

## Woman's Work in the Church

By L. E. A. LANE

DURING the whole Christian era, women have taken an active, and often a leading part in Gospel work. In this generation, they have engaged even more largely in all branches of church activity; and yet there is still a prejudice in the minds of some people against their doing so, on the supposition that the apostle Paul forbade women to take any public part in church work. The passage in question is in 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35. By studying this verse in the light of the context and of other factors, it is possible to discover the true meaning of Paul's instruction, and thus clear away any ambiguity surrounding it.

The thirty-fourth verse reads: "Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

As a background, let us see what Paul has to say concerning the work women *may* do in connection with the church. In 1 Corinthians 11:4, 5 we read: "Every woman that *prayeth* or *prophesieth*." Here the word "prophecy" means "to expound publicly" the Word of God. Writing to the Philippians, Paul speaks of "women which laboured *with me*"—literally, "women who were *joint-workers* with me." And again, to the Romans, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my *helpers* in Christ Jesus" or "my *joint-workers*." Rom. 16:3. Here he mentions the wife first, and in verse five speaks of the church in their house, of which these two

workers had the oversight. "Tryphena and Tryphosa" are mentioned as women who "laboured in the Lord," literally, "wearied themselves out in the Lord." Also "Persis," another sister, who "laboured much in the Lord." Rom. 16:12.

To summarize: women *may* according to Paul, expound publicly the Word of God; women *may* be joint-workers with men in spreading the Gospel, and *may* labour for the church.

We now come to the text in question, and to help in understanding it, we should look inside an early Christian church. The women are on one side of the church, and the men on the other side. Verse twenty-six of this same chapter tells us what the men were in the habit of doing when meeting in the church: "One of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."

It seems from this verse, and from the whole chapter, that there was some confusion at times, each one giving his own particular contribution to the meeting without any semblance of order. Indeed, the whole purpose of Paul's instruction in this chapter is given in the last verse: "Let all things be done decently and in *order*."

Meanwhile, what were the women doing? The Greek word is the same for "woman" as for

"wife," and the context shows that in this case the word means "wives" (See verse 35). The wives were contending on behalf of their husbands and against other men in the church, so making even more confusion and degrading their sex. So Paul says (and here we give the literal translation of 1 Corinthians 14:34): "Let your wives be quiet in the churches (assemblies), for we cannot suffer them to contend in the church."

This was Paul's meaning, and the instruction was given to bring about order in and reverence for the house of God. The context also confirms this meaning, for the wives are instructed to discuss with their husbands at home what was said and done, instead of contending with each other and with the brethren in the church. (Verse 35.)

With this explanation of the relevant passage in Corinthians, and taking into consideration Paul's general teaching, it is clear that, so far from prohibiting it, he welcomed the public ministry of the women, and gladly availed himself of their help. Other scriptures also confirm this teaching, and the Bible gives us a number of examples of women who preached and taught in public.

The gift of prophecy is the same gift whether it is exercised by a man or by a woman, and the very word "prophecy" means "public exposition" or preaching. Paul wrote: "He that prophesieth speaketh to men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort," and, "He that prophesieth edifieth

the church." If *he* that prophesies edifies and exhorts and comforts the church, then *she* that prophesies does the same, and such work must necessarily be done *in* the church and in public.

In other words, a prophet is a male preacher, and a prophetess is a female preacher, and wherever the word "prophetess" is used in either the Old or New Testament, it carries the meaning of "female preacher." Miriam, Deborah (who also was a judge), and Huldah were female preachers, who delivered to God's people His message for that time. Anna, who spoke of Christ "to all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem," was a female preacher; and the four virgin daughters of Philip the evangelist prophesied, or "publicly expounded" the Word of God. This is in perfect harmony with the prophecy of Joel: "Your sons and your *daughters* shall prophesy."

In more recent times, Mrs. Wm. Booth and Miss Evangeline Booth are eminent examples of women who have been used of God to do a great work of evangelism. Anne, the mother of Lord Bacon, was a theologian. Mary Slessor was a most successful evangelist to the heathen. In our own church, Mrs. E. G. White was a great preacher of righteousness, proving beyond all doubt how effectively God may, and does, use women in public ministry.

Perhaps a brief reference should be made here to a passage in 1 Timothy 2:12, 13, which reads: "I suffer not a woman [wife] to teach nor to usurp [exercise] authority over the man [husband], but to be in silence [to be quiet]. For Adam was first formed, then Eve." This text has nothing to do with public life or church work, but simply with the position of husband and wife. The husband should be the head, as he was created first, and it is certainly not in harmony with the Scriptures for a woman to hold a position in which she would teach or exercise authority over her husband.

The marriage relationship is symbolic of Christ and the church, and "the husband is head of the wife, even as Christ is the

Head of the church." Eph. 5:23. To reverse that relationship is parallel to the church's exalting itself above Christ. Outside that relationship woman is free to exercise any gift of the Spirit which God may confer upon her. Women were with the apostles and others in the upper room for "prayer and supplication" in preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and in the distribution of heavenly gifts, woman is not less honoured than man.

A great work lies before us, and consecrated, Spirit-filled women will certainly have a large part in accomplishing that work. There is indeed a large field of public service in which women could

work more appropriately and more effectively than men, and by becoming "joint-labourers" with the brethren, women could supplement their work so that every need could be met.

We hope this explanation of their right and proper place in public Christian service will give our sisters confidence to "preach the Word" wherever and whenever they have the opportunity. May there be many more Tryphenas and Tryphosas who will work side by side with the brethren until the work be finished. "The Lord giveth the Word, the *women* that proclaim the tidings are a great host." Psa. 68:11 (Massoretic Text).

## Stanborough School

It is a pleasure to report that after three years of effort our school here at Watford is still flourishing. From an enrolment of eighty, employing three teachers, we have risen to an unexpected attendance this coming term of over 240, a task which demands the full time of nine teachers.

Slightly more than fifty per cent of this number are non-Adventists, and we hope that this will mean much to our denominational work in later years. At least there is none of that bigoted prejudice among the parents, for they are glad to send their children to be educated under the influence of Adventist teachers. Just recently we lost one of our staff—Mrs. Farrow—who was called to the Nigerian Mission field, but our Missionary Training College at Packwood was able to fill the gap by sending one of the teachers who had been prepared for church school work. We are sorry to lose teachers, but always willing to release them for mission work; it stimulates our interest and will tend to increase the weekly offerings that are given in our Wednesday morning missionary meeting.

The examination results during the past year have been encouraging; three candidates who had already gained School Certificates sat again last December and obtained exemption from Matriculation; three others of the fifth

form passed their Oxford School Certificates in July, one of them gaining Matriculation exemption. In July also two candidates from the fourth form gained Junior Certificates and nine of the third form passed a Preliminary College of Preceptors Examination. These successes have helped us to build up a Secondary school and have shown that an Adventist education is no whit behind the instruction given in other Secondary schools.

The School is now a member of the Independent Schools Association, a recognized body of private schools who have banded together for mutual support, so that their existence may not be threatened by any unsympathetic prejudice of a few against private enterprise in education.

We have practically reached the limit now in the accommodation available in our present building, so that our numbers will now probably remain fairly steady for the duration. When peace comes again there are many plans we hope to put into operation to increase our efficiency and our scope, especially for those of our churchmembers who do not have their homes at Watford. We are very much encouraged by the helpful attitude of parents and churchmembers toward our school. Many people, both in the neighbourhood and far afield, have contributed gifts of cash, both

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large and small, so that various phases of school life may be improved. These gifts have been used for all kinds of purposes and we do appreciate the kind thoughts that are behind these unsolicited donations.

Finally we must acknowledge our gratitude to God who has led us forward much faster than our feeble faith had foreseen. Each member of the staff is loyally working for no other purpose than to erect a monument to God in the lives of the pupils who come under our care. We are confident that God's blessing will still guide us as we begin another school year. E. E. WHITE.

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## Notes from the Union President

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### BRITISH MISSIONARIES BOMBED

WE have received word to the effect that four young British missionaries (Mr. and Mrs. Farrow and Mr. and Mrs. Normington), who left some time ago to take up work in Africa, were bombed at sea one night, and escaped in separate life-boats, landing later at a North African port. Here they were all entertained at an American camp, but everything they had was lost. After this rather dreadful experience they went on to their destination in safety, and Brother Normington writes:

"We were very glad to have the assurance of the Christian at that hour.

"When the numbness wore off and we realized what had gone—wedding presents, photographs, notes, sewing machine, typewriter, and all our clothes—then it was that we needed to remind ourselves of the covenant we had made with God to serve Him whatever the cost, and also of His great mercy in saving our lives. . . .

"We have been very fortunate in refitting at —. We had little more than the clothes we stood up in. . . . Then at — we were able to buy materials which are being made up by an African tailor.

"Here at — has been best of all. Pastor McClements has some good friends among the traders, and we have got a new sewing machine, clock, watch, Parker fountain pen, mosquito boots, rain-

coats, and a rather grotesque but very helpful assortment of cutlery and crockery."

In a letter sent earlier, signed by all four of these missionaries, this fine spirit is shown:

"We are sorry for the unforeseen delay and the fact that we will have to re-equip when we reach Nigeria.

"Nevertheless, we have had striking evidence of God's providential care for us, and we are confident that we will reach our field in His good time.

"Some experiences about which we have talked in the past are now very real to us, and we are sure that our ministry will be strengthened accordingly.

"With purpose undimmed,  
"Yours in service, etc."

This is part of the price all mission societies are paying in their determination to carry forward God's work, and it certainly has a flavour of New Testament missionary zeal.

### OTHER MISSION NEWS

THE hospital at Ife, Nigeria, is being temporarily operated by the army. Mr. and Mrs. Walton and family have left for furlough in South Africa. W. Till and family, W. Newman and family, W. Hyde and family are all due back from furlough in South Africa. An American doctor and his wife are expecting to arrive shortly to take charge of the Ife hospital.

### DECEASE OF DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS

PROFESSOR W. E. HOWELL, who visited this country some years ago, passed away recently, after a very short illness in Washington. He was for many years connected with our educational work, and latterly acted as secretary to the General Conference president.

Within a few days, Elder J. K. Jones, one of the senior Union presidents in North America, and a strong leader of this denomination, also passed away.

### WEEK OF SACRIFICE

THE Week of Sacrifice, September 4th to 11th, is now with us and we make a final reminder of this important event in our church calendar. Our members

everywhere are invited to join workers and colporteurs in the gift of one week's salary to the work of God which everywhere faces such unprecedented needs.

H. W. LOWE



## South Devon District Meeting

THE booking-office clerk could not understand why Torquay had suddenly become so popular. And no wonder—tickets sufficient for a large part of the Exeter membership certainly suggested that something out of the ordinary had been planned.

It was Sabbath, July 17th, and the Torquay and Exeter churches met together in the Torquay church for a district meeting. We began the day with Sabbath-school, and were made glad by the spirit of unity as we sang our hymns together, and then assembled in classes to study the lesson for the week.

In the preaching service every chair was requisitioned. It was indeed good to hear so many hearty Devonshire voices as we sang, "Now my heart condemns me not, . . . Christ receiveth sinful men." Our president, Pastor G. D. King, opened to us the pages of Sacred Writ, and all hearts were touched and softened by the Holy Spirit as he gave us a word picture of Jesus, the heavenly Passover, sacrificed for us.

The afternoon service was the occasion of a baptism. The petition of a duet entitled, "Consecration," sounded the note for the service, for Brother King showed, in his address, how baptism is but an outward sign of an inward consecration to God. Six precious souls were then immersed by Pastor A. J. Mustard. Five of these, together with two who had been baptized previously, were afterward received into the fellowship of the Torquay church, and one was accepted into the Exeter church membership.

Looking back, we thank God for the day of fellowship, but especially we thank Him that still to-day there are those who are ready to obey the call of the everlasting Gospel.

H. W. WALKLETT.

"THE most deeply spiritual, practical, and helpful it has been our privilege to attend" is how the experienced workers stated their appreciation of the North England Evangelistic Council held at Packwood from July 12th to 16th.

In its beautiful summer setting, the war-time home of Newbold College was just the spot for such an important occasion. And the domestic staff made sure that the arrangements for our physical well-being were fully carried out.

Undoubtedly our evangelists are face to face with big problems now, and it was well that they should come together for a period of earnest study and spiritual help. These unprecedented times through which we are passing demand the frequent exchange of ideas in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship if the great responsibility resting upon the Advent ministry is to be discharged fully and without delay.

The petition in the opening prayer, "May we all contribute our part under Thy control," was surely fulfilled as the "Spirit of counsel and might" came to quicken our minds and to lead us through. God does bless His people when, in their hour of need, they unite to seek His aid.

The programme of twenty-nine meetings was so well organized that it seemed to run itself. Throughout, it was instructive and inspiring to young evangelist and old campaigner alike. The solemn task committed to the ministry is certainly not circumscribed, as we found by the interesting variety of subjects so ably dealt with. These ranged from typical campaign sermons to a talkie-film to demonstrate its use in evangelism; from a thoughtful consideration on developing fully-trained church officers to the possibilities afforded in the whole musical background of our Gospel services. And toward the end—quite a tit-bit—an Evangelistic "Brains Trust." This was greatly relished. The sermons were preached as if to an "outside" audience, something of an ordeal for the preachers concerned. A number of representative campaign subjects were demonstrated in this practical manner. If the prophetic discourse on "England's

Greatest Danger" stood out as a highlight because of its forcefulness, lucidity, and impressive method of quoting well-chosen extracts and statistics; the other examples were very convincing, each in its own way. One felt a renewed certainty in the great truths of the Advent message, and also in preaching itself as the medium for conveying those truths.

Perhaps Adventist ministers are tempted to rely for "decisions" rather much on the power of doctrinal presentation. But how moving the human voice can be in a closing appeal to the heart was well exemplified by one of the older workers when demonstrating his excellent lantern lecture, by a younger evangelist as he pressed home his study on the life beyond the tomb, and by a beautifully-rendered trio sung to clinch a sermon on the Sabbath question.

These appeals that were to win strangers to the Gospel touched deeply the heralds of salvation themselves, as was very noticeable in the seasons of fervent prayer that followed.

An evangelistic "team" at work behind the scenes aroused considerable interest. They went through the procedure of organizing the campaign, showing particularly the numerous considerations and preparations involved even in the investigation of the very town to be worked and the advertising for the opening night. The question of the right kind of title for an opening night's lecture was discussed, and the speaker exhibited a number of handbills to illustrate his sugges-



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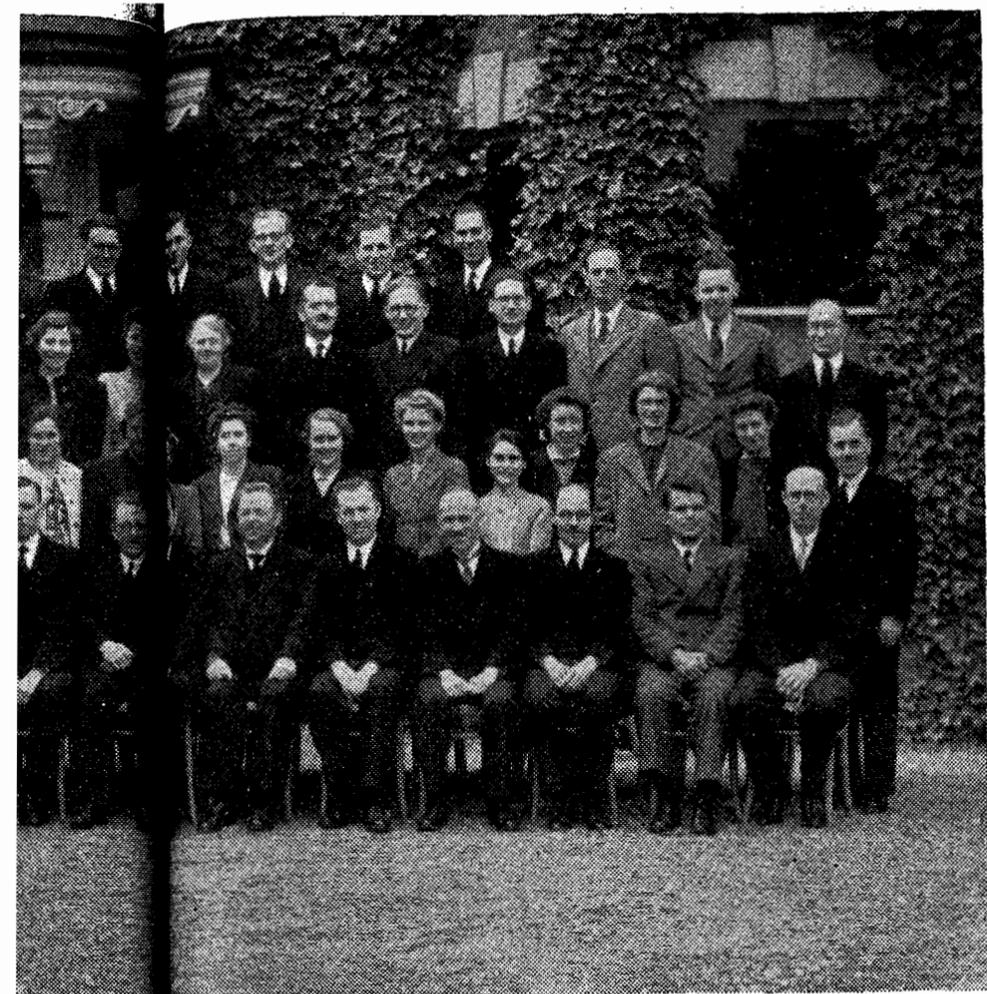
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tions. He emphasized that the first subject of the series should deal with the alarming conditions in the world in the light of God's Word, having a carefully chosen title at once strong, stirring, and positive. Evangelistic enthusiasm was very marked in the discussion that followed these talks and demonstrations.

From the public platform men proclaim the message of salvation, but it is chiefly in the personal contacts afterward that the hearers are brought to its acceptance. This undeviating principle in winning converts is never to be minimized. One of the most earnest talks of the Council dealt with the minister's responsibility in such visitation and the conducting of Bible studies. The speaker made his points clear by relating his own experiences in this important phase of evangelism. Demonstra-



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tion Bible studies were given to illustrate this work with interested inquirers. We could not fail to enter into the intensity of these practical examples, as arguments were well met from the Scriptures and shafts of truth were driven home.

So the field of evangelism must include personal ministry for individuals. This was enlarged upon in an interesting discussion.

Our churchmembers cannot leave this task to the ministry. Various lines of practical missionary work were stressed.

To complete the survey, we saw the place of the colporteurs in finishing the Gospel work. Experiences from the literature ministry were related to show how the message is spreading out beyond the range of our evangelistic efforts and among classes of people who are not being reached by

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our preachers.

What a day it will be when ministers, Bible instructors, colporteurs, church officers, and members, the whole church, fully accept God's great evangelistic ideal. That day must surely dawn before the end can come.

Our thanks go to the special speakers from the Union for their excellent contributions. From the wide range of their timely subject matter we quote the following striking statements:

"God is still, and always will be, the greatest power in this world."

"Keeping the Sabbath as it comes each week constitutes a safeguard against error."

"In offering criticism we should suspend final judgment until our conclusions

are fully verified."

"Destructive criticism is most harmful to the one who practices it. It warps his vision."

"Use the expression, 'The Spirit of prophecy' readily, even in quoting Bible writers. 'As Isaiah said through the Spirit of prophecy,' etc."

"There is a great variety of choice phrases in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. We should accustom our audiences to hearing them."

"The prophetic gift initiated our evangelistic programme, when most of us in this Council were as yet unborn, and it will guide it through to the end."

"When we fluctuate between hope and fear, the heart of Christ is hurt."

"Withdraw your thoughts and affections from yourself and look to Jesus."

"Our imagination, emotions,

hopes, and desires must not control us. Invalids can help themselves by not settling down to invalidism. Emotions are to be a subservient part of our nature."

"Wrong thoughts can take away the day's energy."

"Prophecy not only interprets the past, but also floodlights our duty to be ready for future situations."

"We have to fight all our lives against present sin, but the power is also present to give us the victory."

"There is no impossible barrier between us and sainthood. Christ has broken every barrier down."

"Sanctification is a matter of growth, but not so slow as we are often inclined to think."

"We need to be deeply stirred in our love for others; love them enough to die for them."

The three days spent in devotion and study had given us a sharpened sense of our Christian privileges, and it seemed most natural to enter reverently into deeper fellowship with Jesus and with each other by participating together in the sacred ordinances at the close.

So ended another most beneficial council. May its influence be very far-reaching, and may the spirit of unity which prevailed throughout ever remain a choice memory.

The workers returned to their districts fired with a new determination to carry the message into the unentered towns and to finish the work.

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"THE servants of Christ should labour faithfully for the rich men in our cities, as well as for the poor and lowly. There are many wealthy men who are susceptible to the influences and impressions of the Gospel message, and who, when the Bible and the Bible alone is presented to them as the expositor of Christian faith and practice, will be moved by the Spirit of God to open doors for the advancement of the Gospel."—*Gospel Workers*, page 348.

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"THEY must make use of every means that can possibly be devised for causing the truth to stand out clearly and distinctly."—*Idem.*, page 346.

# Statement of Tithes and Offerings for Quarter Ending June 30, 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	32 15 7	1 9 10	8 14 8	2 6					8 17 2	8 7
Bournemouth..	100	196 15 4	1 19 4	33 10 5	1 0 6			1 16 0		36 6 11	7 3
Brighton .....	54	103 12 7	1 18 5	20 16 3						20 16 3	7 8
Bristol .....	151	269 15 2	1 15 9	58 8 10	1 0 9					59 9 7	7 11
Cambridge .....	30	41 7 0	1 7 7	6 10 1						6 10 1	4 4
Chelmsford .....	24	81 12 1	3 8 0	16 16 1	7 0					17 3 1	14 4
Cheltenham .....	37	89 9 10	2 8 4	17 17 1	1 4 2					19 1 3	10 4
Chiswick .....	68	156 1 3	2 5 11	21 5 5						21 5 5	6 3
Clacton .....	23	24 3 11	1 1 0	2 3 9						2 3 9	1 11
Clapham .....	56	48 2 10	17 2	13 5 10						13 5 10	4 9
Colchester .....	25	26 10 7	1 2 3	5 11 3						5 11 3	4 5
Croscombe .....	29	46 5 6	1 11 11	10 13 0	15 0					11 8 0	7 10
Croydon .....	39	31 1 3	15 11	8 13 2						8 13 2	4 9
Ealing .....	67	130 4 10	1 18 11	19 5 5	2 0 9					21 6 2	6 4
Edmonton .....	56	80 6 9	1 8 8	14 4 6	2 8 4					16 12 10	5 11
Enfield .....	15	23 3 11	1 10 11	5 13 10						5 13 10	7 7
Exeter .....	32	76 6 11	2 7 9	16 5 6	3 0					16 8 6	10 3
Folkestone .....	33	22 8 3	13 9	2 11 4					5 0	2 16 4	1 8
Forest Gate .....	33	33 7 5	1 0 3	10 16 4						10 16 4	6 7
Gillingham .....	10	40 10 0	4 1 0	9 19 1						9 19 1	19 10
Hastings .....	22	49 17 3	2 5 4	8 1 8						8 1 8	7 4
H. Wycombe .....	20	43 2 0	2 3 2	13 6 8						13 6 8	13 4
Holloway .....	163	276 16 10	1 14 0	37 16 3	1 3 9					39 0 0	4 9
Ilford .....	59	106 16 5	1 16 3	22 10 8	1 4 2					23 14 10	8 1
Ipswich .....	32	34 18 3	1 1 10	7 7 4						7 7 4	4 7
Lewisham .....	62	99 4 1	1 12 0	18 3 3			50 0 0			68 3 3	1 1 0
Lowestoft .....	47	32 15 10	13 11	5 13 0						5 13 0	2 5
Luton .....	25	86 9 0	3 9 2	26 10 9	10 11					27 1 8	1 1 8
Norwich .....	47	73 18 9	1 11 6	11 6 5	17 0					12 3 5	5 2
Plymouth .....	74	280 1 3	3 15 8	45 1 7	2 10 3			1 0 0	10 0	49 1 10	13 3
Portsmouth .....	44	154 18 7	3 10 5	25 15 5	7 10					26 3 3	11 11
Reading .....	60	130 6 10	2 3 5	27 13 11	1 15 9					29 9 8	9 10
Richmond .....	25	74 12 11	2 19 9	10 13 7						10 13 7	8 7
Romford .....	35	58 17 4	1 13 8	7 17 5					12 0	8 9 5	4 10
Slough .....	23	75 2 3	3 5 4	13 6 0						13 6 0	11 7
Southampton .....	53	111 11 10	2 2 1	21 16 10	1 0 0					22 16 10	8 7
Southend .....	54	88 14 2	1 12 10	17 10 8	11 7			3 7 3		21 9 6	7 11
Southstoke .....	9	15 4 5	1 13 10	6 16 6						6 16 6	15 2
Stanbor'h Park .....	417	954 5 3	2 5 9	201 10 0	18 15 6					220 6 6	10 7
Taunton .....	30	31 12 0	1 1 1	8 9 5						8 9 5	5 8
Torquay .....	48	77 15 3	1 12 5	22 6 7	10 0			1 17 4		24 13 11	10 8
Walthamstow .....	55	123 11 1	2 4 11	51 16 11	1 5 8					53 2 7	19 4
Watford .....	59	167 14 1	2 16 10	25 8 6	2 5 11			1 10 0		29 4 5	9 11
Wembley .....	49	94 15 10	1 18 8	17 5 3				1 18 0		19 1 3	7 10
Wimbledon .....	105	227 7 9	2 3 3	44 4 6	2 4 7					46 9 1	8 10
Wood Green .....	81	135 8 0	1 13 5	20 2 6	10 7					20 13 1	5 1
Yarmouth .....	36	14 13 3	8 2	6 12 5						6 12 5	3 8
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Brentwood .....	10	28 15 8	2 17 7	5 7 4	1 6 0					6 13 4	13 4
Dereham .....	6	9 5 8	1 10 11	2 8 5						2 8 5	8 1
Eastbourne .....	5	8 0 0	1 12 0								
Ely .....	8	13 9 9	1 13 9	6 7 0						6 7 0	15 10
Ferndown .....	5	9 14 7	1 18 11	1 2 3						1 2 3	4 5
Gloucester .....	19	35 3 5	1 17 0	9 11 5						9 11 5	10 1
Leatherh'd .....	8	18 0 10	2 5 1	3 5 5						3 5 5	8 2
Medstead .....	12	23 6 0	1 18 10	10 7 8						10 7 8	17 4
Rye .....	7	16 7 5	2 6 9	5 3 8						5 3 8	14 10
Salisbury .....	15	17 5 1	1 3 0	9 15 4					1 0 0	10 15 4	14 4
St. Austell .....	7	13 12 0	1 18 10	4 2 0						4 2 0	11 8
St. Maby'n .....	8	20 4 9	2 10 7	7 1 9						7 1 9	17 9
Swindon .....	10	12 16 6	1 5 8	6 4 2						6 4 2	12 5
Wes'n/Br'n .....	6	9 4 3	1 10 8	8 15 6						8 15 6	1 9 3
Weymouth .....	11	13 8 11	1 4 5	1 8 10					2 6	1 11 4	2 10
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Cardiff .....	72	135 17 6	1 17 9	29 13 1	2 0 0					31 13 1	8 10
Hereford .....	12	34 6 10	2 17 3	10 8 2						10 8 2	17 4
Newport Mon. .....	83	150 7 3	1 16 3	26 2 11	3 10 0				5 0 0	34 12 11	8 4
Porth .....	7	11 12 6	1 13 3	3 5 7						3 5 7	9 4
Swansea .....	32	51 17 9	1 12 5	16 11 11						16 11 11	10 4
Companies { Aberdare .....	11	17 18 8	1 12 7	3 14 8						3 14 8	6 9
Caerphilly .....	16	21 10 9	1 6 11	5 0 3						5 0 3	6 3
Gelligaer .....	12	36 1 10	3 0 2	6 18 0					6 5	7 4 5	12 0
Llanelly .....	10	8 13 6	17 4	5 2 6						5 2 6	10 3
Rhos .....	8	8 6 0	1 0 9	4 2 0						4 2 0	10 3
Rhyl .....	26	88 14 11	3 8 3	12 9 2		4 3 6			1 10 0	18 2 8	13 11
Shrewsb'ry .....	12	20 12 2	1 14 4	2 18 10						2 18 10	4 11
Isolated .....	119	228 1 3	1 18 4	24 13 1			5 0 0		2 7 0	32 0 1	5 5
<b>Totals 1943</b> .....	<b>453</b>	<b>306 13 8</b>	<b>2 0 0</b>	<b>167 4 10</b>	<b>5 10 0</b>	<b>4 3 6</b>	<b>5 0 0</b>		<b>9 3 5</b>	<b>191 1 9</b>	<b>8 5</b>
<b>Totals 1942</b> .....	<b>465</b>	<b>780 14 4</b>	<b>1 13 7</b>	<b>151 11 3</b>	<b>3 10 11</b>			<b>6 0</b>	<b>3 0</b>	<b>155 11 2</b>	<b>6 8</b>
<b>Increase</b> .....	<b>-12</b>	<b>125 19 4</b>	<b>6 5</b>	<b>15 13 7</b>	<b>1 19 1</b>	<b>4 3 6</b>	<b>5 0 0</b>	<b>-6 0</b>	<b>9 0 5</b>	<b>35 10 7</b>	<b>1 9</b>

**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 S.	55	113 7 2	2 1 2	18 0 2	13 9					18 13 11	6 9
Bradford	39	202 10 5	5 3 10	9 3 8	16 7					10 0 3	5 1
Coventry	63	203 1 3	3 4 5	29 15 0						29 15 0	9 5
Darlington	26	50 3 9	1 18 7	7 6 11	12 8					7 19 7	6 1
Derby	52	150 19 11	2 18 1	19 19 0	2 4 2					21 14 2	8 4
Grimby	13	40 18 6	3 3 0	6 9 9	7 8					6 17 5	10 6
Handsworth	66	149 7 2	2 5 3	23 11 7	1 1 8					24 13 3	7 5
Hull	102	166 14 3	1 12 8	41 0 10	5 4					41 6 2	8 1
Kettering	42	58 16 7	1 8 1	24 1 4	17 9					24 19 1	11 10
Leeds	74	138 4 0	1 17 4	17 8 0	11 0					17 19 0	4 10
Leicester	49	148 19 3	3 0 9	56 15 4	1 1 9					57 17 1	1 3 7
Lincoln	13	32 14 2	2 10 3	5 19 7						5 19 7	9 2
Liverpool	65	113 1 2	1 14 9	13 10 2	17 2					14 7 4	4 2
Manchester	72	119 19 2	1 13 3	23 9 6	2 1 6					25 11 0	8 0
Mid'brough	36	37 6 2	1 0 8	10 18 6						10 18 6	6 1
Newbold	132	164 14 9	1 4 11	45 18 9	1 4 1					47 2 10	7 1
Newcastle	100	140 5 0	1 8 0	35 6 5				2 0		35 8 5	6 8
Nottingham	87	162 1 11	1 17 3	36 8 5	3 1 10					39 10 3	9 1
Rotherham	37	55 0 9	1 9 9	7 8 11						7 8 11	4 0
Rushden	12	43 11 3	3 12 8	3 14 0	3 0					3 17 0	6 5
Sheffield	45	102 19 9	2 5 9	8 0 4	2 0 0					10 0 4	4 5
Shields	17	25 9 6	1 9 11	4 1 9						4 1 9	4 9
Stockport	21	48 5 5	2 5 11	5 5 9	7 3					5 13 0	5 4
Stoke	37	97 4 0	2 13 7	11 17 8	1 1 4					12 19 0	7 0
Stretford	44	48 19 5	1 2 3	6 13 6						6 13 6	3 0
Stretton	33	55 2 0	1 13 4	18 17 8	16 8					19 14 4	11 11
Wakefield	20	69 2 1	3 9 1	6 17 7						6 17 7	6 10
Wellingboro	13	17 7 3	1 6 8	3 7 10						3 7 10	5 2
Wolverha'pton	16	28 2 9	1 15 2	9 11 1						9 11 1	11 11
Worcester	20	32 3 0	1 12 1	9 16 4						9 16 4	9 9
York	39	83 8 0	2 2 9	20 17 11						20 17 11	10 10
Barnsley	38	46 12 6	1 4 6	6 6 8						6 6 8	3 4
Beeston	8	21 6 7	2 13 5	7 5 3						7 5 3	18 1
Blackburn	11	7 6 3	13 5	1 10 6						1 10 6	2 9
Bromsg've	6	4 19 0	16 6	3 12 2						3 12 2	12 0
Denton	23	63 12 10	2 15 4	12 3 1						12 3 1	10 6
Fotherby	9	8 13 0	19 2	7 12 4						7 12 4	16 11
Kid'minstr.	5	10 3 4	2 0 8	1 14 1						1 14 1	6 9
Killamarsh	8	20 13 1	2 11 7	8 3 0						8 3 0	1 0 4
Mansfield	10	32 13 7	3 5 4	7 4 4						7 4 4	14 5
Northa'ton	21	23 3 2	1 2 0	6 11 8						6 11 8	6 3
Rochdale	20	33 6 11	1 8 1	8 7 11						8 7 11	8 4
Scarbro'	21	38 6 6	1 16 6	22 6 7						22 6 7	1 1 3
Skegness	9	10 18 4	1 4 3	3 12 8						3 12 8	8 0
Stockton	9	4 3 1	9 2	1 16 8						1 16 8	4 0
Sutton	16	28 4 5	1 15 0	7 13 4	2 10 0					10 3 4	12 9
Ulverston	10	28 12 3	2 17 2	3 10 0						3 10 0	7 0
Wallasey	17	63 17 5	3 15 0	13 17 5	4 9 10					18 7 3	1 1 9
Peterb'gh	6	4 3 0	13 10	2 11 5						2 11 5	8 6
B'ham C.	32										
Isolated	247	624 5 0	2 10 6	29 17 0				6 13 8	12 10 4	49 1 0	4 0
Totals 1943	1966	3975 0 0	2 0 5	697 0 4	27 5 0			6 13 8	12 12 4	743 11 4	7 6
Totals 1942	1879	3293 10 9	1 15 0	634 18 5	21 19 1	2 0 0	10 0	1 13 0	1 18 0	662 8 6	7 0
Increase	87	681 9 3	5 5	62 1 11	5 5 11	-2 0 0	-10 0	5 0 8	10 14 4	81 2 10	6

**IRISH MISSION**

Belfast	71	273 5 5	3 17 0	66 19 9	1 16 5	2 0 0		5 0 0		75 16 2	1 1 4
Dublin	25	52 11 2	2 2 1	15 3 5	1 3 11					16 7 4	13 1
Kilmoyle	12	14 17 6	1 4 9	2 19 6	17 7					3 17 1	6 5
Co. Larne	6	13 18 6	2 6 5	7 0 0						7 0 0	1 3 4
Londonderry	10	9 11 0	19 1	5 1 3	6 8					5 7 11	10 10
Shankill	25	39 0 7	1 11 3	8 6 8						8 6 8	6 8
Isolated	55	72 13 10	1 6 5	2 14 0				1 8 6	3 8 0	7 10 6	2 9
Totals 1943	204	475 18 0	2 6 8	108 4 7	4 4 7	2 0 0		6 8 6	3 8 0	124 5 8	12 2
Totals 1942	213	488 8 11	2 5 10	99 16 11	3 13 2	2 0 0		3 5 6	2 0 0	110 15 7	10 5
Increase	-9	-12 10 11	10	8 7 8	11 5			3 3 0	1 8 0	13 10 1	1 9

**SCOTTISH MISSION**

Aberdeen	36	47 9 10	1 6 5	11 1 7	4 4					11 5 11	6 3
Edinburgh	62	139 18 3	2 5 2	37 5 5						37 5 5	12 0
Glasgow	103	366 3 4	3 11 1	41 11 0						41 11 0	8 1
Kirkcaldy	8	25 15 6	3 4 5	3 3 1						3 3 1	7 11
Dundee	22	23 3 7	1 1 1	6 11 0						6 11 0	5 11
Stirling	9	20 15 7	2 6 2	4 6 3						4 6 3	9 7
Isolated	58	166 2 4	2 17 3	13 4 11				1 9 6	5 0	14 19 5	5 2
Totals 1943	298	789 8 5	2 13 0	117 3 3	4 4			1 9 6	5 0	119 2 1	8 0
Totals 1942	313	809 8 6	2 11 9	87 2 2	4 0			1 9 0	1 0 0	89 15 2	5 9
Increase	-15	-20 0 1	1 3	30 1 1	4			6	-15 0	29 6 11	2 3

**UNION TOTALS**

B.U.C.											
Grand Tot. 1943	6105	12763 7 11	2 1 10	2294 1 2	83 9 11	6 3 6	60 0 0	31 7 9	37 2 0	2512 4 4	8 3
Grand Tot. 1942	5942	11490 2 0	1 18 8	1988 8 7	74 19 10	4 0 0	263 10 0	20 11 0	166 2 10	2517 12 3	8 6
Increase	163	1273 5 11	3 2	305 12 7	8 10 1	2 3 6	-203 10 0	10 16 9	-129 0 10	-5 7 11	-3

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### Firstfruits at Bury

THE thrill of the victor who places his standard upon conquered lands cannot be greater than the satisfaction of the soul-winner in an unentered town. To plant the standard of truth where it has never been before brings with it a spiritual pleasure unparalleled in the work of building God's kingdom.

Ten months ago there were no Adventists in Bury. To-day that has been changed. Less than a year ago, in October, 1942, we launched our campaign in that Lancashire industrial town. The black-out conditions certainly affected the attendances, but we were greatly encouraged to see the same people coming back each night of the effort. Soon we commenced a week-night service which from the first was successful. Then, because of the number of interested children who attended the services, we decided to conduct a special service for them. For this the parents were very grateful: and later it helped to win some to the truth as well as the children.

When the testing truths came, it naturally brought our work to a crisis. And while many could not bring their lives into conformity with the Bible's special demands, others stayed to hear more. It was the church in embryo: and as we watched our infant grow, we marvelled at the power of the truth as it gripped the hearts.

We knew the hard, uncongenial home circumstances that faced many of the people; we understood the opposition. Our Bible instructors, with loving sympathy, were able to help more than they knew. Together we thrashed out their varied problems, and we wrestled with their difficulties. How the devil worked to prevent the forming of a company! How strange that the ministers should be so solicitous over their flock

at such a time as this. Why did one particular accident coincide with the holding of our meetings? And house-hunting, after so many years—why should it occur at a critical period of our work? What tied a very promising candidate to sick nursing? We nearly despaired over obstacles beyond our control. But prayer triumphed: difficulties dissolved.

At last the day dawned for which we had worked, hoped, and prayed—Sabbath, July 31st—the day of the baptism. What a joy it was to watch the loyal witness of twelve dear souls who took their stand for the truth, ten of whom went through the waters of baptism.

The visit of our president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, was greatly ap-

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## At Rest

H. D. Clarke

BROTHER H. D. CLARKE passed to his rest at the home of Mrs. Mosley of Winterbourne, near Bristol, on August 4, 1943, at the age of sixty-six. He had been in better health of late, but was suddenly overtaken with an attack of gastric influenza, and died after a few days illness.

Brother Clarke connected with the Advent cause in Bath over forty-six years ago, having accepted the message during the latter period of J. S. Washburn's ministry in that city. For some ten or twelve years he laboured as a colporteur. Then he connected with the South England Conference as treasurer. In 1912 he was called to headquarters and served as Union treasurer for a period of sixteen years. Strict integrity and faithfulness to duty characterized the service of our brother throughout the whole of these years of labour.

On Monday, August 9th, relatives and friends assembled in the home of Sister Mosley, where a brief service was conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, and our dear brother was laid to rest in All Saints Churchyard, Winterbourne Down, until the Life-giver shall call him to his reward.

Our sympathies go out to the four members of the family; David, Gordon, Gweneth, and Grace who for many years has laboured in East Africa and is still giving consecrated service to the Lord in that far-away field. J. HARKER.

preciated. His words of good cheer and encouragement were a source of inspiration to the many friends who had gathered to witness the most joyful of all services. For the measure of success that has attended our work in Bury, much credit is due to the faithful visiting and instruction of Sister I. Himsworth and Sister M. Brooks, whose untiring ministry through the long winter months helped so much to the establishing of the people in present truth.

JOHN C. FRENCH

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## Wedding Bells

SMITH-GEAL.—In January last two new converts were added to the Hastings church by baptism, and on Sabbath, July 31, 1943, one of them, Brother Ernest Bernard Smith (from Canada) was united in marriage with one of the oldest members in Hastings, Sister Alice Geal. Brother Arthur Metzner presided at the organ. Pastor G. R. Bell solemnized the ceremony, giving timely counsel from the Word. The presence of the Saviour, as at the marriage feast at Cana, was in the midst. The local elder gave them the good wishes of the members. The closing hymn, "O Perfect Love," seemed to give the benediction of all the members present.

CHURCH CLERK.

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THE South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe, £1., from Sandwich.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
Sept. 17th	7.13	7.18	7.25	7.28	7.38
Sept. 24th	6.56	7.01	7.09	7.10	7.20

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