



## *Our Believers in Greece*

ELDER F. F. OSTER, our worker in Istanbul, being a Swiss citizen, was recently able to enter Greece with funds for our suffering believers, provided by the General Conference. The following are extracts from letters he afterward wrote to L. H. Christian:

"My trip to Greece was very timely and blessed of God. Their money in the treasury was about depleted. In fact Brother C. A. Christoforides had already written to his co-workers in Salonika that the funds were exhausted and that each had better seek some other way of support. My visit brought a great deal of rejoicing to them. I found our brethren of good courage in the Lord, and all were well and none were missing. They could give expression to the sentiment expressed by Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:16, 17. They had passed the winter suffering from lack of the necessities of life in common with the whole population of Athens and Salonika. But thanks be to God, who cared for His own in one way and another, so that they all survived the winter. Some of these ways were really miraculous.

"One o'd brother, whose neighbours came occasionally to see if he were still alive, survived the winter, and although emaciated, is hale and hardy in spite of the great privations that he was forced to endure. He wonders how he could have existed on the little that he had to eat. But the Lord blessed his little, as He did the widow's meal and oil, and to

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this I must agree. Another sister told me that from the time of the invasion an acquaintance of hers took a special interest in her and almost daily brought food to her, saying that whether she gave it to her or kept it, it made no difference in the amount left over. Sister Christoforides secured employment, with Sabbaths free, in the culinary department where all the pilots eat, and where some score of persons are employed. They observed that she was very faithful and trustworthy, and finally gave her complete charge of the whole department, with keys to the store-rooms. In this position she is given considerable food to take home with her every evening, which she shares with others of our people. Thus in one way and another God has cared for His own. All are well, and none has been lost. . . .

"Dropping down into Athens, one would not notice that a famine was in the land. Things go on about as usual, the streets are crowded with pedestrians, the cinemas and theatres are open as usual, and the young people go on outings. One sees fat people and also many thin ones. During my stay in Athens I saw two persons lying on the sidewalk, evidently dying from hunger. At this time of the year one cannot

judge what it must have been like last winter, because just now the shops are full of green vegetables and fruits and herbs. In a month or two these will for the most part disappear.

"My work gave me first-rate opportunity to see the home life of the people, rich and poor. I made it a point to visit every family of our believers within reach. Most of the middle classes have sold all surplus furniture and thus have no more to fall back on. The physical powers of resistance to disease have been lowered to such a degree that any severe epidemic may take many away. Then, too, the crops are negative, as few were sown last fall. So unless help comes into the country on a very large scale, the conditions next winter will be worse than last. I understand that some fifteen thousand tons of wheat is being shipped into Greece each month from America. This will greatly relieve the situation. The brethren in Greece expressed their sincere gratitude to God and to our people for the help that has been sent them."

The leader of our work in Greece commented thus on Elder Oster's visit:

"By the visit of Elder Oster we were given the privilege of coming into touch with you. The last time we were in contact with the outside world was nine months ago, when Brother Brennwald visited us. Since then we had no

news from anywhere, and we felt ourselves forlorn. Elder Oster's visit rejoiced us and removed for a while the pressing weight of loneliness. We express to you our heartfelt thanks for having tried to do all you could in order to help us and relieve us.

"You all know about our condition here. We went through a terrible winter with inexpressible privations. There is not a single brother or sister who has not felt fully the results of hunger and suffering. On account of lack of certain kinds of foods, and especially of oil, some of our members have been suffering skin irritations, and others have lost very much weight. The older members have become like skeletons. . . .

"We are about to face a second winter, which we fear will be harder than the preceding one. Still we do not lose our confidence and trust in God, whose wonderful providence and care we have repeatedly experienced and do experience during all these days of our sore tribulations. We have realized the wonderful promise in Psalm 37:19, 'They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.' We have been and are deprived of many things. But God's care and mercy have not been withheld from His children. The consciousness of these wonderful experiences increases our confidence and strengthens our faith in His Word and in His promises.

"On account of hunger and deprivation most of the members of the Athens and Peiraeus churches, in order to try to make ends meet, left for the surrounding villages. Those who remain are trying to do their utmost in order to help the evangelistic work, and we feel the blessing of the Lord. We believe that through these sad experiences, the Lord will awaken many souls, in order to seek their salvation.

"We ask all our brethren everywhere to send up their petitions in our behalf. And, if possible, send us material aid as early as you are able.

"We pray that the Lord may bless your efforts, and we thank you beforehand for your brotherly disposition toward us."

## Notes from the Union President

### THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR TIME

ON the front page of this issue we reproduce some extracts from letters indicating the condition of our believers in Greece. When we add to that story similar conditions in many countries in Europe, in China, and other parts of the Orient, it will readily be seen what calls are being made at the present time for relief funds.

Would not the annual offering form a suitable medium through which to express our gratitude to God for blessings we receive, and our desire to help our less fortunate brethren? We cannot send funds direct to these believers, but the General Conference uses funds we send into the central treasury as seems best to them in the light of their information. Let us remember the household of faith liberally at this present time.

### OUR HEALTH FOOD WORK

OUR members will be glad to know that up to the time of writing (November 20th) the sales at our health food factory for 1942 had already exceeded the total sales for 1941. Zoning arrangements now make it impossible for us to sell just how and where we wish but nevertheless we are glad that the factory is able to continue at full pressure under these trying conditions.

### MISSION CALLS

It seems unfortunate that at the present time it is not possible for us to answer a number of calls that present good openings for British missionary families. As a subject for prayer we commend this to you in the hope that ways may be found to obtain the right missionaries and the priorities necessary to obtain passage for them at the present time.

### NEWS FROM SWEDEN

ELDER G. A. LINDSAY, known to everybody in this Union as a former Division Sabbath-school secretary at Edgware, wrote an encouraging letter recently concerning the work in the East Nordic Union. He says that the Ekebyholm School has had a wonderful Harvest Ingathering

campaign, and that in one week they collected about one thousand pounds sterling. No word is available from other parts of that Union. As far as national service is concerned there is no difference between groups of workers, and they all have to enter this form of service, which handicaps the work of the ministry considerably. He indicates that the colporteurs have had a most wonderful year with their books and papers, but in Finland there is now a desperate shortage of paper and labour.

Elder Lindsay sends his greetings to all workers and friends in the British Union and remembers us in prayer. Naturally we all heartily reciprocate.

H. W. LOWE.

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## Notes from the President

HERE is some good news. Pastor W. Maudsley has commenced his second campaign in Morecambe. 700 attended the opening meeting. He is assisted by K. Lacey and Miss L. C. Elias.

J. C. French has commenced a campaign in Bury. He reports that it is the best he has conducted so far in his evangelistic work. As you know, Bury is an unentered town. He is assisted by Miss I. Himsforth and Mrs. M. E. Brookes.

### MEMBERSHIP

IN Leviticus 23:22 we read a command given to ancient Israel: "Thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of the fields." The owner was reminded each year that his land belonged to God. There is a lesson for us in this old command. God has given us all talents—time ("and of no talent will He require a more strict account than of our time.")—"Christ's Object Les-

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sons," page 342), health, strength, the gifts for personal work, and money.

"There are some who think that if they give money to the cause of Christ, this is all they are required to do; the precious time in which they might do personal service for Him passes unimproved. But it is the privilege and duty of all who have health and strength to render to God active service. All are to labour in winning souls to Christ. Donations of money cannot take the place of this."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 343.

Do we remember that a portion of our abilities should be used for the benefit of others? We should be winning more souls. Our gains are far too small. Have you won a soul during 1942? *Have you tried?*

#### FINANCE

WE greatly desire all our members to receive God's blessing. To this end we would appeal once more to any members who may have been a little careless regarding tithe to return to the Lord His portion before the end of the year. Those who have been faithful over the years testify to the truth of God's promises to the tithe payer.

"Rich were the rewards, both temporal and spiritual, promised those who should put into practice these principles of righteousness. . . . The Israelites finally learned the lesson that *true prosperity* depends upon obedience to the Law of God."—*"Prophets and Kings,"* pages 704, 708.

#### STRETTON

THE members in Stretton who have been left behind after the removal of the College have been organized into a company. They are awaiting church organization. They have converted a building into a very presentable place of worship which they hope soon to dedicate to the service of God.

#### INGATHERING

AFTER reading the last MESSENGER notes, a member sent me a copy of the *British Union Gazette*, dated October, 1917. The following will be of interest to you:

"In 1916 the goal was £300, but we received only £206. That was a good increase, however, on the

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previous year when we only realized £168. This year the amount asked for is 2/6 per member. Let us determine to reach this goal for 1917."

Under the blessing of God, the North England Conference has travelled a long way from an objective of 2/6 per member in 1917 to an actual per capita of £3.-5s. 2d. in 1942. I well remember collecting my 2/6 with the other members in 1917!! May we work for and deserve an even greater blessing in 1943

R. S. JOYCE.

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### A Day of Blessing at Pengam

THE friends of the Gelligaer company were delighted to learn that our field leader, Pastor S. G. Hyde, had been able to arrange for a day of fellowship in the Cascade Methodist church, Pengam, for Sabbath, October 24th. We had a real feast of good things.

Pastor O. M. Dorland, who left Wales fourteen years ago, came over from Bristol to minister to us. The Lord used him wonderfully at both morning and afternoon services. Friends from Aberdare, Merthyr, Porth, Mountain Ash, Blaenavon, Cardiff, Barry, Caerphilly, and Newport joined together in happy fellowship.

The lunch-time proved to be a very happy, sociable hour and fitted well into the day's spiritual pleasure.

Sabbath-school was led by Miss Doreen Hyde and the lesson study was conducted by Brother John Lewis. Mr. Horace Smith and Miss June Hyde also contributed to making the Sabbath-school a successful beginning to the day's proceedings. In the afternoon, testimonies were interspersed with songs in one of the two after-lunch services. A feature of the closing service was a beautiful rendering of "Cast Thy Burden," by Mrs. Hurst, the well-known

radio singer who kindly offered her services.

Special thanks were offered to the officers of the Cascade Methodist church for their proffered hospitality.

Church Clerk.



SAVILLE.—On September 14, 1942, Sister Saville passed peacefully away. She had been a faithful witness to the Advent message for almost fifty years. Part of her time she spent with the believers in Sheffield and then returned to Hull. She was laid to rest in the Western Cemetery to await the Life-giver's call. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Brother Conroy at the graveside.

N. FISHER, Church Clerk.

STURGESS.—The church at Reading suffered a great loss in the sudden death of Brother Harry Sturgess at the age of fifty. The week-end previous to the funeral, which was on Friday, October 16, 1942, he was faithfully at his post of duty as head deacon. Owing to an accident at his work he was taken to hospital where he died while under the anæsthetic. In Brother Sturgess we have lost a trusty warrior in the cause of God and a reliable church officer who was known for seeing the bright side of everything. Our sympathies are with his wife and three children, whose hope is in the soon coming of the resurrection morning.

C. R. BONNEY.

LENANTON.—On Sabbath eve, September 19, 1942, Miss M. Lenanton passed to her rest in the home of Nurse Noakes at Ilford and was buried on the Thursday following. Pastors F. C. Bailey, L. Lane, and the writer took part in the services. Miss Lenanton came into the truth over thirty years ago and immediately entered the colporteur work. Later she took up studies in the Stanborough College where she endeared herself to the hearts of many of her fellow-students, serving for some time in charge of the laundry. On completing the Bible-workers' Course, she entered the Bible-work and laboured for years in Wales and South England until impaired health caused her to retire to the home of Sister Noakes. Our sister was an earnest worker and a sincere Christian, and many in different churches will remember with pleasure her faithful service. Her weakness at last forced her to her bed, and for a long time she patiently waited the call of her Master, while Nurse Noakes faithfully cared for her. We laid her to rest rejoicing in the hope that she will awake at the last trump and join the redeemed of the Lord.

W. H. MEREDITH.

EDWARDS.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Brother Egbert Enoch Edwards, who fell asleep in Jesus on October 6, 1942, following a serious and painful operation. He was laid to rest in the Rayleigh Cemetery on October 12th, the service being conducted by the writer. Brother Edwards accepted the message some thirty years ago as the result of the work done by a faithful colporteur. He himself laboured in the literature ministry for some time, and he was always deeply interested in the literature work. To his wife, son, and four daughters we extend our Christian sympathy in their bereavement.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

## Adventists at Hong-Kong

PASTOR C. G. Larsen who recently returned to America from Hong Kong writes as follows to one of our Chelmsford members, Mr. J. D. Brailsford, concerning his brother who is still interned in China.

"On behalf of your brother Arthur who is in the civilian internment camp at Stanley, Hong Kong, I beg to tell you that Arthur is well and happy. He is doing electrical repair work in the camp. There were some 2,500 British, 70 Dutch, and 330 Americans. Of the latter all came away on the Asama with the exception of about fifty who chose to stay. Most of these were men who have Chinese wives and families in the city.

"When we left, June 29th, the camp was getting along better than the first three months. This was due to an increase of flour ration which has helped to satisfy the undernourished people, which is true of all.

"On the whole, the general tone of the camp is not too bad. Each internee has been able to get \$75.00 H.K. worth of food to supplement the regular ration. Then, too, a canteen has been operated where additional food can be purchased, if people have any funds with which to buy. We feel sorry to come away and leave behind our friends and believers in the Advent message. Of the five hundred or more of our Adventist believers and workers, not one lost his life or was molested in any way. Though most of us have lost our temporal possessions, our courage is good and our faith strong in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour to set the world free from sorrow and sin."

It is wonderful to know the care that God has had for the Advent believers in this area of the great world conflict. ED.



## Native Workers in the Gold Coast

BROTHER J. CLIFFORD reports an interest in mining towns some forty miles north of the port at Takoradi. Kikam members who were trained to work by Brother T. M. French when he stayed at Axim have not forgotten their lessons, and make use of their trading trips to spread the message. As a result six well-

grounded converts have just been baptized.

The native workers in the Gold Coast have lately received a sorely-needed war bonus, and are full of gratitude for this token of sympathy. They want the people in the home fields to know how much they appreciate this brotherly consideration, and one of them, Amos Amofah, has ventured to write his feelings in English. This is what he says:

"Dear Pastor Clifford,

"I am ceasing from work to visualize for a while the love and sympathy of our European and American brothers have toward us in giving us this war bonus,

## Mrs. W. T. Bartlett

ON Monday evening, November 9, 1942, at the Forest Hydro, Walthamstow. Mrs. W. T. Bartlett passed peacefully to her rest, at the good age of seventy-nine years. Of her it can truly be said that, she rests from her labours, but her works do follow her.

Some fifty years ago she was one of the first few Bible-workers in the British field, and her interest in that work continued through all her years. As a Sabbath-school teacher and for giving Bible studies, her help was sought, and given freely; and many will long remember her for the good work she did and the many kindnesses shown. For forty-four years she lived in companionship with her husband and together they gave to the cause of God the best they had. Their united labours have left an indelible mark on the work both at home and in the mission field of Kenya Colony where they laboured for several years.

Beside her husband and other relatives, she leaves a host of friends who mourn their loss, and while our hearts are touched with loving sympathy for our dear Brother Bartlett, we sorrow not without hope. Our sister loved her Saviour, served Him faithfully for many years, looked for His coming the second time, and we believe she now sleeps waiting for the call of the Master, in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to life eternal.

The funeral service was held in the Walthamstow Seventh-Day Adventist church and we laid her to rest in the cemetery at Chingford in the presence of many loving friends. W. H. MEREDITH.

and to express in the same old, inadequate phrase, 'Thank you.' I am at a loss for words or language in which to thank you fittingly. All that I can say is that they realize it is a philanthropic undertaking, and as Christians they enjoy doing so. I can never overdo my thanks.

"This reminds me of when I was at Kumasi, that you often brought me some okros and cabbages. I do remember also how you once brought a bunch of plantains to my wife on our way returning from Patriensa; it was because you had in mind that the place was hard.

"I wish I could write straight to thank our brothers in Europe and America for this financial help. However I think you are their representative. Thank you."

Brother Clifford adds a word of keen appreciation, on behalf of himself and the other missionaries, for the good Ingathering campaign this year. They feel greatly encouraged by it.

W. T. BARTLETT.



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