



Dwelling in Darkness

By Frederick Lee

(From "The Review and Herald")

THE world to-day presents a dark picture. Wherever one turns there are things which cause distress of heart and mind. Even in that institution, the church, which is to be like a light set on a hill, there are shadowy recesses which trouble the heart. The prince of darkness is persistently at work every day scattering gloom over the whole face of God's creation. He does it by causing men to forget God and to hate their fellow-men. He does it by casting doubt upon the very truth of God, and upon those who profess to follow Him. He does it by causing those who bear the light to stumble and fall and extinguish their light.

DISAPPOINTMENT ON EVERY SIDE

Unless with a determined heart we turn our faces toward the light, we will dwell in darkness, for, as the prophet declared, "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." It is too easy to see the dark side of life. It is too easy to be filled with gloom, for we live amid earth's dark night of sin.

When a man turns from the world and joins the church, he expects to find a different atmosphere—one that is filled with light and rejoicing. Christ has rescued men and women from the darkness and placed their feet on the lighted way. Henceforth they should be living above the shadows and have their faces turned heavenward, where all is light. The trouble is that too many continue to walk among the shadows

or slip off the path into the ways of sin. Thus as one comes into the church and finds that which should not be there, he may become greatly disappointed.

The greatest paradox that one can find in human experience is a man or woman who has found the light of life and still dwells amid the shadows—one who belongs to the church and still finds little there to give him cheer and comfort—for even in the church of God one may find both light and darkness. We may face the light or we may face the darkness.

Someone has said, "The church is an assembly of imperfect Christians in the process of being made perfect. It is not an assembly of perfect scholars, but a school; not a gallery of completed statues, but an artist's studio where the statues are made; not a showcase of finished goods, but a factory; not a completed building, but one in the process, with the scaffolding and debris still about it."

One must decide for himself what he will look for. If he wishes to find in the church that which will distress him, he may do so. There are failures all about. If he wishes to dwell upon the faults of the members, he will find enough to keep his mind occupied every waking moment. If he wishes to spend his time trying to correct the wrongs of others, he will not find sufficient time in the day to cover the list. We have

seen people who seem to be possessed with the spirit of fault-finding. One seldom hears a word of commendation or cheer come from their lips. They have many ideas on what ought not to be done, but few on what ought to be done. Their whole attitude is a negative one, and they help to develop such a spirit in the church.

It takes only one or two such souls in a church to keep it in a stir of contention and division all the time, to cast a gloom over the whole church and cause its light to be dimmed.

MATTERS THAT NEED CORRECTION

We admit that there are matters in the church that give us some troubled moments. There are members who are not living up to the truth; there are some who are contentious and hard to get along with; there are others who bring disrepute upon the church; there are some who teach false doctrine; there are things which greatly displease us. What are we going to do about it? Think only of these and have our heart filled with gloom? Or think of the victories that many have had, and of the steady progress that others are making? If you cannot find in the members much to give you cheer, surely you will find it in Christ whom they profess to serve, and who is patient and merciful and who does not easily cast off the sinner.

Yes, but what about the sin? you ask. What are we to do about that? Let me answer you

in the words of the Spirit of prophecy:

"You will have many perplexities to meet in your Christian life in connection with the church; but do not try too hard to mould your brethren. If you see that they do not meet the requirements of God's Word do not condemn; if they provoke do not retaliate. When things are said that would exasperate, quietly keep your soul from fretting. You see many things which appear wrong in others, and you want to correct these wrongs. You commence in your own strength to work for a reform; but you do not go about it in the right way. You must labour for the erring with a heart subdued, softened by the Spirit of God, and let the Lord work through you, the agent. Roll your burden on Jesus. You feel that the Lord must take up the case, where Satan is striving for the mastery over some soul; but you are to do what you can in humility and meekness, and put the tangled work, the complicated matters, into the hands of God. Follow the directions in His Word, and leave the outcome of the matter to His wisdom. *Having done all you can to save your brother, cease worrying, and go calmly about other pressing duties. It is no longer your matter, but God's.*"—*Testimonies,* Vol. 5, pages 347, 348.

FACING THE LIGHT

What sound advice! How impatient we are! We should like to play the part of a surgeon, and that without delay; we are indignant that matters should drift. But the important matter is to save a brother rather than condemn him. Many are the problems that cannot be settled with dispatch; there are matters which only time and God can bring to light. We should not, by unsympathetic criticism and harsh condemnation, bring disunity into the church and cause some to forsake God wholly who otherwise might be saved. Before we act to cut the Gordian knot, why not give God an opportunity to untie it? Again we read concerning this matter:

"Do not, through impatience, cut the knot of difficulty, making matters hopeless. Let God untangle the snarled-up threads for you. He is wise enough to manage the complications of our lives. He has skill and tact. We cannot always see His plans; we must

wait patiently their unfolding, and not mar and destroy them. He will reveal them to us in His own good time. Seek for unity; cultivate love and conformity to Christ in all things."—*Idem.*, page 348.

The biggest problem that anyone should find in the church is with himself. If God can keep us humble when others are proud and boastful, patient when others threaten, hopeful when others doubt, cheerful when others are spreading gloom, helpful to those who stray, then we shall fulfil our lot in the church of God and be a blessing to many.

We are reminded of a story related by J. R. Miller in his little book, *Glimpses Through Life's Windows*. He writes:

"In a sickroom there was a little rosebush in a pot in the window. There was only one rose on the bush, and its face was turned full

toward the light. This fact was noticed and spoken of, when one said that the rose would look no other way save toward the light. Experiments had been made with it; it had been turned away from the window, its face toward the gloom of the interior, but in a little time it would resume its old position. With wonderful persistence it refused to keep its face toward the darkness and insisted on ever looking toward the light."

Dear reader, when you are tempted to dwell upon the failures of others, remember the potted rose. Keep your face turned toward the light and shun the darkness. We repeat the words quoted above:

"Having done all you can to save your brother, cease worrying, and go calmly about other pressing duties. It is no longer your matter, but God's."

Notes from the Union President

ADVENTISTS IN ALGERIA

IN this land we are inclined to be rather remote from the dreadful realities which war brings to our people in certain countries, and therefore somewhat unreal in our reactions. A letter has just come to hand, written by one of our ministers in Algeria to friends of his in this country. Somewhere with the British forces in Algeria is an Adventist young man, acting as an interpreter, and the pastor indicates that this young man is not only well but doing acceptable service and having very good experiences under God's blessing.

The letter indicates that under Vichy and Axis control the whole country was going down under very bad conditions. Since that phase ended the letter adds: "We have now passed the worst and are beginning to see rapid changes in our way of living. Since the Allies have come life is picking up again everywhere."

Another paragraph of interest runs, "Please give our best greetings to Mr. — of Stanborough Park. Tell him that we and our friends are all well. It is true, some of us lost, during recent days, our home and earthly belongings, but we don't mind, for

now we have new reasons for hope."

Perhaps we need to put ourselves in the position of some of these poor people and to take a more realistic and prayerfully practical attitude to the times, and to the dreadful experiences and dark days some of our people are passing through.

PERSECUTION IN EUROPE

THE dissolution of religious sects in Rumania with confiscation of their property seems, as far as we can ascertain, to have included both the Baptists and the Adventists, who are explicitly mentioned in the decree. The old charges of undermining the unity of the nation, because of friendly contacts with the outside world, and their allegedly friendly attitude toward the Russians during the occupation of Bessarabia, are levelled at our people.

Rumania has presented dissenting Christians with one long struggle against injustices of this kind, and we can but remember them at the throne of grace at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

ROWLAND PARRY, one of our Adventist medical students, in addition to three or four nights

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of national service duty weekly, and the necessity of working to pay his way, has recently obtained the Trotter Gold Medal and prize for Junior Clinical Surgery for fourth year medical students. We are certainly glad to hear of this achievement.

INDIA AND BURMA

MRS. JOHANNSEN (née Miss Ida Basher) and her husband escaped during the invasion of Burma, and are now in our work in India. They often meet with some English and American soldiers, a number of whom are rendering good help to our churches in India.

ADVENTISTS FACE DANGER TO SAVE LIFE

WE recently published a short notice of an American Adventist boy in a Paratroop Corps. Now comes word that an English Adventist boy, who was in the Non-Combatant Corps, volunteered for an Ambulance Parachute unit. Apparently Sabbath privileges are accorded him and he seems to have a good reputation for an intense desire to help rather than to destroy humanity.

MONEY FLOWS!

MANY religious bodies are reporting increased income for various projects. The Congregational Union needs £500,000 for damaged church buildings, and £100,000 has been raised in one year. The London Missionary Society reports an income which is £20,000 above its expenditure. The Church of Scotland reports an increase of £100,000 in total gifts from its parishioners and other sources. The Baptist Missionary Society records an increase of £5,000 in its church income. The Church Missionary Society received £50,000 more in gifts during the past year than in the previous year.

Along with our own experience all this goes to show that we live in a time when money is flowing freely. Our own splendid Ingathering campaign indicates that it is not a matter of finding the money, so much as a matter of finding the willingness and the time to go out and get it.

Ingathering report No. 2 is just to hand, and we are well beyond the figure of £5,000. Some

twenty churches in each conference should have fifty per cent of their goal. In the Missions, Glasgow, Cardiff, Belfast, Newport, and Edinburgh are already over that percentage.

Our thanks are due to all who are nobly taking part, and we entreat all who have not yet joined us to work while the opportunity is ours.

COLLEGE FEES 1943-4

FEES for next College year will be raised from £63 to £68 owing

to increased operating costs. Interested students and parents should make early application to the Principal. Despite all the war-time hindrances, it is a matter for gratitude to God that our educational work continues its preparation of workers for God's cause.

REQUEST

I SHALL be glad to get into touch with anyone who has a copy of L. R. Conradi's *The Impelling Power of Prophetic Truth* for sale. H. W. LOWE.

INGATHERING NEWS

Packwood Sets the Pace!

FIVE hundred and sixty-five pounds in three days!

Have you got that? Five hundred and sixty-five pounds collected in three days!

How? When? Where? Why? Listen, and I'll tell you.

How? Lots of preliminary planning. Lots of hard work. Lots of collecting. Lots of praying. Lots of blessing.

WHEN? Three days—Friday, April 30th, and Sunday and Monday, May 2nd and 3rd.

WHERE? Radiating from Packwood Haugh, war-time home of Newbold College. Collecting mostly done in Birmingham. Neighbouring towns of Stratford-on-Avon, Kenilworth, Warwick, and Leamington also visited.

WHY? Student-collectors come from Newbold *Missionary* College. Cheerfully gave three days for missions at busiest time in their school year. Exams, graduation, summer's colporteur work—these urgent interests wait until missions are helped.

And the result of this intensive work? We've already told you. Not a penny was collected on Friday morning, but £565 were gathered by Monday night. Never have such great and rapid results been achieved. We have witnessed history in the making!

And now for a few highlights.

£155 the first day.

£214 the second day.

£196 the third day.

Some collectors gathered £6 and £7 in one day! (Supposing

we all tackled the task like that—we'd get our whole goal in a few hours. It's worth thinking about.)

Much of the success was due to the hard work done by Brethren J. Kohler and E. E. Hulbert, with A. Cowley and a few other helpers. Without their labours, such a campaign would not have been possible.

Steady inspiration was gained from the example of the Principal and other members of the faculty who loyally went out collecting for each of the three days. They led and others followed.

One moment more, for the story is not quite complete.

Before May came in sight, the College and the Birmingham churches of Handsworth, South Birmingham and Wolverhampton had pledged themselves to raise £1,000 for missions. The College has more than fulfilled its promise. We now look with eager interest on the three remaining members of the £1,000 quartette. We believe they will pass their goals.

Are you doing your share in your church?

B. E. SPARROW.

Watford District

STANBOROUGH PARK, in the first two weeks of the campaign, has gathered in more than £500 of its £700 goal.

The two churches in the Watford District are aiming at £1,000 for missions this year.

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Superintendent's Notes

NORTHERN VISITS

IN recent weeks we have had opportunity of visiting the more distant parts of our territory and to spend some time in happy fellowship with both workers and members. One was greatly encouraged to note the enthusiasm and loyalty of the membership and the faithfulness of leaders and officers in the discharge of their spiritual services.

In Shrewsbury, where Brother S. Smith is providing excellent local leadership, we had a well-attended mid-week service in our nicely-appointed and centrally-situated church hall. Brother Smith has a group of some four persons who are attending a weekly Bible study at his home. Fruitful results are anticipated and earnestly prayed for.

In Rhos we met with the remnants of a church that was raised up through the labours of Brother W. E. Read and Brother F. E. Powell some thirty or more years ago. By death and removal, the membership has been severely depleted. But the heart of this remnant beats soundly. Along with Pastor H. K. Munson, we conducted a mid-week service for them in their own little place of worship. It was good to meet these "warriors" of the battling days of old. Their spirit is still aggressive as was evinced by their agitation for a larger place of worship! May the day quickly come when the need for such becomes an urgent necessity.

We did not have any meeting in Wrexham, where Pastor Munson has laboured the past three years. Instead, the Wrexham group came over to Buckley for a district meeting. Time was also found to have a meeting with Pastor and Mrs. Cooper and their family at Hawarden. Pastor Cooper, though in official retirement, still gives considerable time in service to the local member-

ship, as well as in the district at large.

Then several days were spent in Rhyl, meetings being arranged on three days. These meetings were very well attended and we all experienced much blessing. In this North Wales town, cottage meetings organized by Mrs. Vernon and Miss Cooper are creating quite an interest, and it was good to meet so many whose interest is being aroused by the faithful and persistent efforts of these two busy sisters.

Another week-end was spent in Hereford—and a very busy one it was. Here, on the Sabbath afternoon, Brother A. E. Freeth, the newly-elected church elder to succeed the late Brother Rutherford, was ordained to that sacred office. We pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon our brother as he discharges the duties which his leadership involves.

LAY-EVANGELISM

OFTEN, in these notes, we have stressed the importance and place of lay-evangelism. It is a real source of encouragement to see what is being done in this way. Not only is active lay-work being done in this way in such places as Hereford, Rhyl, and Shrewsbury, but also in the Swansea area. There, Brother C. L. W. Cooke, our "veteran" colporteur, has been enabled to create an interest. He has a cottage meeting each week and three of the friends who attend have also been attending the church. One is keeping the Sabbath. All of which is very encouraging. Brother Cooke asks an interest in the prayers of the MESSENGER family that this lay-work may have very fruitful results. Yes, and why not let us have more of these "efforts"—let us have them wherever there are God's people. There's joy in such work and the Lord is waiting to help and bless. But not only is He waiting—He *expects* it of us. Read Revelation 22:17, the Master's own revelation to you and me, where He says: "Let him that heareth [also] say, Come." On the basis of this divine invitation lay-evangelism, in its many forms, becomes a high and an imperative duty of all who enjoy and appreciate the love of God.

MINISTERIAL EVANGELISM

PASTOR F. S. JACKSON is maintaining a good interest and a good attendance in Morryston. Through the illness of Miss Howlett, he has been deprived of some assistance. But Brother Jackson is shouldering the extra burden with avidity and reports many Bible studies being given in the homes of the people.

BROTHER H. HUMPHRIES has been conducting two week-night meetings in two different schools in Newport. Quite an interest has been created and homes are being entered with the Word with prayer and hopefulness.

BROTHER LEWIS has had some disappointments in Aberdare, but is manfully striving to add to the interests already created in his area. A new week-night meeting is being held in Aberaman and some twenty-five people are attending. The interest in Cwm Gwrach is being maintained and a Sabbath-school is now operating there.

ANOTHER baptism was held in Cardiff recently, in the Tabernacle, when four more people were baptized and added to the church in this capital city.

INGATHERING

THE month of May is quickly passing. What will May 31st reveal? We are out to get £1,400 in four weeks! A big task, without question. But not an impossible one. We have heard it said that we cannot expect to get in four weeks what we gathered in six. But why not? It's only a matter of doing a bit more each week of the four than we did during those of the six last year. And one church has shown how possible the task is by getting the goal in one day! Our first report was a disappointment, for no less than thirteen of our companies and churches failed to report that vital first Sunday's activities.

What the second report will reveal is not known yet. But judging by the churches in our immediate area—Cardiff, Newport, and Barry, things are moving well. Cardiff was only a pound or so short of fifty pounds in the one week, and nearly seventy-five pounds in the eight days. This is the best effort ever put forth by

Cardiff. But Barry, with a smaller membership, has done even better. If all other churches and companies are as keenly working as these three churches, we shall have a grand report to render.

So friends of Wales, let's get down to it—only two weeks left! Let us lay aside as much of other duties as we possibly can and pull together in a grand united effort. Agents—please don't fail to report each Monday. We need your amount in the weekly total to encourage the rest. Thank you, Agents, and thank you, fellow-members, for an anticipated successful campaign.

SICKNESS OF WORKERS

WE are very sorry to have to report the illness of Pastor W. G. Bevan. He was on the point of coming over to Wales to look for a house with a view to settling here, when he was taken ill. Let us pray for his speedy recovery and pray also for his wife in this crisis time.

Then Miss M. Howlett, who was working in Aberdare, also fell sick and has had to lay down her duties for the time being. We pray that she, too, may recover health and strength.

THANKS

WE thank all our members for their loyal support and prayerful interest. Let us keep the flag of the Advent message flying, maintaining every department and interest belonging to the church and doing well the Master's service. Then one day soon that gladsome voice will be heard as music in the ear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

S. G. HYDE.



Hereford

THE church at Hereford had eagerly looked forward to the proposed visit of our superintendent, Pastor S. G. Hyde, which was timed for the Easter week-end. Now it is a pleasant memory for we had a most helpful and enjoyable time.

On the Good Friday evening, Pastor Hyde spoke on an advertised subject: "Was the Cross of Christ a Failure?"

Sabbath was a busy day for the

superintendent, for besides teaching the Sabbath-school lesson he conducted both morning and afternoon services. The Lord blessed us all and we all felt strengthened to press on in faith and service.

I would like to ask the MESSENGER family to remember the work and the membership in Hereford when they bring the needs of their brethren to the Lord in prayer.

A. E. FREETH, *Elder.*

PS.—It is noon on Sunday, May 3rd—the first day of In-gathering. Two sisters have just brought in their boxes to be emptied—one had 25/6 and the other 23/-. Omens of a successful campaign! God is answering our prayers.—A.E.F.

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Baptism at Walthamstow

A BAPTISM was held at the Walthamstow church on Sabbath, April 3rd, when candidates from the Ilford and Brentwood areas were baptized by the writer. Pastor G. D. King attended, and addressed the candidates on the significance of the step being taken. Two young people from Ilford and a sister from Brentwood were buried and rose again to newness of life.

Our Brentwood sister has to face opposition in her home, and we ask your prayers for her in her difficult position. Pray also that our young sister may be blessed as she gives her youth to the Master's service.

A young man was baptized who is still passing through a test of his faith. Last year he obtained the B.Sc. degree and was given reserved work of a scientific nature. He was already keeping the Sabbath when he took the post, and continued to keep it faithfully, though under weekly prospect of being dismissed. Finally he lost his employment, but not his faith. Since then he has had

only temporary employment, and is facing difficulties with regard to national service. Our young brother has already proved his willingness to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and we are sure that he will remain faithful under all circumstances, and do valiant service for God.

L. E. A. LANE.



Another Faithful Witness

NOT long ago we passed on to the MESSENGER family news concerning the faithful witness of one of our nurses. The following encouraging letter has just been received from another of our young people in the same kind of national service. Once again the Sabbath-school lesson pamphlet figures interestingly in the story:

"I have been billeted away from the hospital in the neighbouring village giving me about twenty minutes Kent air before and after duty on my way to and from the hospital.

"I was fortunate to get very comfortably placed and the first evening on retiring I heard, so it seemed, my landlady and her husband reading the Scriptures and praying. The next day I made inquiries and they cordially invited me to join them, for it was their custom to have worship every evening at 9.30 p.m. before retiring at 10 p.m. for the night.

"They received me into their home graciously, and after the first night of evening worship, I introduced our *Sabbath-School Quarterly* to them explaining that that was what I studied and received great benefit from every day myself. They asked me to study it with them, and for quite nine months they have listened and joined in the study of our lessons.

"During this time, one evening when I was talking I brought down *Bible Readings*. They examined it and I learned that they already had one in their possession and promised to get it down from a hidden shelf to study. He—that is my landlady's husband—said that the book he most enjoyed was *Our Wonderful Bible*, which was also in his possession. They read the MESSENGER when it came and seemed much impressed. The Sabbath question was the point on which they held back.

"The landlady was a Baptist and her husband a member of the Open Brethren. His minister tried
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Statement of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter Ending March 31, 1943

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offering Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Annual Offerings	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offer-ings per Capita
Bath	22	41 9 6	1 17 8	8 15 6	3 8					8 19 2	8 2
Bournemouth..	97	163 15 7	1 13 9	36 18 0	1 16 4			1 10 0		40 4 4	8 3
Brighton	56	181 5 0	3 4 9	23 8 4						23 8 4	8 4
Bristol	137	299 18 3	2 3 9	61 11 5	1 11 9				13 0	63 16 2	9 4
Cambridge	29	54 3 0	1 17 4	5 11 11						5 11 11	3 10
Chelmsford	23	51 1 3	2 4 5	11 5 6	1 2 6					12 8 0	10 9
Cheltenham	38	103 0 0	2 14 3	18 12 7	1 16 1					20 8 8	10 9
Chiswick	70	170 1 0	2 8 7	29 8 9					1 0	29 9 9	8 5
Clacton.....	23	18 11 0	16 2	3 1 3						3 1 3	2 8
Clapham.....	58	55 2 3	19 0	13 0 9						13 0 9	4 6
Colchester	25	45 13 1	1 16 6	5 0 0						5 0 0	4 0
Croscombe	29	63 10 2	2 3 10	10 16 11	16 6					11 13 5	8 1
Croydon	38	33 0 7	17 5	9 5 6					2 6	9 8 0	4 11
Ealing	64	133 2 8	2 1 7	16 3 10	2 2 5				2 6	18 8 9	5 9
Edmonton	56	87 4 0	1 11 2	15 19 11	3 11 0					19 10 11	7 0
Enfield	15	17 1 8	1 2 9	6 19 0						6 19 0	9 3
Exeter	32	64 14 2	2 0 5	18 13 4	7 4					19 0 8	11 11
Folkestone.....	33	30 19 10	18 9	3 17 3		5 0				4 2 3	2 6
Forest Gate....	33	28 14 5	17 5	9 10 1		5 0				9 15 1	5 11
Gillingham	10	29 12 7	2 19 3	9 15 10						9 15 10	19 7
Hastings	22	42 4 7	1 18 5	9 18 6						9 18 6	9 0
H. Wycombe	20	48 17 3	2 8 10	9 1 8						9 1 8	9 1
Holloway	164	301 0 10	1 16 9	34 3 5	1 5 3	14 0				36 2 8	4 5
Ilford	57	169 1 3	2 19 4	26 2 4	1 9 8	2 0 0			1 0 0	30 12 0	10 9
Ipswich	35	23 14 0	13 7	10 5 2						10 5 2	5 10
Lewisham	55	115 11 2	2 2 0	21 16 2			20 0 0			41 16 2	15 2
Lowestoft	47	31 12 5	13 5	5 5 0						5 5 0	2 3
Luton	27	51 13 6	1 18 3	25 8 0	5 8					25 13 8	19 0
Norwich	46	76 8 8	1 13 3	11 14 11	12 9					12 7 8	5 5
Plymouth	74	111 0 3	1 10 0	15 14 9						15 14 9	4 3
Portsmouth ...	45	59 13 3	1 6 6	4 6 1	4 0					4 10 1	2 0
Reading	61	97 6 1	1 11 11	25 5 4	2 2 0					27 7 4	9 0
Richmond	24	80 10 6	3 7 1	11 0 1						11 0 1	9 2
Romford	35	62 14 7	1 15 10	8 10 9		1 0			2 10	8 14 7	5 0
Slough	22	41 5 0	1 17 6	12 19 1	3 3					13 2 4	11 11
Southampton ..	54	111 1 0	2 1 1	16 16 11	14 9	10 0			19 0	19 0 8	7 1
Southend	52	98 0 3	1 17 8	19 13 5	1 6 7	5 0				21 5 0	8 2
Southstoke.....	9	19 3 0	2 2 7	9 18 1						9 18 1	1 2 0
Stanbor'h Park	421	1070 13 10	2 10 10	205 6 3	8 8 2					213 14 6	10 2
Taunton	29	49 0 11	1 13 10	8 17 10						8 17 10	6 2
Torquay	48	87 16 11	1 16 7	19 9 6	14 6			1 9 3		21 13 3	9 0
Walthamstow ..	56	155 1 6	2 15 5	51 2 10	1 8 5				2 7 6	54 18 9	19 10
Watford	59	173 6 7	2 18 9	28 0 7	3 10 9			1 2 6		32 13 10	11 1
Wembley	48	74 8 8	1 11 0	40 15 1		5 0 0		1 14 0		47 9 1	19 9
Wimbledon.....	102	211 16 8	2 1 6	40 3 1	2 7 1					42 10 2	8 4
Wood Green ...	81	17 3 0	1 18 9	19 4 11	10 6	1 0 0				20 15 5	5 2
Yarmouth	56	17 19 4	10 0	7 15 10						7 15 10	4 4
Bedford.....	11	27 6 11	2 9 9	5 17 9						5 17 9	10 8
Brentwood ..	8	32 4 2	4 0 6	3 6 0	1 1 6					4 7 6	10 11
Dereham ..	6	10 18 5	1 16 5	2 1 3						2 1 3	6 11
Eastbourne ..	6	7 0 0	1 3 4								
Ely	8	12 14 9	1 11 10	5 14 6						5 14 6	14 4
Ferndown ..	5	11 4 5	2 4 11	1 2 7						1 2 7	4 6
Gloucester ..	19	39 19 10	2 2 1	7 15 0	5 6					8 0 6	8 5
Leatherh'd ..	8	16 0 6	2 0 1	3 2 3						3 2 3	7 9
Medstead ..	13	34 0 2	2 12 4	12 8 10						12 8 10	19 2
Rye.....	7	16 5 7	2 6 6	6 4 3						6 4 3	17 9
Salisbury ...	15	29 7 4	1 19 2	6 6 2						6 6 2	8 5
St. Austell ..	7	32 17 3	4 13 11	6 8 4					10 0	6 18 4	19 9
St. Mabyn ..	10	57 1 8	5 14 2	18 8 6						18 8 6	1 16 10
Swindon ...	11	14 4 0	1 5 10	5 8 9						5 8 9	9 11
Wes'n Br'n ..	6	10 19 0	1 16 6	8 11 5						8 11 5	1 8 7
Weymouth ..	11	12 13 8	1 3 1	1 0 8						1 0 8	1 11
Isolated	395	1019 0 5	2 11 7	98 8 9	1 13 11	4 12 0		1 12 6	3 6 3	109 13 5	5 7
Totals 1943	3183	6594 3 1	2 1 8	1208 16 3	41 11 10	14 12 0	20 0 0	7 8 3	9 4 7	1301 12 11	8 3
Totals 1942	3064	5682 15 4	1 17 1	1087 13 8	36 19 10	35 12 2	20 0 0	15 17 0	6 2 0	1182 4 8	7 9
Increase	99	911 7 9	4 7	121 2 7	4 12 0	-21 0 2	20 0 0	-8 8 9	3 2 7	119 8 3	6

WELSH MISSION

Barry Dock ...	26	72 13 9	2 15 11	16 3 6		3 5 0				19 8 6	14 11
Blaenavon	6	6 0 0	1 0 0								
Cardiff	68	133 7 4	1 19 3	32 17 0						32 17 0	9 8
Hereford	12	44 11 11	3 14 4	9 3 0						9 3 0	15 3
Newport Mon. ..	81	158 8 8	1 19 1	28 15 1		2 6				28 17 7	7 2
Porth	7	12 12 0	1 16 0	2 9 11		2 6			2 6	2 14 11	7 10
Swansea	32	42 4 9	1 6 5	15 0 4	17 0				3 6	16 0 10	10 0
Aberdare ..	11	29 12 8	2 13 11	5 19 2		6 0				6 5 2	11 5
Caerphilly ..	16	22 4 11	1 7 10	4 19 6						4 19 6	6 3
Gelligaer ...	12	41 16 0	3 14 8	11 9 2		4 0 0			2 3 7	17 12 9	1 9 5
Llanelly	10	16 0 6	1 12 1								
Rhos	9	10 3 0	1 2 7	8 5 8						8 5 8	18 5
Rhyl	29										
Shrewsb'ry ..	12	26 19 9	2 5 0	4 3 5		10 0	10 0			5 3 5	8 7
Isolated	117	229 1 5	1 19 2	22 18 1	7 0	16 0		4 0	5 0	24 10 1	4 2
Totals 1943	448	848 16 8	1 17 11	162 3 10	1 4 0	9 2 0	10 0	4 0	2 14 7	175 18 5	7 10
Totals 1942	463	734 11 10	1 11 9	137 1 11	1 17 4	2 6 6	10 0	6 0	2 14 7	141 11 9	6 1
Increase	-15	114 4 10	6 2	25 1 11	-13 4	6 15 6	10 0	-2 0	2 14 7	34 6 8	1 9

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH OR COMPANY	Mem-ber-ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Sabbath-School Offerings Inc. 13th S.	Young People's Offering	Annual Offering	Miscel-laneous	Week of Sacrifice	Big Week	Total Offerings	Offer-ings per Capita
Birmingham ...	54	106 19 3	1 19 2	24 12 6		2 0 0			5 0	26 17 6	10 0
Bradford	43	63 12 9	1 9 4	13 1 7						13 1 7	6 1
Coventry	65	180 5 5	2 15 5	29 8 1		3 10 0				32 18 1	10 1
Darlington	30	49 10 0	1 13 0	7 4 10	15 2					8 0 0	5 4
Derby	53	137 15 1	2 12 0	20 7 0						20 7 0	7 8
Grimsby	15	52 0 1	3 9 4	7 16 2						7 16 2	10 4
Handsworth ...	71	183 16 10	2 11 9	36 12 11	1 15 1	2 6				38 10 6	10 10
Hull	102	156 13 0	1 10 8	39 18 2		12 6				40 10 8	7 11
Kettering	42	81 7 11	1 18 9	23 18 8	1 11 6	4 0				25 14 2	12 2
Leeds	74	145 16 1	1 19 4	18 12 7	18 10					19 11 5	5 3
Leicester	50	133 12 2	2 13 5	51 3 3	19 10	1 0 0				53 3 1	1 1 3
Lincoln	13	34 3 4	2 12 6	6 14 5						6 14 5	10 4
Liverpool	67	171 14 9	2 11 3	18 5 0	16 5					19 1 5	5 8
Manchester ...	71	146 2 8	2 1 2	25 8 1	2 2 0					27 10 1	7 8
Mid'brough	36	41 2 3	1 2 10	13 12 0						13 12 0	7 6
Newbold	132	244 17 6	1 17 1	38 11 11	15 2					39 7 1	5 11
Newcastle	100	146 6 11	1 9 3	40 18 1	4 0 3			4 0 0		48 18 4	8 11
Nottingham ...	89	183 9 6	2 1 2	37 0 6	3 3 2	18 8				41 2 4	8 2
Rotherham ...	37	40 0 7	1 1 7	6 13 2						6 13 2	3 7
Rushden	12	17 19 0	1 9 11	3 1 0	6 0					3 7 0	5 7
Sheffield	46	59 17 4	1 6 0	8 7 6	2 1 2	9 7		7 0	5 0	11 10 3	5 0
Shields	17	23 2 9	1 7 4	3 14 0				5 0		3 19 0	4 7
Stockport	20	59 9 3	2 19 5	4 17 6	1 3 5					6 0 11	6 0
Stoke	34	71 13 1	2 2 1	11 17 10	1 11 8	2 17 0				16 6 6	9 7
Stretford	44	105 18 7	2 8 1	13 2 3		10 0			5 0	13 17 3	6 3
Wakefield ...	28	109 13 11	3 18 4	15 6 0	1 10 9			1 10 6		18 7 3	13 0
Wellingboro ...	14	23 4 11	1 13 2	6 8 1						7 3 7	7 3
Wolverha'pton	18	40 0 9	2 4 5	10 16 8		3 6				6 8 1	9 1
Worcester	20	36 3 7	1 16 2	10 1 0						11 0 2	12 2
York	39	103 7 9	2 13 0	19 13 8	16 0					10 1 0	10 0
Barnsley ...	38	70 0 3	1 16 10	5 11 2						20 9 8	10 5
Beeston ...	8	25 16 6	3 4 7	6 5 8						5 11 2	2 11
Blackburn	11	8 4 3	15 0	2 6 3					4 6	6 5 8	15 4
Bromsg've	6	6 2 0	1 0 4	3 19 7						2 10 9	4 7
Denton	21	57 3 4	2 14 5	12 7 0						3 19 7	13 3
Fotherby ...	9	36 5 0	4 0 6	12 1 5		2 19 0			1 12 4	12 7 0	11 3
Kid'minstr.	6	12 5 6	2 0 11	1 12 6		1 0				16 12 9	1 16 10
Killamarsh	8	26 4 1	3 5 6	7 14 4						1 13 6	5 7
Mansfield...	10	31 8 5	3 2 10	9 2 11						7 14 4	19 3
Northa'ton	21	46 11 11	2 4 4	10 3 3						9 2 11	18 3
Peterb'gh...	6	4 2 2	13 8	2 7 3						10 3 3	9 8
Rochdale ..	20	36 19 0	1 16 11	7 9 7		2 6				2 7 3	7 10
Scarb'ro'...	19	26 4 10	1 7 7	17 17 9						7 12 1	7 7
Skegness ...	9	9 10 0	1 1 1	3 10 7						17 17 9	18 9
Stockton ...	13	6 9 8	9 11	2 9 2						3 10 7	7 10
Sutton	16	31 7 6	1 19 2	6 0 8	10 0					2 9 2	3 9
Ulverston	10	33 15 4	3 7 6	3 10 6						6 10 8	8 2
Wallasey	17	55 15 1	3 5 7	9 2 10	3 15 0					3 10 6	7 0
Isolated	252	603 5 1	2 7 10	55 3 9	10 0	14 14 6		15 5 1	15 5 7	12 17 10	15 2
Totals 1943	1956	4150 0 0	2 2 5	753 4 2	29 1 5	30 4 9		15 17 1	23 7 11	851 15 4	8 8
Totals 1942	1875	3491 5 5	1 17 2	617 13 2	20 15 2	18 3 10		15 1 0	4 14 6	676 7 8	7 2
Increase	81	658 14 7	5 3	135 11 0	8 6 3	12 0 11		16 1	18 13 5	175 7 8	1 6

IRISH MISSION

Belfast	69	171 5 4	2 9 8	26 4 4	1 13 10					27 18 2	8 1
Dublin	25	59 2 5	2 7 4	17 3 5	15 3					17 18 8	14 4
Kilmoyle	12										
Larne	6										
Londonderry	10	11 7 6	1 2 9	4 6 10	4 0					4 10 10	9 1
Shankill	25	39 17 0	1 11 11	8 8 0						8 8 0	6 9
Isolated	56	92 12 9	1 13 1	6 4 5		2 0 0		1 6 6		9 10 11	3 5
Totals 1943	203	374 5 0	1 16 10	62 7 0	2 13 1	2 0 0		1 6 6		68 6 7	6 9
Totals 1942	204	218 14 5	1 1 5	43 6 9	6 1 5			8 6	1 1 0	50 17 8	5 0
Increase	-1	155 10 7	15 5	19 0 3	-3 8 4	2 0 0		18 0	-1 1 0	17 8 11	1 9

SCOTTISH MISSION

Aberdeen	34	53 0 1	1 11 2	9 2 7	7 8					9 10 3	5 7
Edinburgh	62	103 8 1	1 13 3	36 2 5						36 2 5	11 8
Glasgow	104	422 18 7	4 1 4	34 2 8						34 2 8	6 7
Kirkcaldy	8	11 5 3	1 8 2	3 3 9						3 3 9	8 0
Dundee ...	22	17 18 11	16 4	6 7 9						6 7 9	5 10
Stirling ...	9	22 2 0	2 9 1	5 11 3						5 11 3	12 4
Isolated	59	143 11 6	2 8 8	7 10 10				1 9 4		9 0 2	3 1
Totals 1943	298	773 19 5	2 11 11	102 1 3	7 8			1 9 4		103 18 3	7 0
Totals 1942	315	661 10 9	2 2 0	94 12 5	3 0 5	7 6		19 4		98 19 8	6 3
Increase	-17	112 8 8	9 11	7 8 10	-2 12 9	-7 6		10 0		4 18 7	9

UNION TOTALS

B.U.C.		302 14 1					5 0 0		259 7 8	264 7 8	
Grand Tot. 1943	6068	13043 18 3	2 3 0	2288 12 6	74 18 0	55 18 9	25 10 0	26 5 2	294 14 9	2765 19 2	9 1
Grand Tot. 1942	5921	10788 17 9	1 16 5	1980 7 11	68 14 2	56 10 0		32 11 10	11 17 6	2150 1 5	7 3
Increase	147	2255 0 6	6 7	308 4 7	6 3 10	-11 3	25 10 0	-6 6 8	282 17 3	615 17 9	1 10

Another Faithful Witness

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to poison his mind against us by saying, 'Don't have anything to do with those people; they are our biggest enemies.' Also he said: They, not keeping Sunday, hold with cinema going on that day!

"Regarding Sunday cinema going, I made the reply that we not only agreed with their being closed on Sunday, but every day in the week as well. Knowing that I did not go to the pictures, this helped greatly to recover the position.

"On my leaving they were delighted to accept the *Sabbath-School Quarterly* for remaining lessons and I desire to supply them with a copy as long as they will study it and show interest. So please send me two copies each quarter.

"I am glad to say they were sorry when I was called from the district, fearing the difficulty of getting another nurse who would not smoke, drink, go to pictures, dances, and stay out late at night. I was able to meet them in all points, and I might add, because I was a Seventh-Day Adventist and had learned of this wonderful truth. Because God had, by His power, taken the desire for these things away from my life and had replaced the desire with something greater and of lasting worth.

"I ask you to join in prayer for these two good souls that as they study the Sabbath-school lesson God, by His Spirit, may open their eyes and understanding and that they may be given strength to follow Him fully."

Incidentally, it may interest others to know that this encouraging account accompanies a request for Ingathering supplies. The help of our youth is always appreciated, and particularly when it is the service of such busy people as those in the nursing profession.

E. R. WARLAND.

Wedding Bells

BROWN - CHAPPELL. — Brother Geoffrey Lloyd Brown and Sister Charlotte Ruth Chappell were united in marriage on Thursday, April 29, 1943. A service was held by the writer at the home of the bride. It is the expressed desire of these young people, as soon as the way opens, to labour together for God in the colporteur work as a means of saving souls. May God bless their united service and give them much fruit for their labours.

L. E. A. LANE.

FARROW - COUPLAND.—The Stanborough Park church was the scene of a charming wedding on Easter Monday, April 26, 1943. A large number of friends and well-wishers were present as Arthur Edward Farrow, formerly of the Ipswich church, and now engaged in evangelistic work in the South England Conference, and Edna Barbara Coupland, daughter of Brother and Sister Coupland of the Hull church, and now a member of the teaching staff at our Stanborough Park Secondary School, pledged fidelity to each other and to God. Brother and Sister Farrow are under appointment to the Nigerian mission field, and will proceed to their new field of labour when the present difficult transport conditions allow. The writer, who conducted the service, had the privilege of studying the message with Brother Farrow when he accepted it in the first Ipswich campaign. We pray God's richest blessing on this new Christian home, and wish the happy couple the supreme joy of leading many souls into the kingdom of God. A. J. MUSTARD.

GARLAND-HANSLER.—On Thursday, April 22, 1943, Brother Alfred Garland and Sister Olive Hansler were united in marriage by Pastor Wilmshurst. A good congregation assembled to witness the ceremony and to wish God-speed to these two young members of the Plymouth church as they united their lives in service to God. Their fellow-members and friends wish them much happiness in their future life together and pray that God will abundantly bless them.

GLADYS ANDREWS, *Church Clerk.*

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

STACEY.—Sister A. E. Stacey passed peacefully away on April 12, 1943, at the advanced age of eighty-one. For over thirty years she was a faithful member of the Sheffield church. For several years she also served as a deaconess. Truly she was a mother in Israel, both with her family and in the church. Short services were held at her home and at the Wales Parish church, where she was laid to rest, peacefully to sleep until the resurrection morn. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, . . . that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. She was blessed with a good family and leaves five sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. H. CASSON.

BALDWIN.—On Monday, April 12, 1943, at the Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, a small group of relatives and fellow-churchmembers gathered as our late church elder, Brother

Baldwin, was laid to rest. Baptized into this message about fifty years ago and accepted into the church at Southampton by Pastor Washburn, he served faithfully until failing health set him aside for the whole of the past ten years. He maintained his confidence in the blessed hope until the last and we, with his wife, await the time when the Life-giver shall call His sleeping ones to their immortal home. A short service was conducted by the writer in the cemetery chapel. PAUL CUMINGS.

CASSON.—After a short illness Brother F. Casson fell asleep in Jesus on April 30, 1943, exactly three months after the decease of his beloved wife. Baptized February 18, 1894, he, together with his dear wife, lived and laboured faithfully for the Master until called to rest. Brother Casson was elder of the Wellingborough church for about thirty-five years. Well known and highly respected throughout the Wellingborough district, his zealous witnessing for the truth also extended farther afield. Probably he was the first to give the message in the West Riding of Yorkshire, where he emulated the example of the apostle Andrew and "found" his brother Harry. Two married daughters, Mrs. Crisp and Mrs. Knight, are left to mourn the loss of a devoted father, and Mr. H. Casson (Rotherham) the loss of a dear brother. In these bereaved hearts there burns the light of the blessed Advent hope. To them and their families we extend our deepest sympathy. The burial service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother M. B. Musgrave. In the presence of a large gathering of members of the Wellingborough, Kettering, and Rushden churches, and other friends, we laid our brother to rest beside his gentle partner in the quiet little cemetery in Wellingborough until Jesus comes. A. F. BIRD.

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