

Studies in the Life of the Church

WHEN men come together with a common desire and belief in their hearts, they want their corporate affairs attended to by men and women of ability and high repute. Of no part of church life is this more true than the financial. Religious people are careful in money matters and they do not feel strengthened in confidence if their duly elected treasurer is careless or questionable. He, or she, must therefore regard the money side of church life as a most sacred affair.

God entrusts means to us and claims one-tenth as His. Beyond this, we all give offerings and special gifts. Every penny of this money is the Lord's, given for the dissemination of the Gospel. (See *Acts of the Apostles*, page 74.)

BUSINESSLIKE EFFICIENCY

Now the handling of God's money is certainly not less important than the handling of business funds, nor should it be done in a less efficient manner.

Our members use a small provided envelope in which to place their tithe and offerings, with their names and amounts on the outside. In this way no confusion is caused by handling loose cash on the Sabbath, and also no mistakes are likely to occur. These envelopes are preserved by the treasurer, so that the auditor checks them against amounts entered in the receipt books.

A special book is supplied in which is entered every item from

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the small receipt books used universally by our treasurers. Every gift or tithe amount given to the treasurer must be receipted. Even if a member asks that a gift be anonymous, a receipt should be made out and left in the receipt book if the donor will not take it.

It is imperative that a treasurer should know how to keep absolute confidence about all financial transactions with members.

A bank account in the name of the church should be opened by the treasurer. Church funds must not be handled through a personal bank account.

All the church funds ultimately pass through the treasurer's hands, and each year his books are carefully audited. The solitary exception is that under the House-to-House Collections Act, 1939, our Ingathering Campaign is now organized by a specially selected person known as the local agent. In many instances the church treasurer is also the local agent.

OTHER MONIES

Other officers who handle funds are the head deacon, the Sabbath-school secretary, the Home Missionary secretary and the M. V. secretary, but these are

only handled in the first instance and then passed over to the treasurer who should issue receipts to officers concerned.

It needs emphasizing, that when collections of any kind are being counted there should be two officers present to do this work.

All money paid out by the treasurer should be covered by receipts from business firms, or by signatures in a cash book if paid to other officers, such as deacons for items authorized by the board, etc.

Church funds must on no account be lent by the treasurer to any person whatsoever. Nor should the books of the treasurer be seen by any outside the conference officers, the pastor, or the elder.

Monthly reports are sent to the conference treasurer, accompanied by a remittance.

When all these safeguards are followed our members can have utmost confidence in their officers, which is the state that should exist in every church. Trustworthy, discreet, business-like treasurers can do much to encourage greater faithfulness in tithes and offerings. Thus a good treasurer joins in the general evangelistic work of preachers, elders, and officers, and builds up God's church by sound and sure, if less spectacular, work for the Master.

Note.—The work of the church treasurer is referred to in the *Church Manual*, pages 36-39.

Notes from the Union President

IN MISSION LANDS

FROM private letters and church papers a few items of interest respecting our work in East and West Africa have been collected for the information of our people.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Clifford have spent an enjoyable furlough in South Africa, and are once again in service on the Gold Coast. Brother Clifford states that they "are grateful to God for journeying mercies, especially when we knew that the sister ship, going in the opposite direction . . . had been sunk in the South Atlantic during the same month." A short article on Pastor Clifford's visit to the Ivory Coast will reach our people at an early date.

The newly organized East African Union Mission is now functioning fully, despite a certain shortage of workers. The superintendent is Pastor H. M. Sparrow, the secretary-treasurer is Brother C. T. Bannister of England, both being located at Kisumu, Kenya Colony.

Pastor F. H. Thomas is now the superintendent of the Tanganyika Mission with Pastor H. Robson as secretary-treasurer, their headquarters being at Musoma.

Pastor G. A. Lewis is the superintendent of the Uganda Mission, and Miss M. Sachs of Estonia, the secretary-treasurer, with headquarters at Kampala.

Pastor E. W. Pedersen of Norway, known to many people in England, is departmental secretary for the whole Union.

Pastor H. M. Sparrow reports that he recently visited the eastern part of the Kenya field and met Pastor and Mrs. W. Raitt of the Changanwe Mission, near Mombasa.

Pastor Sparrow also visited Mr. and Mrs. Swaine, another British family, in Central Kenya, seven miles out of Nairobi.

Pastor C. M. Murdoch has recently been moved to Gendia Mission, and is in charge of the work there.

Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Kotz have come back from America and have returned to their old place

at the Ntusu Mission, Tanganyika.

We are sure our members will remember all these and the other workers in their prayers, particularly in view of the isolation and other perplexities brought on our workers under war conditions.

PUBLIC EVANGELISM

AT this season certain public evangelistic campaigns are beginning, and the church must exercise itself prayerfully in behalf of this great branch of soul-saving work. There should in a week or two be about twelve campaigns of a special nature in progress, as well as a number of smaller ones. Still others would have begun but for the great difficulties of finding homes for workers in certain places. These and associated matters should be the subject of constant and earnest prayer, in the assurance that the salvation of souls is the one thing in the world in which heaven is supremely interested.

"Christ's work in behalf of man is not finished. It continues today. In like manner His ambassadors are to preach the Gospel and to reveal His pitying love for lost and perishing souls. . . . God calls for thousands to work for Him, not by preaching to those who know the truth for this time, but by warning those who have never heard the last message of mercy."—*Counsels on Health*.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

FOR the convenience mainly of our men in the Allied forces we are printing a small number of church directories. Where changes have taken place in addresses or times of service since the last directory appeared in this paper, they should be notified by clerks or workers to conference or Union offices at once. Otherwise your church may be incorrectly listed.

WARNING

THREE cases are before me in which churchmembers have lent money to a soldier, only to find they have been defrauded. No soldier in any nation needs to borrow money from strangers. Do not, however plausible the man, and distressing the story, be foolish enough to part with your money. If necessary, ask for the man's

name and address and communicate with the writer.

The three cases all centre in a man in the uniform of a British colonial regiment.

H. W. LOWE.

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Notes from the President

WE are trying hard to open the work in a particularly large area. The evangelist has been searching for a place to live. The following advertisement for a house which I have personally taken from the latest local paper illustrates the housing problem in this area:

"FOOTSORE and weary looking for a house. Will buy. Two or three bedrooms. Any district. Please reply. Urgent."

We must pray that God will help our evangelists to overcome the housing obstacle for:

"Advance we must, though the Red Sea be before us, and impassible mountains on either side."

ORGANIZATIONS

LAST Sabbath nine members in Lancaster and twenty-two members in Morecambe were organized. A short time ago neither of these towns had heard an Adventist preacher. Until Pastor W. Maudsley and his assistants entered the district, there were no members in either town. Perhaps it is reverting to the days of ancient Israel, but we do feel a special joy as "first-fruits" are offered to God in new towns. As Paul said, "I strive to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: . . . and they that have not heard shall understand." Rom. 15:20-23.

BEWARE

ONCE again two men—one coloured — travelling separately, and saying they are members, are calling on church officers and members and receiving help in cash and kind. Their favourite plan is to borrow £1, which they promise faithfully to pay back on

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the following Sabbath. Needless to say, they then disappear!

NOMINATING COMMITTEES

WE hope every member in North England is reading the front-page articles by the Union president on, "Studies on the Life of the Church." We all ought to be interested in the officers of the church, to whom will be committed the spiritual welfare of 2,000 members and scores of young people and children who are not yet members. Pray earnestly that the nominating committees, under the guidance of God, will call "every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it." Exod. 36:2.

CHURCH ROLLS

IT is a most important responsibility of the church to keep the church rolls up to date. To keep names on the roll of those who have obviously apostatized lowers the standard of the church and gives the impression that membership is not very important, whereas it is a matter of the greatest importance to be a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

A GREAT WORK

WITHOUT counting the densely populated areas, such as Birmingham and Manchester, there are still more than twenty towns in North England with a population of over 50,000—some over 100,000—in which an Adventist evangelist has never conducted a campaign.

There are literally hundreds of places with smaller populations awaiting the call.

It is amazing, in the light of these facts, that we still receive telephone calls and letters from churches asking for a minister, or requesting that a minister should not be moved.

We hope that each church and company will appoint a local elder or leader for 1944, and free the ministry for evangelistic service except for district leadership. More and more the remaining work in the entered towns must be finished under the leadership of the Home Missionary Department. That is *the* reason for its existence.

"To every one who offers him-

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self to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 30.

Those who will not attend church unless a minister takes the service, and those who do not remain faithful unless frequently visited by a minister, have not developed the type of character which will enable them "to stand" when the Lord comes. We admire the faithfulness of the isolated who in their isolation are true to God and are doing their utmost to advance His kingdom in their neighbourhood. R. S. JOYCE.

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Notes from the President

CONSTANTLY the privilege of evangelism is with us. Until Jesus comes it will be our mission to make known the good news of His salvation. Every member—not merely every minister—is called to evangelism.

More and more we thank God for the faithful band of men and women who are called to give their whole time and talents to evangelism. This is surely the highest privilege that can come to any individual, but more and more we realize that the work of evangelism is the work of the whole church membership. Here we would pay tribute to the sixty lay-preachers who are doing such good service throughout South England week by week. The main task of the church—that of carrying the message throughout our territory—would be doubly difficult without this valiant and valuable help.

We also pray constantly for our gallant colporteur-evangelists who are continually "putting over the barrage of books" which means so much in preparing the ground for the "onslaught" of direct evangelistic forces!

We also receive repeated evidence of the winning witness of our faithful members throughout

the church. Every member who lives a consistent Christian life, who is ready to speak a word in season and to co-operate in the programme of the church, is making an inestimable contribution to the work of evangelism.

As the result of this co-operative witness and work on the part of the whole church, around two hundred new believers were added in South England during the evangelistic year that has just closed. For these souls we thankfully praise the Lord, for He knows "how hardly souls are wooed and won." In these days we are learning hard lessons in evangelistic service, but this experience will mean much to us in the grand finishing days that lie just ahead.

MOVEMENT OF WORKERS

IT would be much easier not to move another worker till the war ends, but we cannot succumb to such a stagnating suggestion if progress is to be maintained. Therefore, the conference committee continues to vote the movement of workers into new locations in order that the work of evangelism might proceed. Unfortunately, owing to the extraordinary housing conditions now prevailing, the moves do not always materialize, and often need to be reviewed in the light of the circumstances of particular towns and districts. In some instances, after months of searching (and sighing) for a house for our worker, proposed moves have to be re-considered and rescinded. However, in spite of these frustrations, the movement of workers in South England continues where the needs and possibilities of evangelism direct.

Recently we have been glad to welcome Pastor J. G. Bevan, who is now located in Torquay, caring for the East Devon district. Miss C. Richards, a new-comer, joins Pastor Bevan as Bible-worker.

Pastor A. J. Mustard has moved to the North London area for aggressive evangelistic work in the Walthamstow and Holloway districts. Brother D. J. Dunnett, along with Miss M. Dando, will be the associate workers.

Brother O. H. Rosier has been moved to Brighton to be associated with Pastor G. R. Bell in
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Literature Day

Sowing the Seed in the North

What a privilege it is in these days to be a "messenger of the Lord." The colporteur labours conscious of his inability to complete the work in himself, but having a burden for every soul he meets, recognizing that they are all potential converts to the truth.

During this year I have been enabled to place 406 copies of *The Bible Speaks* in hotels, public houses etc., in Leeds and district, and from them have received no less than nine later inquiries from acquaintances of customers, all of whom have taken a copy.

A letter from the Press reads: "Evidently Lady—was staying at the hotel at the time you placed the book. She made inquiries here at the office, and as a result ordered a copy for a friend at a Scottish address, and a copy for herself."

Upon inquiry at another hotel I was told that the proprietor was ill in bed, but if my visit was of personal importance I might see him. After a little talk he assured me he was a believer, and I had no difficulty in placing a copy in the best binding.

Some weeks after I was in another hotel nearly four miles away. As soon as I produced the book, he said: "Yes, I will have one of the best." He went away and returned with the full payment, though I had not mentioned the price. I inquired how he knew, and he said, "You sold one to ——" mentioning the sick man. "I saw it there, and he prizes it very much."

Some time before I had called, a priest had approached this gentleman for the use of his hotel for Sunday mass, and had sought very hard to win the proprietor over to the Catholic faith. Following my visit he told the priest of my call, and showed him the copy of *The Bible Speaks*. As soon as he saw the publishers, he put it down saying that it was all error. The

purchaser, having by this time read much of its contents, and, as he said, remembering the gentlemanly way in which it had been placed, remarked to the priest: "Had I read this book before giving you my word for the use of my lounge, you would not have got it. I was brought up a Protestant, and this has re-awakened the truths I firmly held, and shall ever embrace, so please do not approach me any further, beyond what I have already pledged. And as regards being a member with you—Never."

This glorious testimony resulted in another book being placed in the home of his friend.

I have had the opportunity of addressing all the customers in this public house in a ten-minute talk, through which there was dead silence. When I said: "Now for a prayer," every man stood and took off his hat. I also had the opportunity to speak with quite a number afterward.

I sold a book to an old acquaintance a few months ago. He said: "Where are you going next?" I said, "To Mr.——."

He replied: "You will never sell a book of that description to him. See, I will run you over in the car, for I would like to see you do it."

We duly arrived at this man's



premises, and conversation wandered over many topics so that we had to stay for tea. No mention had as yet been made of the book. However, I just prayed and the opening came over the tea table. I took the opportunity, and sold a copy in the best binding, money with order, much to the surprise of my friend.

Please pray for the contacts of the colporteur and for a great enlargement in the circulation of Gospel-filled literature in this dear country of ours.

M. ROE.

Our Books are Prized

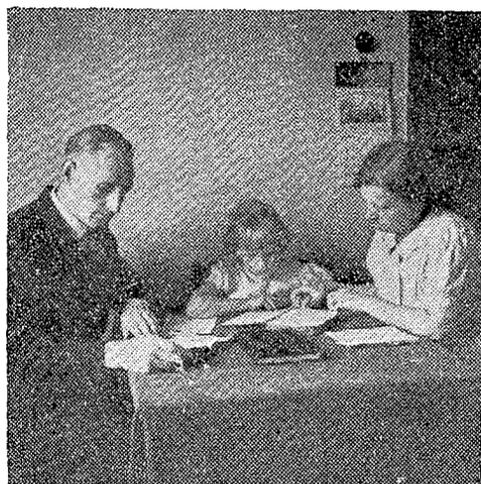
It has been said of Charles Dickens that "he was the Apostle of the People." Certainly Dickens' books teach great lessons of Christian sympathy, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for what he did to elevate human life.

A good book lives long after its author is dead. It is a living voice though the author may be far separated from the reader by space and time.

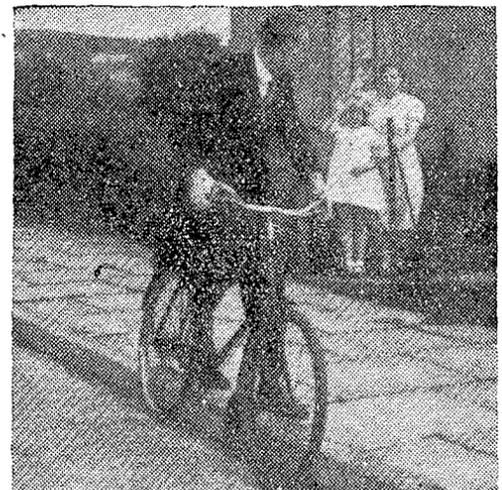
Sister White has been parted

Glimpses into the Life a

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from us for nearly thirty years, but her influence is still powerfully with us. Her name is remembered, too, by men of the world, for often when I am making my visits, one will say to me: "Oh! yes. I have a book something like this by a Mrs. White."

I often think how great a privilege it was when I was offered an opportunity to carry our message to sin-sick souls. I am sure that many, many persons have stepped out of error into the light through the influence of our publications.

A few days ago I was talking with a police officer whom I knew to be a Spiritualist. I explained the value of *The Bible Speaks*, and he immediately asked about the contents. "Is there anything about Spiritualism in it?" he said. "Oh yes," I replied, "plenty."

About a week later this same officer stopped me on the road. I wondered if he was going to take me to task. However he patted me on the back. "Thank you, sir," he said, "for bringing that book to my notice. It is the

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finest twenty-five shillings worth I have ever had in my life."
F. J. KINMAN.

A Double Victory

THE conflicting emotions in those with whom the colporteur comes in contact in the course of his visitations would provide a psychological study of great interest. In the case of the colporteur, watching for souls, it does that and much more. It arouses him to a fever-pitch of prayerful intensity.

To mention but one recent experience. A certain lady expressed interest in *The Bible Speaks*, but felt she could not afford to purchase. From the conversation at intervals in the demonstration it was obvious that her objection was imaginary. However, as I closed the book my gaze rested upon a photograph of a young man in the uniform of the Merchant Navy. A word of inquiry confirmed that this was her son. Then came her story.

He was indifferent to spiritual things. While a loving and faithful son, he lacked the one thing needful. Very carefully I approached the matter of the book again through an appeal based upon her son's great need, and the help such a book undoubtedly could be to him. This point was readily admitted, but even under

such circumstances, the monetary side of the issue weighed heavily.

Her inward struggle lasted more than an hour. Never before had I witnessed anything quite like it, and I prayed inwardly that the devil might not be allowed to defeat either of us. God answered my prayer, for she came at last to a positive decision. It was remarkable then how her whole attitude changed. She had refused my former suggestion that we should pray about the matter, but now gladly accepted the renewed offer. We then asked God to bless the means about to be used to the salvation of the young man.

The mother's burden seemed lifted as I came away rejoicing at the double victory which had been won! May there be a third victory soon in that home!

A. W. HOWARD.

A Spiritual Ministry

"Would you not like to have some other employment," said a friend to me recently. "Certainly not," I replied. The call to service had been too definite. "The just shall live by faith: . . . if any man draw back My soul shall have no pleasure in him."

To me, the work of a missionary colporteur does not simply consist in selling Christian literature, but in accepting every opportunity of service. My second call one morning recently led on to a Bible study. The other afternoon I paid a visit to an infirmary to see someone who knew of my work, but she had passed away. When I went to break the news of the lady's death to a friend I was able to study with her the promises of the Word.

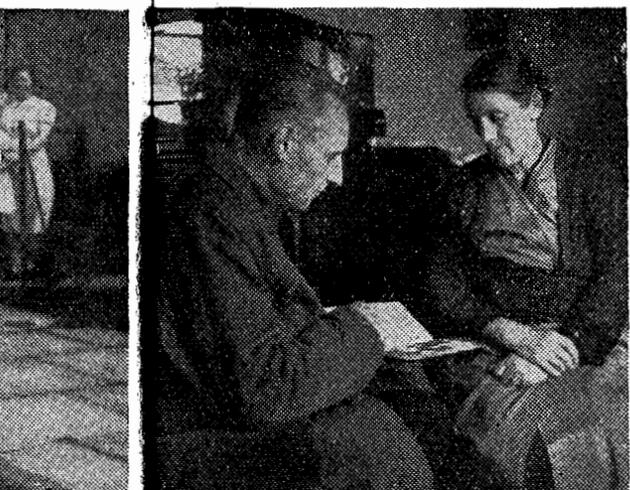
Colporteur work provides hundreds of opportunities of speaking words of comfort to the bereaved, the lonely, the parted, and the misunderstood—of ministry to the needy.

Every colporteur could relate such experiences. He has them daily in the course of his work.

PHILIP W. BOLAM.

Life a Colporteur-Evangelist

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Explaining "The Bible Speaks" to a seeker after truth.



Another book is left to accomplish its God-given mission.

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Our Ministry with Literature

"LITERATURE Ministry!" This story is about a "ministry" into which "literature" came in a wonderful way. Let me explain.

Mrs. Scott was very nice, and the order was obtained without much effort on my part. After a few expressions of goodwill on both sides I left the house. At least, I got as far as the gate, when she called me back. "Have you been to Mrs. Green at the farm just along the lane?" she inquired. "She has a grown-up family and, as far as I know, is a church woman." "Thank you, Mrs. Scott," I replied. "Perhaps I might call while I'm here," and with these words I walked toward my car.

Actually I was off elsewhere to fulfil an appointment. I had noticed this cottage as I drove along, and had decided on the spur of the moment to call. Hence the order, and the suggestion about Mrs. Green.

So again I had a mental debate: "Better get along," I

thought, "Tempus fugit." But some power seemed to be working in my mind and against my will, too.

So I went. The lady came immediately at my knock—elderly, tall, pleasant-looking — and readily invited me in and made me at ease. In due course the prospectus was shown and again the story was told. How I love repeating it. I must have said these sentences hundreds of times yet they are still fresh and full of beauty and hope.

But stop! something was happening. Mrs. Green was weeping, quite unashamedly, and for the first time since I began the demonstration, she spoke:

"How strange that you called this morning. I am so worried and upset. I have been awake all night and just don't know what to do. You are a complete stranger to me, yet I feel that I must confide in someone. I believe God has led you here!"

I thought of my recent impression that some influence was

urging me to call against my natural inclination.

The story was told. A sad and pathetic one. The daughter, unhappily married, going away and leaving two children in the care of a housekeeper. What would become of the children? The husband refused to have them.

Mrs. Green said: "I've prayed to God about it." "Shall we do that now?" I suggest. "Shall we kneel down and ask the Lord to do what we cannot."

So I prayed realizing how much was involved. My prospect uttered every sentence after me, with sobs in her voice.

After we had risen to our feet she said: "How wonderful that you called. Surely you were led here!"

"Yes," I replied, "I was led, most definitely. Every morning, just before I make my first call, I stop my car in a secluded spot and ask the Lord to direct me to the right homes and make my calls of some value and help to the people. The Lord has led me

Left-Behind Ammunition Helps to Win the War

OFTEN in this war soldiers have found good arms and stocks of ammunition left behind by the enemy. They have promptly seized these, and used them against their late owners with telling effect. Thus "left-behind" ammunition is helping to win the war. It might even tip the scales to victory.

Is the army of the church of God neglecting ammunition which has been left behind? There is a shortage of "ammunition" in the form of books and papers, true, but are we using all that is left behind from previous campaigns?

Why not search the church tract-cupboards and see?

The "ammunition supplies" at the Press are by no means wholly exhausted. There will be sufficient, through the good grace of our heavenly Father, to win a glorious victory.

We have now, for instance, good supplies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. Members who wish to sell these magazines should order at once.

There are still supplies of tracts available, too—thirty-five kinds in the *New Campaign Series* and two new magazine-size tracts: *The Sign of Loyalty*, and *The Mystery of Death*. These last can be sold at twopence each, or lent to be returned the following week!

An Hour With Your Bible (1d.) is a concertina style folder showing the important lines of Bible truth.

Christian Sabbath - Keepers (½d.) is a 4-page folder which explains what Adventists are. Both of these are very useful in correspondence.

Many churchmembers could do a good work in lending out

our small books to their neighbours. The Press now has available for this purpose *Steps to Christ*, *Mount of Blessing*, *Signs of Christ's Coming*, and *War of the Worlds*. Members may have others in their own library to add to the list.

Give books for birthday and Christmas presents. This is a much appreciated way of bringing help and inspiration to others. The four books just mentioned are available, and also *Christ Our Saviour*, *Bible Certainties*, and *The Bible Speaks*. The *Morning Watch* is excellent as a Christmas Greeting, and will bring uplift to many a friend who is fighting the good fight at great odds.

Oh, yes, there is still much ammunition available! *We Shall Win the Victory!*

Now—what about it? What shall I do? A. WARREN.

to you, and this shows me that He is mindful of your difficulty."

As I prepared to leave I promised her that my wife and I would call to see her again. I had given no further thought to a sale. Somehow it didn't seem to matter; it seemed of such small importance against the big, apparently unsolvable problem. But as I made to depart, Mrs. Green said again:

"How good of you to call, Mr. Kelly. I feel better already. You are doing a wonderful work. If only more were interested in going into the homes and helping people! Will you be good enough to bring me four of your best leather copies. I'll pay you for them now."

Yes, we who are engaged in literature "ministry" certainly do get a great thrill out of it! Wouldn't you?

C. L. KELLY.

Colportage in Wakefield

THIS is a mining area and has turned out to be fruitful for the colporteur because of the good percentage of religiously-minded people. I want to say that *The Bible Speaks* does appeal to the people here, and it is a great delight to find a number just ready and waiting to give an order.

Just yesterday I had these two experiences.

At one home the lady said, "My husband keeps reading my father's *The Bible Speaks* when we go up each week. You had better bring him the same 30/- binding. Here's the money."

I had called at her home by mistake, having been refused an order by her a fortnight previously. A mistake in the right direction!

At the next call they said: "Oh we have seen my brother's book at Lane End and we will have a leather one, the same as he has purchased. I'll pay you now."

"Can you change my 'red' for a 'leather?' My husband said I should have ordered the best," a lady said two days ago.

"Can you get me an extra leather one?" another said. "My daughter was here from Leicester and upon hearing about it wished me to get her one."

"Mrs. Ward wants one (leather) also," said a lady on Monday this week. "She works so late that you won't see her."

Needless to say, I always let these people have what they want on the spot if possible. Is not God working upon the hearts of the people, creating therein a desire for light?

I have been getting numerous orders without an effort lately in the above manner. There's a reason.

A few weeks ago I heard of a sister church who had bought a building and that there were no men there to paint and decorate it. I offered them a month's help, believing that God—as He always has done—would help me and make it up. That's why the orders are rolling in so easily. Doesn't it pay to make a sacrifice for others.

A wife of a Jehovah's Witness asked me to call on Sunday last, the only time to see him—to have a chat with him on religious teaching. I took my prospectus with me and a copy of *The Bible Speaks*. "It's a waste of time so far as the book is concerned," he said. But colporteur-like, I went on showing the contents. Suddenly his eye noticed one of the home chapters. "I will have one, there's something there that will be of use in our home. I know what I'm doing," he said. He bought it outright. I'm to go again and have studies with him.

I am meeting a number of inquiring minds, too. "What does time, times, and the dividing of time mean?" a man said yesterday. It developed into a good study and I had to write the whole explanation out for him. I promised to go again to see how he enjoyed his "leather" *Bible Speaks*.

I am having studies weekly at present with a Methodist Sunday-school superintendent and a local preacher and am planning several others shortly. Will I be able to spare the time for these in addition to my regular work and the church responsibilities? Why, of course I can. The orders will come in without an effort in reward for our effort to help others. The Lord is a good Paymaster for the service we render unselfishly for Him. H. D. HOWARD.

Student Light-Bearers

WE as a denomination appreciate greatly the work of our regular colporteurs. They have made possible the wide circulation of our literature which to-day amounts to millions of copies of our books and periodicals scattered throughout the world. Do you know that our own colporteurs here in this country during the period January 1, 1918, to September 30, 1943, have placed *Three Million Six Hundred and Thirty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-five* copies of our bound books, large and small, in the homes of the people in the British Union. Beside our books many millions of copies of our periodicals and magazines, not to mention tracts, have also been scattered like the leaves of autumn.

As a people we also appreciate the work that is done by our student "Light-Bearers" during the summer months of each year. They have, and are making, a very useful contribution to this very exceptional effort that is being put forth.

Despite the very meagre quota of thirty-seven and one-half per cent of our pre-war tonnage of book paper allowed by the Paper Control, the publishing house agreed to offer each student who went into the colporteur work this summer £95 worth of medium and large books. This figure would provide a three-quarter scholarship and sufficient to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred during the summer.

During these war years the enrolment at the College has not been so large as usual and also the students are almost all under eighteen. We therefore felt very anxious when twenty-five very young men and women set out last May on the great adventure of winning a scholarship.

To our great satisfaction we have the pleasure of announcing that thirteen qualified for three-quarter scholarships and five for half scholarships. They are as follows:

Three-Quarters.—Miss I. Ashley, V. Benefield, D. Dabson, G. Emm, Miss J. Gregory, Miss I. Howard, Miss V. Howard, D. Joyce, H. Kinman, Miss M. Pick-

ering, A. J. Timothy, H. Vigors, Miss J. Whiting.

Half-Scholarship—Miss E. Gregory, C. W. Knowlson, Miss P. Weston, Miss I. Williams, F. Wood.

We wish them God's richest blessing during the current school year.
J. C. CRAVEN.

Irish Mission

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Superintendent's Notes

IN *Christ's Object Lessons* we read on page 280: "Those who refuse to co-operate with God on earth would not co-operate with Him in heaven."

The reason why our Ingathering was such a success this year was because every one was desirous of co-operating. I believe that when all our Ingathering money is in that the North Irish Mission will have led the world per capita. Our members in the Free State unfortunately are not allowed to collect. We often think in terms of the workers, but all have been workers this year. I wish to thank you all very much.

Soon we are hoping to have four campaigns in progress. Brother Dougherty is now located in Portadown and hopes to run meetings in Gilford, Tandragee, and Portadown. Brother Bell expects to commence in the Shankill area, and Brother Cowley will commence in one of the suburbs of Belfast. Let us pray for these young workers that God will give them encouraging experiences. Pastor Zins is working away in Derry, contacting new people. Pastor Vine is getting his bearings in Dublin.

Sister Murphy, who fell recently and broke her leg is making excellent progress. We regret to announce the death of Sister McAfee of Ballybogey, who has suffered for quite a long time. She had nearly lived her three-score years and ten. She was always kind, gave all workers a hearty welcome, and was very generous. Let us remember Brother McAfee in our prayers.

E. E. CRAVEN.

South England Conference President's Notes

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the promising campaign now proceeding at Brighton.

Brother E. Cox is now located at Portsmouth and will begin evangelistic work in new districts in Hampshire with Miss G. M. Brookes as Bible-worker.

Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories Series Twenty

THE new issue of *Bedtime Stories*, Series 20, is now ready, but because of the shortage of paper its sale will be confined to the regular colporteurs this year.

We regret very much that we are not able to supply other members for resale, because we greatly appreciate that which their willing hands have done so cheerfully in times past. We hope it will not be long before paper is more plentiful, so that we can supply all the calls that are made for these little books.

If members simply wish to have one or two copies to be used as presents to friends or relatives, we can supply these. We are, however, not issuing the usual paper-covered edition, but have prepared a cloth-bound edition, selling at 3/- per copy, with the usual members' discount.

We have now stocks sufficient to fill orders to be used for this purpose. Order through your Home Missionary secretary or direct from:

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Brother E. Ashton is now settled in the Clacton and Colchester district, and Pastor F. C. Bailey, happily recovering from a long sickness, is taking up work in Ipswich and Felixstowe.

MISSING MEMBERS

THIS does not refer to our Sabbath-school enrolment, but to members of our churches who move and whose addresses are not passed on in the sudden changes which are made under war conditions. Will church clerks please endeavour to notify the conference office as soon as possible when members are evacuated or join the Forces, and send the new address.

We have recently been trying to trace Miss Newman of Exeter, who was baptized in 1939 and who joined the nursing section of the A.T.S. in 1942. Information concerning this young lady's whereabouts would be helpful to us, and to her, we believe. Incidentally, members could help a great deal by informing church clerks of any change of address as soon as it takes place.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE first nine months of 1943 have been the most remarkable we have ever experienced in financial returns. The tithe income is £3,000 in advance of 1942, and the missions offerings, apart from Ingathering reveal an increase of £809 for the same period. Of course, "there is more money about," but we are also confident that "there is more faith about" in God's church, and because of this we take heart and press on.

G. D. KING.

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WANTED, girl under eighteen for light work. Sabbath privileges. Apply or write to: A. L. Huguenin, 96 Hatton Gardens, London, E.C.1.

WANTED, by widowed sister, position as companion-help or housekeeper in S.D.A. home. Good needle-woman. London preferred, but not essential. Write: J.H.P., 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

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