly and the end came suddenly. The funeral took place in the beautiful cemetery at Drum Terrace, Edinburgh and was conducted by the writer. A large contingent of men attended from the Corporation Electricity Dept., where Brother Bell had been a highly respected workman. Many relatives and friends also attended to pay their last respects. We extend to his sorrowing wife and daughter, Sister Bell and Irene, our sincere sympathy. They look for the glad reunion at the coming of Jesus. J. A. McMILLAN.

PATON.—Mrs. T. Paton, a faithful isolated member of the Scottish Mission, fell asleep on Thursday, January 8, 1942. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Brother T. Paton, and a son. Sister Paton accepted the truth many years ago in Paisley, and was faithful in her witness to the Saviour through the years. We laid her to rest, assured that she will rise with the "blessed and holy" at the first resurrection. Like Dorcas, she has left a fragrant memory of kind and gentle deeds as a memorial among the living. J. A. McMILLAN.

BURGESS.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of Miss G. A. Burgess on December 31, 1941. She was laid to rest on January 5, 1942, in the Bromley (Kent) Cemetery. Our Sister was brought into the Adventist faith through the effort of Pastor F. C. Bailey in his campaign in Bromley in 1938. Miss Burgess, who was sixty-eight years of age, faithfully performed the duties of church treasurer and in the absence of our Sabbath-school leader, was taking her place when, in the act of prayer, she was taken suddenly ill with a stroke and had to be removed to hospital. There she lay for four months making a partial recovery, in answer, we believe to our united prayers. Now, however, God in His mercy, has called her to rest, until we meet again on the resurrection morn. K. REDDING.

MAY.—God's cause has suffered loss in the death of Sister Mrs. Charlotte May, of Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, at the age of seventy-six. Approximately thirty-three years ago, our sister was baptized in North London by Pastor W. H. Wakeham, having learned of the truth through the labours of Pastors A. D. and A. K. Armstrong, who were then in their student days. Only a few months ago Mr. and Mrs. May moved from London, where they had passed through severe trials associated with the raiding of the city, to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Hastings, at Corfe Mullen. Our sister was buried on January 21, 1942, four days after her death, in the village cemetery, the writer conducting the service. The husband, Mr. May, the deceased's sister, Miss Jane Rendall, and Brother and Sister Hastings, mourn their loss, together with a large number of friends of the Advent movement. They sorrow not as others who have no hope, for their hope is in the gracious promises of the Lord. F. A. SPEARING.