

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Onward, Ever Onward

Is Our World-Wide Mission Programme

In this time of international chaos and distress, when "men's hearts" are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," sober, thoughtful men of the world are earnestly asking the meaning of these times. God is awakening men from their spiritual lethargy and indifference, and is causing them to seek the Lord while the day of mercy still lingers.

But what of our own work in the foreign fields in these times? Much has been written in recent issues of our church papers of the withdrawal and later movements of certain of our missionaries whom it has been necessary because of the war to evacuate from their fields of service. Because of these disappointing and unfavourable developments, some have erroneously concluded that mission work in these lands has well-nigh ceased. Others have gone further in these mistaken conclusions, and have arrived at the supposition that because of the war our work in all the foreign fields has well-nigh come to a standstill. Because of the prevalence of these errors it seems that something should be said relative to our mission situation.

Two facts must be kept in mind: first, that while our foreign staff in some areas has been withdrawn, the work continues in these fields under national leadership; and, second, that eva-

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uation thus far is limited to only our Far Eastern Division as a whole, and to the China Division only in part. In free or unoccupied China, and in all other major foreign sections except Burma, the workers are in the field, and the work is moving forward with marked success.

In anticipation of just such times as these, our leaders have through the years placed increasingly heavy responsibilities on the shoulders of promising national workers. When it seemed necessary for our foreign workers to withdraw from Japan, we had stalwart national workers on whom the mantle of leadership fell. We have reason to know that under this leadership and the blessing of God the work is going forward. This is likewise true in China and Manchukuo and other lands which our missionaries have been forced to leave.

PROGRESS EVERYWHERE

In other sections of the Far East it is yet too early since the outbreak of hostilities to know with any degree of certainty just what the position is, but we believe that when the roar of the cannon has ceased and the clouds of war are cleared, we will find in this area, too, that the Lord has cared for His own, and that a large in-

crease of souls has been garnered in, even during these troublous times. We are encouraged in this thought by what we learn of the work in other countries long cut off from outside contacts. The good news of the progress of the work in Russia and Bessarabia which has trickled out of those countries in recent months is most heartening.

From our representatives in these countries come but fragmentary reports, but from these we glean evidence of progress in the work, even though its advancement is attended by personal hazards and physical hardships. One glimpse tells much. Writing from a neutral country in Europe, our leader states:

"While in Bucharest our brother learned that two of our men from there had just visited Cernauti. There they found the president of the Bessarabian conference and his people alive and well. We learn that five of our eleven ministers who remained in the country baptized more than one thousand during the time of the Russian occupation (less than one year)."

From Finland and Sweden we learn that good meetings are being held throughout the field, and that our literature sales of to-day excel all previous records. The same is true in Norway and Denmark. Our health-food business in Denmark has enjoyed unusual prosperity during the past year.

OPENING DOORS

Few fields offer richer prospects for an enlarged work than does Ethiopia at the present time. Prior to the foreign onslaught we had a very substantial medical work under development, with a training school and a limited constituency. But the people were haughty and proud, and our evangelistic results not too fruitful. In recent years, the people have endured untold hardships and privations, and their hearts have been humbled. With the restoration of the emperor to the throne, a new spirit pervades the country. The return of our hospitals has been assured, together with improvements made while they were under government direction. Besides our old properties, the administration offers well-nigh unlimited facilities for the rehabilitation and extension of our work.

Six of our workers who were in the country prior to the Italian invasion have remained through the changing political scenes, and are now operating three schools which children of the leading families attend. They are urging that doctors be sent to re-establish our medical work. They report changed attitudes toward evangelism, and a reaching out after spiritual enlightenment. Already several doctors have been flown in by air and others are under appointment and will go forward as soon as transportation can be secured.

Other sections of the world field more remotely influenced by the war present unprecedented opportunities for the advance of the third angel's message. Africa, with her millions who sit in abject darkness, craves as never before the answer to the strange times into which we have come. Those who have long been in midnight darkness best appreciate the light of truth. All up and down Africa's great hinterland her peoples embrace the Gospel with eagerness when the truths of the Word are made plain and are exemplified in the life of the missionary.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

Is our work in the foreign fields to be largely suspended during

this time of international upheaval? We believe not, but rather that the work is to go forward in spite of difficulties and opposition. Indeed, the work of God will be finished in the midst of most unfavourable conditions. Support for this is found in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. "The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 463.

And concerning this final work, definite assurances of large results are given.

"In heathen Africa, in the

Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law."—"Prophets and Kings," page 189.

This is not a time for despondency or discouragement, but rather a time for us to go forward in faith to do the work God has given us to do. It was for just such a time as this that assurance was given: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

A Safe Investment

THERE is a burning desire in the hearts of scores of our young men and women to obtain a training which will fit them for service in the great Advent movement. "How may I get the education for which I long?" is the question many young people are asking themselves. The Lord has told us, through His messenger, that it is the privilege of every church-member to invest means in helping our worthy youth to obtain this necessary preparation.

Throughout the years at the Annual Meetings, hundreds of pounds have been generously given to the Students' Aid Fund,

expect about one hundred young people to be present on September 8th, the opening day of the school term. These prospective students have been working hard during the summer to get sufficient money. Forty of them entered the colporteur work on June 1st and have had splendid success, but owing to the paper rationing, they are allowed books to cover only half their fees. Others have been working long hours on the land, and economizing in their expenditure to get an education.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of supplies, the School Board has found it necessary to raise the fees a little for the next school year. We are asking our members throughout the field to give at least £500 on this special day. There is no more worthy cause to which we can contribute, and we know that the money given to assist our young people is a wise investment, and will bring large dividends. W. G. MURDOCH.

EDUCATION DAY

**Sabbath, August 1st
STUDENTS'
AID OFFERING
Sabbath, August 8th**

and many are in the work to-day because of the financial help received. Nowadays, we are not able to hold our annual convocations. This year, August 8th has been set apart as the day for a special Students' Aid offering. There are good prospects for a full enrol-

"EVER bear in mind that we are accountable for the influence we exert. Our influence gathers with Christ, or scatters abroad. We are either helping souls in the narrow path of holiness or we are a hindrance, a stumbling block to them, turning them out of the way."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 47.

Notes from the Union President

IT would be well to keep in mind the special offerings which are to come in the latter part of the present year.

Education Day and Offering will be brought to our attention during the week of *August 1st to 8th*. This is not a particularly good time for raising offerings owing to the incidence of holidays, etc., but we do hope that our members will keep in mind the needs of our educational work which is facing special difficulties just now. If you are to be away on holiday please make arrangements for a liberal offering so that this worthy cause does not suffer. Shortage of literature means that we are only offering a limited number of half scholarships this year, and we may have to raise special funds in other ways to help worthy students. Your help in an investment, than which there is none more worthy and profitable, will be much appreciated.

September 12th is the date for the *Week of Sacrifice Offering* and we are hoping that there will be a widespread adoption of the plan to give the equivalent of one week's salary to the cause of God. All our workers will follow the plan, and we hope that a large number of our lay people will do likewise.

Owing to the absence of literature our *Missions Extension Campaign* is being changed to a special missions' offering to be taken up *November 14th*. We hope to raise the sum of £450 throughout the Union in this way in order that the cause of missions may not suffer.

December 4th to 12th is the *Week of Prayer*, and the *Annual Thankoffering*, now so great a feature of our work, will be taken up on the *12th*.

COLLEGE FEES

COLLEGE fees have not kept pace with the rise in the cost of food and general College operating, but the time has come when we feel the fees should be raised, and for the school year 1942-3 they will be increased from £58 to £63. Parents of young people and students themselves should

note this fact and make their plans accordingly. Even at this figure our school fees are very low and the College calls for a heavy financial subsidy for each student in attendance.

INGATHERING

OWING to the phenomenal success of the 1942 Ingathering Campaign we now have visions of a "Month for Missions" which would be a distinct advance on our present accomplishment of completing the campaign in six weeks.

When it is considered that there has been a real shortage of literature for this campaign (an average of twenty leaflets and one magazine to each member), and that the time for collecting has varied in different localities, it has really been a remarkable accomplishment to raise over £10,000 in five weeks.

(Since writing the above our goal of £11,000 has been passed in record time. H. W. L.)

OVERSEAS NEWS

WORD has been received that Elder and Mrs. McClements spent their furlough in South Africa and arrived back in Nigeria in April. Mr. and Mrs. F. Stokes are now on furlough in South Africa and Miss Muderspach and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gillett should also be there by now. Mr. and Mrs. L. Edmonds are on their way to the United Kingdom for furlough. Miss Morgan of the Nigeria Union Mission went to South Africa last September and her return depends upon her health.

Brother McClements indicates that the "Dig for Victory" spirit is with them all in the mission field just now and, further, that they are like ourselves, short of literature which they would like to obtain from us in considerable quantity. Their prayers, says Elder McClements, are with us, and our members will surely reciprocate in this respect.

Dr. G. A. S. Madgwick is to take up medical work in Ethiopia for a time. There are great needs and opportunities since the Emperor Haile Selassie has re-

turned. The doctor will probably return to his hospital work in Nigeria later, and his family will go to Capetown while he is in Ethiopia.

The *Review and Herald* of June 11th, carries a brief report from Elder George Keough (Beyrouth) to the effect that thirteen people were baptized April 4th, from which we assume that he, his son, and their families have remained at their posts in the mission field despite ominous war news.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE first half of 1942 shows an increase of nearly £700 in Sabbath-school offerings alone, which is a gratifying figure.

The tithe income throughout the Union showed an increase for the six months of £2,100. Together these figures bring us great relief and a sense of thankfulness to God for His blessing on the work.

CONGRATULATIONS

WE understand Brother Roy Maudsley has taken his final medical examination successfully, and we pass on to him our congratulations. We hope that his influence as a Christian physician will be greatly blessed by God.

CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

DOCTORS, medical and science students often run into difficulty during their study of biology and its relation to the Bible account of creation. Our attention has been called to this a number of times, but recently one of our teachers, well qualified to handle this subject, has suggested that if those who have run into such difficulties would send them in to a central source, it might be possible to deal with them in some published form so that the value of such an answer would become permanent. It is an unfortunate fact that some young people who embark on these studies show signs of losing their faith in the process. There is an answer to these difficulties and we should like to compile it in some permanent form that would be of use to everyone concerned.

If you have such difficulties or know of people who have them, we should like to receive questions

in written form and study will then be given to the preparation of some suitable answers at the hands of those qualified to handle these difficulties.

BIBLE-WORKERS AND NATIONAL SERVICE

BIBLE-WORKERS who were appointed to the work before the date on which their age group is required to register for national service are to be classified as "Lay Workers" of an approved religious organization and will not be withdrawn from their present occupation.

Any queries on the part of Bible-workers should be addressed

to us at the earliest possible date.

AMERICAN ADVENTIST SOLDIERS

A NUMBER of these brethren are now worshipping regularly with our churches in England and, as before requested, we hope our people will offer them kindly Christian hospitality. We should also like to request that when these men are contacted no communications be sent through to America about them. We are in touch with the General Conference over the whole question and with the American Army authorities in this country. It saves difficulty not to write letters on this subject.

H. W. LOWE.

was going to lose its good reputation.

However we were soon convinced that we had a working team, for the money began to flow in abundance. We obtained our goal in fifteen days, and in three weeks have almost reached the total amount raised last year.

We feel justly proud of our achievement; for Torquay has many obstacles, e.g. hills, steps, and long drives. Those who collected worked hard, including some of the prospective members from our recent campaign. One gentleman in particular has collected over ten pounds and is hoping to do more.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts here in Torquay and it is the prayer of us all that of the final result it can truly be said: "Well done."

MARY D. DANDO.



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Baptism at Bristol

To members as well as to workers it must be that a baptismal service is the most joyous of any that we attend. It is indeed the harvest after a long period of sowing and tending. On Sabbath afternoon, June 27th, we held such a service at Bristol. There were eight souls who had signified their desire to follow the Master.

Many members and friends gathered to witness the scene, and as Pastor O. M. Dorland led in prayer every heart joined with him in thanking God that His Word has still its ancient power to quicken souls to new life.

As always we were glad to welcome Pastor King into our midst. He told the candidates that we need have no anxiety concerning our temporal needs, for God will provide. Our chief anxiety must be to see that we have "Put on Christ."

Pastor King suggested that the candidates had not found it easy to bring their lives into line with God's requirements, and truly, had time permitted, every one of the eight could have told of difficulties surmounted through the grace of God before they could be ready for that day.

We were glad that among the number there were two of our

young people, and also a young man with his wife. We wish them God's blessing as they use their energy in His service. We also pray that God will greatly bless those who have come to a deeper knowledge of His Word in later life.

As Pastor Dorland immersed the candidates we thought of their individual experiences, and thanked God for the seed sown through the printed page and the Ingathering work.

After the baptism the eight new members were received into church fellowship. As we brought the service to a close, we all felt the need of renewing our own baptismal vows, and we pray that together, as a stronger church, we may work and witness for the Saviour. M. P. GRAVES.



Climax—Non-Stop

"PLEASE bring your Harvest Ingathering money along tomorrow evening so that we can send in a good report on Monday."

This was the announcement made on Sabbath morning! What a disappointment it was on Sunday evening when only two pounds were brought in. We really began to wonder if Torquay

If You Were a Castaway

IF you were castaway on a desert island without your Bible, and could only remember eight texts, which eight would you like to remember?

This is the question which was put to the members of the Ilford Missionary Volunteer Society recently, and eight volunteers were asked to bring their selections the following week. These eight selections were presented, with reasons for their choice, and the result was a splendid collection of texts which would encourage, strengthen and comfort us, and keep us close to God in any experience of life. John 3:16 and parts of the twenty-third and ninety-first Psalms were favourites, for most of us felt that these texts must never be forgotten.

At a subsequent meeting the texts were again presented, having been classified by our leader under eight headings. After omitting the identical texts, fifty-six remained, seven for each day and twice seven for the Sabbath. We thought our choice might interest other young people, and so we are giving the list under their respective headings:

Reassurance.—Isa. 41:10, Isa. 43:2, Isa. 40:26, Rev. 22:20, 1

Cor. 15:55, Mark 5:40, Gen. 16:13.

Supply.—Psa. 23:1, Psa. 34:10, John 14:13, John 11:22, Isa. 33:16, Psa. 119:105, John 14:23.

Protection.—Psa. 46:1, Psa. 91:1, Psa. 34:7, Isa. 32:2, 2 Kings 6:17, Psa. 22:4, Psa. 91:15.

Rest and Peace.—Psa. 4:8, Matt. 11:28, 1 Peter 5:7, Deut. 33:27, John 14:18, Psa. 27:1, Psa. 23:6.

Admonition.—Psa. 46:10, Heb. 10:35, 1 Thess. 5:17, 18, Luke 6:28, Eccles. 12:1, Matt. 28:19.

Hope.—Deut. 33:7, Jer. 29:11,

John 14:2, Isa. 35:10, Rev. 15:2, Rev. 7:16, Rev. 21:4.

Salvation and Praise.—Gen. 2:3, Isa. 58:13, 14, Gen. 3:15, John 3:16, John 3:3, Gal. 2:20, Rev. 14:6, 7, Rev. 22:14, Psa. 103:1, Psa. 81:1, Psa. 150:6, Rev. 5:13.

A copy of these texts was given to each member, and we all pledged ourselves to commit to memory one of these texts each day until we have hidden in our hearts this store of spiritual food to sustain and strengthen us in any emergency of life.

L. TIBBENHAM,
Assistant Leader.

the field and inspired us all. Barry, Swansea, and Cardiff, have all done well—Barry securing her goal within four weeks and Swansea nearly so.

It was good to see Llanelli on the Ingathering map—with the inspiration of the two workers, Pastor Jackson and Miss Mason—to encourage Merthyr and Milford Haven, Wrexham, and Aberdare, with amounts representing well over their respective goals by the end of the fourth week. And, by the way, Merthyr and Wrexham had over £4 per member!

All other churches and companies are doing well, and by the close of the campaign we hope to have them all “starred”!

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

WE have not many workers engaged in this phase of the Lord's service—three regulars, Brother C. L. W. Cooke, and Brother and Sister Howard, and three students, Brethren E. E. Hulbert, A. H. Watson, and H. L. Kinman. But these together with the labours of Sister Green during the first six months of the year and Brother Flint, another student who spent a few weeks of the summer here, sold nearly £900 worth of literature by July 11th! Among the students Brethren Kinman and Watson lead the Union. Wales is still able to provide the “cream” of territory. By the way, Brother Hulbert, son of an ex-Field Secretary, is doing well in the Rhondda valley circulating the Welsh edition of *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*.

THE DIVINE COUNSEL

MORE than ever we need to take care of our spiritual interests, lest, through the cares of this present day, we lose what has been gained. The apostle puts it nicely in 2 John 8: “Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.”

S. G. HYDE.

P. S. Wales has passed her Ingathering goal and is only £90 short of £1,000 in five weeks.

S. G. H.



“It is in Working Actively to supply the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the source of all power.”

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Superintendent's Notes

WHAT a wonderful year this has proved to be for the Ingathering Campaign! Wales, in common with the other fields, has had an exceptional time, and gifts have flowed in in an encouraging way. Not that that has made the campaign effortless: solicitation has had to be made and a large amount of effort expended. And Wales has had a large portion of its membership engaged in the task and working with a will to accomplish something worth while. It is a great inspiration to associate with so many loyal and hard-working members who not only do their share but far more.

THE INGATHERING GOAL

FOR the past few years, Wales has volunteered to advance its goal—so that instead of £850 we have aimed to reach £1,000. This year we feel that the same degree of success will come, for, at the end of four weeks we had the official goal within sight—something like £100 short—so that by the end of the campaign the £1,000 should have been passed.

EVE OF VICTORY

THIS MESSENGER will reach you just before the close of opera-

tions. May we appeal to those who have not yet participated, to make a last-minute effort to redeem the time? And will you who have borne the heat of the day, help to make victory certain by giving a last-minute effort and so crowning your labours for another successful campaign belonging to the proud and glorious past?

MERITORIOUS MENTION

ONE hesitates to mention names, either of places or persons, when thinking of special achievements. But I think all others will forgive if we speak of Newport's accomplishments this year. It is doubtful if Newport has ever experienced anything like it in their long history. Brother Humphries, the leader, in this his first campaign with the church there, has had his enthusiasm and labours amply rewarded. Within four weeks, Newport had its large goal of £180—all collected in the town—and three days later had reached its larger objective of £200! At the time of writing the amount has increased to £240, with £250 in the offing! Congratulations to everybody concerned.

Another church that has outshined herself is Rhyl. With £3. 10s. per member by the end of the fourth week, this church led

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Grimsby Change of Address

SABBATH, June 13, 1942, brought a new hope for the work here in Grimsby.

After ten years of "wandering" in this fishing port, like Israel of old, we have at last a tabernacle of our own in which to worship God. We owe our thanks to God for this abiding place, and also to Brother R.D.Vine who has shown special interest in the work here and has spent many hours decorating and painting the interior and exterior of the building, which is now well worthy of its name: "The Advent Hall."

Will you pray with us that we may be true witnesses, that our work here will progress, our numbers increase, and many souls be won for God's kingdom.

Already God has blessed our new endeavours, for in the second week of the campaign our Ingathering goal was reached and we are now on the way to a triple goal.

The address of our new abode is 52a Fairmont Road, Grimsby. Will visitors kindly note that the

No. 4 route bus from the Old Market Place (L.N.E.R. Station) should be taken to Durban Road, from which junction the hall is only a few moments' walk.

E. M. BAILDAM.
Church Clerk.



The Middlesbrough Dorcas Society

THOUGH born only in March, 1942, Middlesbrough's Dorcas society has already done useful work.

After a recent fire in which many poor people dwelling in humble tenements suffered considerable loss the Dorcas society was able to supply a goodly quantity of well-made garments to the most needy of the victims.

Altogether, 110 articles of clothing were given away. Yet more are needed and gifts, however humble, will be appreciated.

Perhaps the brightest feature of our work has been the golden opportunities to speak of the things which perish not.

W. DOWSON.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

BUCKLE.—It is with a sad heart that we announce the death of our dear Sister Sarah Buckle of Salisbury, at the age of seventy-four years. She had suffered during the greater part of her life, but the trial of her faith worked patience with the passing of the years, and her hope in God was never stronger than just before she died. She was a beautiful Christian, strong, and true to the Advent cause. Sister Buckle accepted the message forty-four years ago through *Present Truth*, which was brought to her door by that greatly beloved missionary, Brother G. F. Jones. It was characteristic of our sister that she had her tithe and offerings made up to the end of the June quarter, just before her final illness came on. Brother H. G. Buckle, his daughter Miss Winifred Buckle, for so many years a faithful worker in the cause, and other relatives are left to mourn. The burial service was conducted by the writer.

F. A. SPEARING.

FORREST.—At Walton-on-Thames on Sabbath, January 24, 1942, our dear, aged sister Mrs. Forrest passed quietly to her rest. This dear child of God accepted the truth with her three daughters at Bury St. Edmunds in 1908 under the labours of Pastor Edgar

Brooks, since when she has been one of the faithful "isolated" members of the remnant church. During the last two years of her life, as her strength ebbed away, she was faithfully attended by two of her devoted daughters, who, with their other sister, are left to mourn their loss. To the last this dear sister loved and served the Lord, and she will surely be among the saints when Jesus comes to gather them. She was laid to rest in the parish churchyard at Walton on Wednesday, January 28th.

A. C. VINE.

GRIFFITHS.—Mrs. Emily Jane Griffiths, for many years a member of our Swansea church, fell asleep in Jesus on Sabbath, July 4, 1942, at the age of eighty years, and was laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery, Swansea, on July 7th in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life when Jesus comes. Sister Griffiths heard the Advent message more than thirty years ago. It was not, however, until some eighteen years ago that she was baptized by Pastor Tonks in Swansea. The funeral service was conducted in our own church in Sketty, where Sister Griffiths loved to worship. A number of churchmembers and several of her relatives and friends were present.

Words of comfort, hope and guidance were spoken by the writer, who conducted the service and interment. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving daughter Mrs. Long, who attended Stanborough Park College in the year 1917, and to her family.

F. S. JACKSON.

ASTLE.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Sister Astle of the Plymouth church. She passed away very suddenly on May 17, 1942, at the age of sixty-six while on a visit to her daughter near Kingston-on-Thames. She was brought to a knowledge of the truth through the ministry of Pastor F. S. Jackson and was baptized on September 22, 1933. After a brief service in St. Mary's church, Long Witton, conducted by the writer, we laid her to rest in the sure and certain hope of resurrection at the coming of Jesus. We extend to her two daughters our deepest sympathy.

G. ROPER.

FERGUSON.—On Friday evening, July 3, 1942, Miss Christina Ferguson, aged seventy-two, passed away at the Melville Nursing Home after several month's illness. Our sister will be long remembered in the Glasgow church for her simplicity of faith, her charity, and faithfulness. Her constant longing to see Jesus will be realized in "the morning" when our Lord shall call her from sleep. During "the night" she rests in Cardonald Cemetery. Pastor McMillan conducted the funeral service in the presence of a number of church-members and her brother, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy, as also to her sister in Australia.

CHURCH CLERK.

ENZOR.—On Sabbath morning, June 6, 1942, Mrs. K. W. Enzor was laid to rest sleeping in Jesus. Pastor A. F. Bird conducted the service in the cemetery chapel, and at the grave-side. Our sister had been a faithful member of the Derby church since her baptism by Pastor J. D. Gillatt in 1915. We know she looked forward with joyful confidence to that great day of the soon-coming Saviour.

MRS. F. GAY,
Church Clerk.

SISTER S. V. BROOKING has received so many letters of sympathy in respect of the loss of her husband that she finds it impossible to reply to each one individually. Sister Brooking wishes, however, to express her deep appreciation of all that has been written and would be glad if friends would take this notice as an acknowledgement.

A.W.

Wedding Bells

DOUGHERTY - BENEFIELD.—On Wednesday, June 17, 1942, in the Bournemouth Advent church, Robert Whiteside Dougherty and Grace Hope Benefield were united in marriage, the service being conducted by the writer in association with Pastor F. A. Spearing. Brother Dougherty has for about two years been fulfilling his evangelistic ministry in his native land of Northern Ireland and he will return there with his bride.

Grace is, of course, one of the daughters of our well-beloved and respected veteran colporteur, John Benefield. Friends throughout the British Union will join us in wishing Brother and Sister Dougherty great blessing and true success in their united service for the Master.

G. D. KING.

Ingathering Record in South Africa

THE wonderful news has just come to hand that our old friend, Brother L. A. Vixie, has collected £1,100 in the Ingathering campaign this year in territory which had been abandoned for years. This figure is believed to be a world record.

Another worker in South Africa has gathered in £700.

W. T. BARTLETT.

◆ ◆ ◆ Couldn't Wait

"LAST week," writes one of our isolated members, "I sold a copy of *The Bible Speaks*, or maybe it sold itself, to a friend who was so anxious to have it that she asked permission to take my copy and left me twenty-five shillings to order another one."

R. S. JOYCE.

PRINTING.—C. Russell, Newton street, Macclesfield.

ESSENTIAL WORK.—Young women required to help with nursing duties in Adventist nursing home. Sabbath privileges and good living conditions. Also S.R.N. or S.C.M. required now and later. Apply with full particulars to: Miss Whiteside, King's Lea Nursing Home, 2 King's Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex.

WANTED.—Position as companion-help to a lady in a small modern house or bungalow. Sabbath privileges. References. Write: Miss Greenweber, 214 Green Lanes, Finsbury Park, N.4.

WANTED.—Copy of *Source Book*. Write stating price required to: E. C.C., Woodlands, Greenhills, Sutton, Ely, Cambs.

WANTED.—Land work with Adventist farmer, by S.D.A. girl aged twenty. Write: B. E. Sparrow, 22 Zulla Rd., Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

WANTED.—Cook and house-help for doctor's home. Suitable post for two friends or mother and daughter. Alternatively man and wife as gardener and cook. Sabbath privileges. Write in first instance to: R. E. Kennard, Westlecott, Swindon, Wilts.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Aug. 14	8.26	8.35	8.39	8.54	9.00
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Aug. 28	7.57	8.04	8.10	8.20	8.27

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No. 5.—The Sabbath-School

IRA D. SANKEY, talking of interesting church meetings said: "A few faithful ones in the prayer meeting, in the church, in the Sabbath-school, working for the conversion of sinners—that is what will wake a church up."

That provides the right point from which to discuss the services of our church departments.

In the Sabbath-school, it is safe to say that all will be well, given (1) a live, conscientious superintendent and assistants, and (2) teachers who seek to improve themselves in the divine art of Christian teaching.

No Friday night preparation will ever make a successful Sabbath-school. The superintendent must learn to organize by planning his programmes weeks ahead. A notebook with a weekly programme to each page can be built up easily till it provides plans for at least a month ahead so far as principal items are concerned. It is not good enough to ask someone to take the missions reading etc., without warning. Solos and poems, if not really good, are apt to become tedious. A little fore-thought will produce varied and bright programmes that will bring people out better than all the appeals in the world.

Calling the associates together, including the organist, to plan for programmes, changes, variation, and life in the programme is vitally necessary. And, having done this, do let us begin and end on time.

Teaching is the backbone of the school, and a regular teachers' meeting is essential. A teacher must also plan and study ahead. He must know both his subject and his class; he should design the teaching to reach each person. A last-minute teacher, even if he is a visiting preacher, is a poor substitute for a good regular teacher who takes his work

seriously. In small groups it may be all right to turn the class over to a visiting man, but in larger churches it is a bad practice.

A Sabbath-school is not primarily a place to raise funds for missions. A dull Sabbath-school with a constant appeal for money will die; a Sabbath-school with vital leadership and good teaching will bring all the money needed for missions.

The Sabbath-school secretary should try to vary his or her weekly report. It should not always begin by stating last week's hymns or by saying who prayed and what the weather was. If it does, then the Sabbath-school weather will be always dull. Conference Sabbath-school secretaries will give suggestions to those finding it difficult to make bright and different reports each week. Like the organist, the secretary should not sit at the rear and walk forward when the time comes for action, but should be in front with the report book open ready to start off cheerfully and loudly, without delay.

At Sabbath-school which neglects its children helps to swell the tide of youth who so sadly drift out of the church later on. When seeking for children's and youth's teachers and leaders please do not look for (a) a nice kind, sweet soul devoid of dynamic control and personality, or (b) someone who might be induced to come to Sabbath-school if he had something like this to do. Children and youth need the best teachers because it is harder to teach them than to teach adults. They appreciate good, strong, leadership, and they deserve the best the church can provide.

Superintendents and teachers should read, "How to Succeed," on pages 16 to 20 of *Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work*. This little book, if studied carefully, would bring success to every Sabbath-school.

H. W. LOWE.

Ploughmen and Seed-sowers in North England

ALL over North England one sees the plough at work turning over the fallow ground. Land that has been in grass for 150 years is being prepared to produce a harvest. One share, two share, and three share ploughs can be seen at work, each one adding its portion to provide food in the present emergency.

What an illustration of our colporteur force in North England! Twenty-two faithful men and women are breaking up the fallow ground and preparing for the great harvest, by selling subscription books, shilling books, and our periodicals, *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. For the past four years our literature workers have averaged annual sales of £10782, including 30,410 bound books and almost 179,714 shilling books. The year 1941 was the most successful on record, notwithstanding the war. The total sales amounted to £11,670, passing the goal that was set by £220. Now, with the latest full-message book, *The Bible Speaks*, at their disposal the colporteurs' sales are mounting to new heights.

C. L. Kelly, working in the Midlands with *Our Wonderful Bible*, and latterly with *Bible Certainties*, continues to have good success. In 1937, he sold books to the value of £532, in 1938, £723, in 1939, £744, in 1940, £1,050, in 1941, £1,200. He has led the British Union Conference in total sales for the past four years. M. Roe, working in the city of Leeds and its vicinity, totalled £436 in sales for his first year as a colporteur. The two following years his sales reached £564 and £663 respectively. A. Phillips in the Newcastle district, sold £426 in 1939, £476 in 1940, £485 in 1941, and for the first four months this year reports a gain of over £100 over the corresponding period last year. A comparatively new worker, J. W. Laws, once a stationmaster in the north-east, is being greatly blessed as he

circulates *The Bible Speaks* in the mining communities of County Durham. His orders for the six months January to June this year total £235.

The force of literature workers is scattered over the conference. In the Potteries, in the engineering world of Doncaster and Birmingham, in the woollen district of the West Riding, in the steel and cutlery city of Sheffield, among the brickworkers of Peterborough, the boot operatives of Leicester, the lace makers of Nottingham, the coalminers and ship-builders of Newcastle, the dock workers of Liverpool, the pioneers of the third angel's message will be found.

The colporteurs of North England are soul-winners. In 1938, thirteen persons were reported as keeping the Sabbath through the

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The Sales Department will receive orders and dispatch goods as usual throughout the factory holiday period.

work of our canvassers, and nine of these were baptized later in the year. From the colporteur contacts being made among the people others have accepted the truth and have received baptism. One of our regular colporteur evangelists has again been able to report more souls. He tells of three persons being won from his work in 1941.

Many years past a colporteur sold *Daniel and the Revelation* to a villager in Yorkshire. The book lay on the shelf until four years ago and then was passed on to a

nephew who in turn handed it on, with a glowing tribute, to a workmate. The work mate's wife read the book, and has accepted all points of our faith.

A retired police inspector, who has accepted the Sabbath truth, was asked to read a note in connection with the Sabbath-school lesson. After reading, he quoted the reference from *Steps to Christ*, and then came a testimony of continued blessings received through the purchase of a copy many years before. "One sows, another reaps, but God giveth the increase."

Before closing this brief summary of our colporteur work in North England, there are some outstanding facts that should be noticed. It is apparent that the opportunities for Gospel salesmanship in this field are increasing. The faithful canvasser's day of opportunity is here. The cities and counties of North England are proving fruitful in sales, and above all, fruitful in souls for God's kingdom. War conditions are causing men and women to wonder, to think, to ask what these things mean, and our books are to supply the answer. Thus God makes the wrath of man to praise Him.

The colporteur force now numbers twenty-two—roughly, an average of one colporteur to every million inhabitants. This proportion is too small. We need more men and women to dedicate their lives to this branch of service—a branch as rich and fruitful as any other. We must "pray the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth labourers into His harvest."

Those who have laboured have done valiantly; they have done exploits. They have laid the "bogey of depression" by the heels, and paved the way for an advance. Paper restrictions at the present time make it difficult to materially increase our force of literature workers but when times become normal again the conference would welcome another fifty recruits and the field missionary secretary, B. Belton, would be happy to train them. The Lord is willing to endow them with His Holy Spirit. Who will see the vision? Who will respond, "Here am I, send me!"

W. M. LENNOX.