

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Studies in the Life of the Church

THE order in which this short series has appeared is not significant, since the church's teachings stand as a whole and not as independent parts. We have a purpose, however, in leaving a discussion of money and religion till the last.

So many people pretend to believe that money and religion do not go together, that we hesitate to fall willing victims to their criticism by putting money in the forefront, where it obviously does not belong. We must, however, be frank and factual in this as in all things. The facts that money talks too much in this mercenary age, that men sell their souls for filthy lucre, that men lie about money almost more than about anything else, that even Christians who are otherwise good are often terribly mean over money matters—these things cannot be legitimate reasons for separating a man's money from his religion. Rather are they reasons why a man's religion must govern his attitude to money.

If you sat down to read the New Testament through, noting down the subjects Christ dealt with in His teaching, you would probably agree with Hugh Martin in his book, *Christ and Money*, page 26: "The late Principal Denney is reported to have declared that more is said about money in the New Testament than about anything else." Acquiring money, dispersing of riches, covetousness, selfishness, poverty, stewardship, benevolence, formed the subject of much of the Saviour's teaching, for the per-

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ennially sufficient reason that they form much of the main substance of men's earthly lives. Jesus knew that "Money talks. . . . It will tell you wellnigh all you need to know about a man if you know how he gets and spends his money, and what he thinks about it."—*Idem*, page 11.

It must be obvious, therefore, that an organized church on biblical lines must have well-founded principles regarding its corporate acquirement and disbursement of money. The sins which in this connection afflict individuals can also curse a church that is wrongly financed.

We Adventists have gone beyond the general principle of benevolence followed by many Christian bodies. We early adopted the biblical principle of regarding all our possessions as a stewardship from God, who asks that one-tenth be used for strictly evangelical purposes, and that even of the remainder a portion be devoted to spiritual causes. These principles antedated the Levitical code, for we find Abraham giving a tithe of his possessions to Melchizedek, King of Salem. (Gen. 14:18-20.) This mysterious Melchizedek is said to be greater than the Levitical priests (Heb. 7:1-7), so tithing cannot be dismissed as an inferior

practice in a primitive age. Jacob is another example of the pre-Levite practice of tithe-paying, and he connects it with the contingent care of Jehovah. (Gen. 28:22.) It was Moses who recognized that ability to acquire possessions came from God (Deut. 8:18), even under the rigid Levite code.

No one questions the universality of the tithing principle during the history of Israel. The Israelites were to "truly tithe" all their increase, which was used as a sacred treasure to support the Levites whose sole business it was to superintend the services of God's house and the religious life of the people. (Deut. 14:22; Num. 18:21.)

When our Lord was a worshipper on earth, did He pay His tithe? Well, would anyone imagine Jesus to be hypocritical enough to commend in other Jews a practice He was not carrying out Himself? "These," He said of the Pharisees' tithing of herbs and garden produce, "ought ye to have done." Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42. The only other direct references to the tithe in the New Testament are in Luke 18:9-14, "I give tithes of all that I possess"; and Hebrews 7:1-9 already referred to. Therefore, in the words of a non-Adventist, "Jesus unqualifiedly commended the custom." (Luther E. Lovejoy in *Stewardship for All of Life*, page 98), and we cannot conceive any doubt that our Great Exemplar should fail to practice in His own perfect life what He affirmed was an obligation in others. It

would not be too much to say that if Jesus was a Sabbath-keeper, He was also a tithe-payer; the one is as certain as the other.

Paul certainly upheld the principle of supporting the preachers in "carnal things." (1 Cor. 9:11, 13, 14; 1 Tim. 5:18.) Rather than diminishing the claims of God and religion upon the means entrusted to us, we believe that "the Gospel, extending and widening, required greater provisions to sustain the warfare after the death of Christ, and this made the law of almsgiving a more urgent necessity than under the Hebrew government. Now God requires, not less, but greater gifts than at any other period of the world."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 392.*

The recognition that our money, like our abilities, our opportunities, is a stewardship, is much more than acquiescence in the tithe principle. It governs freewill gifts beyond the tithe, and it regulates the use of everything left for ourselves. It motivates our private, home, and business affairs down to the last detail. This same recognition and carefulness should be seen in the corporate life of the church as in that of every member.

Our system of finance has been described as beautiful in its simplicity and equality (*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 404). It enlarges our hearts as well as our vision. It binds believers of all nations into one family with common beliefs, practices, and needs. It saves us from the paralyzing ravages of covetousness and other deadly sins. It builds up a strong work everywhere; which is not subject to the fluctuating whims of people who give spasmodically, or because of their attachment to persons rather than to principles.

Reviewing the present financial position of many native churches, we find J. Merle Davies acknowledging the soundness of our revenue practices in the April, 1944, issue of the *International Review of Missions*:

"A systematic programme of preaching and instruction of members on the basis and principles of Christian giving and stewardship should be arranged. Ways should be devised for increasing the size of the members' contributions. The average member gift in great num-

bers of churches amounts to less than one and one-half per cent of the income. The use of the tithe should be considered. Those churches that practise tithing, such as the Pentecostals and Adventists, as well as many tithing groups among the older denominational churches, have no problem of self-support."

We know that God has offered His special providence to those who honour Him with their tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10), though we must always remember that these things must be the outward expression of an inwardly and completely surrendered life. We are not saved by adherence to one principle but by complete surrender and obedience through grace to the whole revelation of God's truth.

Notes from the Union President

THE KING'S CALL TO PRAYER

EVERY Seventh-Day Adventist will join earnestly in the King's call to seek God for peace. We can surely pray that bloodshed and suffering may be minimized, and that the forces of tyranny may be overcome, bringing to suffering humanity all over Europe and elsewhere the opportunity to hear the Gospel and to worship God in freedom. Prayers to this end should be offered in our churches as well as in private.

RECORD INGATHERING CONCLUDED

THIS fifth war year produced our best Ingathering Campaign. Our goal was £12,500 but in thirty-one days we had reached £23,000. The record is uniformly good from every conference, mission, and institution. Many fine experiences remain to be told, and, we may hope, many interested people to be visited and won for the truth.

Our Union and conference organizers, together with local agents everywhere, did some fine work, and all our members worked hard under adverse conditions. We thank one and all, and above all, we thank the good Lord that His people were once more willing and devoted in their

efforts for the cause of missions.

NEW HYMNAL

A COMMITTEE has been appointed to prepare a new church hymnal. Suggestions regarding style, contents, size, and suitable hymns, would be welcomed by the committee. Write to W. L. Emmerson, the secretary.

INVASION CONDITIONS

THERE is some inevitable immobility of the population in certain coastal areas. Also our members and workers in Ireland are completely cut off from us. We remember these good people at this time and pray God to keep them calm and confident. We do not forget our believers on the Continent, either.

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Notes from the President

THE 1944 Ingathering Campaign has reached a total beyond our highest expectations. Secret hopes had been entertained that this Centenary year would see South England reach £10,000 as a record figure for this local conference. Already we have gone well beyond that figure, and we certainly believe that God's special blessing has rested upon the Ingathering work during the past month. Along with the secret hope of a £10,000 total, it can now be revealed that there had been some strong secret fears that great impending events might hinder our collecting work, especially in coastal regions. How marvellously the Lord has guided and guarded His cause should now be clear to us all.

Every church, including our many coastal churches, has reached its goal, and in the midst of the vast invasion areas our work has been pressed forward vigorously during the fleeting days of May. How thankful we are for the loyal, faithful, and courageous members who, un-

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daunted by obvious war preparations, and often subject to enemy attack, have finished their task in the appointed time. It is such a spirit as this that will mean final victory for the cause of God.

In every respect this has been the most inspiring Ingathering Campaign of our experience. We praise God for His manifest blessing and offer our thanks to every local agent, home missionary leader and secretary, conference worker, and gallant churchmember who has made the achievement possible. We can press on into the uncertain future, knowing that God guards and guides His cause and children still.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

A PRELIMINARY announcement should be made concerning our plans for district meetings. We propose to follow our war-time programme of holding two main district meetings in South England, one for the West of England churches at Bristol, and one for London and the South of England at Holloway. The probable dates for these large meetings will be August 26th and September 2nd respectively. During these war years, these special Days of Fellowship have been a source of great blessing to all who could attend. Again this year a good programme will be planned, and you should now begin to make your plans to be in attendance. Fuller details will, of course, be published later.

G. D. KING.

Stanborough Park's Ingathering Victory

At the beginning of last year's Ingathering Campaign we told Stanborough Park churchmembers that they could raise £1,000 in one month. There was very little support for our optimism. This year the reaction was about the same when we said it should be £1,200 for 1944. Only a few days of the month had passed, however, before everyone was expecting £1,200 and—more important—most were working for it.

The first week-end showed us £39 ahead of last year; the second, £75 ahead; the third, £114 ahead; the fourth, £244 ahead, and we

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were over £1,000 with a week to go. Would the Whitsun week-end put a brake on the collecting? No, the people continued, and some, who had been regular Sunday morning collectors and were going away for the week-end, made special efforts during the earlier part of the week. Some who had not started, suddenly burst into activity, collecting £3, £4, and £5 on the Sunday or Monday. Others who had collected over £10 decided to have a final "Ingather," and were most successful. One young housewife, working part-time at the Food Factory, with £17 to her credit up to the last ten days of the campaign, made it over £31 before the end of May by collecting in the late afternoons and evenings only. She collected £5 on the last evening! This has been the spirit of our members throughout and our task of organization has been considerably lightened by willing co-operation.

A particularly encouraging feature has been the wonderful work of our institutions in spite of labour shortage and government restrictions. The amounts contributed to Stanborough Park church have been:

	Per member
British Union Office	£14 10 0
Secondary School	8 1 8
Granose Foods Ltd.	5 10 0
Stanborough Press Ltd.	5 0 0
Stanboroughs Hospital	3 14 5

Owing to the difficulties of releasing workers during the day most of this work has been done by evening collecting.

Sabbath, June 2nd, was given over to thanksgiving for God's help and guidance. Brother A. Warren preached the morning sermon and at the evening service of the Young People's Society (£449 was their share of the £1,226 reported) six collectors told some of their experiences. The words of the benediction over that service stay in our minds: "Lord, bless those who gave generously, bless those who gave a little, bless those who did not give; Lord, bless us all as we continue to labour for Thee."

A. W. LETHBRIDGE,

J. A. CLEMENT,

Home Missionary Leaders.

Youth Sabbath at Watford Town

A BRIGHT beam of sunshine tumbled in through one of the church windows and, after smiling happily around at everybody, sat down in the front row to listen to the service. He was a very attentive listener, too, for he would have to tell all the other little sunbeams of what he heard and saw. Let us listen while he tells them.

"I was only just in time because a shower blocked my way down, so I had to pop in through a window so as not to be late. It smelled just as though spring had made a special visit to the church, there were so many flowers there, but before I had time to look at them all, everybody started to sing, 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.' I liked it very much, but I liked the next hymn better still because it spoke of the birds and the winds and it said that God spoke through these things so I suppose He must speak through us, as well.

"After this hymn a little boy and girl got up and gave us all a welcome to their service, and then all the children recited short sermons on the word 'Praise.' The poem on "Grumbling" reminded me of those little black clouds that will persist in standing right in our way so that nobody on earth can see us. If they're not little grumblers, I don't know who are.

"After this poem, the leader told the story of a little girl who destroyed a poem, she was supposed to learn, because it was so difficult that she thought it was impossible for her to learn it. But in the morning, when she had put the torn pieces together again, she found that the impossible only takes a little longer than the difficult to do.

"Four little children next told us why they had hands, feet, lips, and eyes. Although there were lots of flowers inside the church, there weren't, of course, any trees, but in the song which five children sang about woodland trees, we could hear the sighing of the breeze as it whispered through the leaves.

"One of the boys told us of a thinking game in which the thing

you thought of most was kindness, and the play that was acted next told all about the kindest Person in the world.

"If I go into details of all that they did, I shall never finish, so I'll just tell you briefly what the other items were. There was a hymn sung by the children and the soloist's voice was like a little silver bell, it rang so clearly and sweetly. Then there was the message of the flowers and after that, six children sang about how the birds sing in the trees.

"The offering was to be given by the children to the Ingathering Campaign and they hoped to have a star, representative of £2, on the chart. When the offering was counted it came to £2. 1s., but before very long it had risen to £2. 5s. Even then it kept increasing until it reached £3. 7s. 6d., by which time most people had absolutely emptied their pockets, some even being compelled to walk home as they had given even their bus fares."

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Notes from the President

THE semi-final Ingathering report shows a total of £8,505, which is an increase of £1,280 over last year. This is a per capita of £4. 4s. As members of the North England Conference, we are very happy to be able to send this large amount of money to our overseas missionaries to help them finish the work in their part of the Lord's vineyard. We thank you all for your hard work which God has so greatly blessed. The following is the list of those who have collected £50 and over. As this is only the semi-final report, we may have omitted some names. If so, please let us know and we will add them when we give the final report:

Miss A. Tesh, Killamarsh	£107
Mr. C. Ormston, Wolverton	£105
Mrs. Mayes, Leicester	£73
Mrs. Vasey, Darlington	£67
Mr. Yardley, Handsworth	£64
Mrs. Nelson, Darlington	£60
Mrs. K. Brett, Grimsby	£55
Mr. M. Roe, Leeds	£53
Mr. J. Miller, Leicester	£52
Mrs. H. Goodier, Nottingham	£52

Special congratulations to the "over fifties."

BAPTISMS

SINCE I wrote my last notes, five candidates have been baptized in Sheffield by Pastor D. J. Handysides. This is the final baptism of the Sheffield campaign. Altogether, twenty-six have been added.

Last Sabbath, Brother K. Lacey, who was assisted by Miss E. Taylor, conducted his first baptism. He had the great joy of adding ten souls to the church.

MOVEMENT OF WORKERS

MISS J. MITCHELL has been invited to assist Brother D. A. Conroy in Wakefield. Miss E. Taylor is now assisting Pastor B. F. Kinman in Shields.

CAMPAIGNS

LAST Sunday, Pastor A. F. Bird, assisted by Miss I. Hims-worth, started his second campaign in Derby. He is also conducting a campaign in Burton.

Pastor W. M. Lennox, in addition to his Kettering campaign, is conducting a campaign in Rushden, assisted by Miss E. Mahon.

Brother M. B. Musgrave has started his first campaign. It is being conducted in Rowlands Gill. We wish him every success.

The attendance at the Huddersfield Sabbath afternoon meetings is excellent. The peak attendance so far is 109. God is blessing the campaign being conducted by Pastor S. G. Joyce, assisted by Brother John Handysides and Miss J. M. Cowan.

R. S. JOYCE.



Pioneering in Blackpool

IT was in the autumn of 1943 that we received the call to open up work in Blackpool and attempt to overcome the many formidable obstacles that lay in our path. In

the first place we could not secure a house. Nearly every house here has at least two families in occupation. There are none to let and people with overloaded purses queue up to buy at extortionate rates any that became vacant. Sister Maudsley and I decided that this should not stop the work and so we took furnished rooms, a thing we had not done since our very early married life. Now we are in possession of half a house.

Next our search for halls seemed fruitless. At least fifteen refusals were encountered before we took the singular step of securing the Blackpool Tower Circus with its large arena and seats all round. Then our ways became brighter. A local councillor lent us his band of over twenty instrumentalists and many willing and talented soloists sang for us. But the work was hard. Even the elements seemed to conspire against us. My two lady helpers, Miss M. Mason and Miss Adair—for a short time assisted by Brother M. Musgrave—distributed the circulars in storm and wind and rain. At times several of our new members came over to help us from Morecambe. There was no local help as we had no company here.

For ten Sundays we were rewarded with most encouraging audiences—at times almost reaching 1,000 souls. The collections were excellent.

The response to the call for names was moderate; in all 250 were received. These have been faithfully visited week by week by the two Bible instructors. Then came the secondary hall problem and finally we secured a moderate hall for Sundays and a good one for Sabbaths. The Sabbath attendances were simply remarkable—253 at the opening service. We have now held four meetings with an average attendance of 150 adults. Now a war exhibition has come and we must move away from the town centre, but we hope to hold a good interest.

The next few months will be our most difficult ones and as we strive to find the honest in heart whom God has called to His church, we feel our need of the prayers of all the British Advent family. Will you not help us in

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this grand task of hoisting the banner of truth in this modern "Vanity Fair"?

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Superintendent's Notes

WE are planning a district meeting in the Bristo Place church, Edinburgh, for June 23rd and 24th. The visiting brethren will be Pastor G. D. King, president of the South England Conference, and Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, principal of Newbold College. The opening meeting will be taken by Pastor Murdoch on the Friday evening at 7.30. Visitors wishing accommodation should write immediately to Pastor L. G. Hardinge, 34 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh. We urge the attendance of every member who can possibly come. Pray for the success of the services.

INGATHERING

ANOTHER year of grand Ingathering achievement has just been recorded. The final figures are not yet available, but enough is known to reveal that enthusiastic service has been crowned with success. Here in Glasgow, for the second year in succession, we have gone over the £400 mark. The home missionary leader, Brother Bolam, has collected over £40. Another sister, Mrs. Mc-Condichie, has gone nearly to £50, Mrs. Campbell collected over £30, while the three workers have collected around £90. This inspiring example has been followed by many members with varying success. It has been stimulating to see Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and the other churches reaching out for that double goal. Edinburgh reports twenty-six with £5 or more. Outstanding are Miss Fleming with £47 and Mrs. Cunningham with £30. Little Greenock, with a few members, has collected £27. To every local agent, to each collector, our most hearty thanks for all you have done, and for the total you made possible.

The standing of the churches at the moment of writing is as follows:

Glasgow	£440	0	0
Edinburgh	323	2	9
Aberdeen	180	0	0
Dundee	72	6	5
Stirling	20	0	0
Kirkcaldy	4	10	0
Greenock	27	0	0
Isolated	29	1	6
	£1,196	0	8

Thus, for the first time in our history, the Scottish Mission has passed the £1,000 mark, with a handsome margin.

CONGRATULATIONS to four of our young ladies who graduated from the Bible-workers' Course at Packwood. Glasgow is proud that three of them came from her church. In their future careers, our prayers and good wishes go with them.

WE are glad to hear that Brother Vigors, one of this year's graduates, comes to Scotland to advance the colporteur work in the Dundee area. We are sure that he will find a warm welcome there, and that his work will be a tower of strength to the cause.

J. A. McMILLAN.

It's Nae True!

IT'S nae true—that the Aberdonian is mean. As a matter of fact, in the words of Paul, we say that "I am . . . a citizen of no mean city."

OUR Ingathering Campaign gives the lie to the idea, created by the Aberdonian himself, that he is the personification of meanness—for as we lay down our cannisters at the close of May we have £187 to our credit, some £4. 11s. per member, or £7. 8s. per collector, and here are a few examples demonstrating that the Advent spirit prevails in the "Granite City."

A sister takes her holiday of one week and gives the time to the Lord, as she expresses it, "because He means so much to me," and in the seven days brings in £21. Another sister in the nursing profession sits for her state examination in May. What can she do? One day after sitting for six hours for the "written" part

of the examination she spent three hours Ingathering as a little "relaxation"—and, by the way, she is on night duty all this time. But the collecting must go on! And it did, with a final total of sixteen guineas. We have four members in this same profession and their total was £36.

It's a great truth that "God uses busy people." There is the busy housewife slipping out at every spare moment and at the close of a busy day, when most "mothers" enjoy a well-earned rest, going out again often till ten o'clock (you must remember that up here it does not get dark until midnight, and at mid-summer never really is dark all through the night)—and finishes with a total of almost £20.

I must not encroach upon the valuable space of the MESSENGER to tell of more experiences but here are a few facts:

Collectors with over £20 ...	2
Collectors with £15 to £20 ...	4
Collectors with £10 to £15 ...	1
Collectors with £5 to £10 ...	2
Collectors with £2 to £5 ...	12

Truly, "Thy people are willing in this the day of Thy power."

The Advent family will be interested in a rather unique experience which came our way recently. The minister of a very orthodox denomination gave a series of lectures in his church on the various "sects" of to-day and one Sunday evening, knowing that "we" were under review, three of our members duly took their places in a pew and heard one of the finest, most comprehensive reviews of our faith and works which, I venture to say, has ever been given by another church. Speaking in the highest terms of our fundamental stand on the Bible, agreeing that the seventh day was the Sabbath of that good Book, he went over each point of doctrine, including the fact that each member gave back to God a minimum of one-tenth of his or her income, and finally inviting his flock to avail themselves of some of our tracts which he showed to them and giving the address of our meeting place in Aberdeen and times of services. God truly has many men in "holy orders" who are watching us and our work, and like members of the priesthood in the days

of Christ, secretly admire this movement. Let us pray that many may yet identify themselves with His remnant people.

Brother A. H. Watson has a goodly interest in his public meetings here and we are planning to open up an additional campaign in the very near future in or near Aberdeen.

We are greatly encouraged by the singular blessings of God upon our work. Pray for us as we press unitedly on. H. T. JOHNSON.

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Records at Newport

AFTER a life of unequalled experience in the affairs of men, the factor of time meant much to Solomon. Even Adventists can never be reminded sufficiently that God also has "a time for every purpose" of His.

Sabbath, April 29th, brought us to God's appointed time for Ingathering. What if disturbing events were impending? God had a care for His work. In this atmosphere the campaign was launched at Newport. The spirit of consecrated endeavour took hold of us as Pastor Jackson addressed us that Sabbath morning. Sister Gatehouse, our home missionary leader, with characteristic enthusiasm, followed up by urging all to an early start. Last year's achievements must be equalled, even surpassed. Though obstacles might not be lacking, great were the prospects for the quick starter. Surely, we felt, God's time must be *our* time.

The One who controls the elements matched the weather to the time, and on the 30th, under a smiling sun, our collectors were enabled to double the figure for the first Sunday of last year. By the end of the second week the per capita goal of £2 was left far behind, and a week later our last year's total of £324 was passed!

Dare we ask for more? Surely the work of God, like His Word, "was not bound." In a century since 1844, it had broken every fetter and surmounted every ob-

stacle. Newport church, with its local territory practically exhausted, must press on. Accordingly the county was prospected to its north, east, and west boundaries with good fortune to the treasure-seekers. Perhaps next year the "claims" may be extended! A large proportion of the congregation the following Sunday had a protracted wait outside the Local Agent's "office." Their patience was rewarded with the news that Newport had reached a Centenary goal of £425, which was later increased to £483.

We praise God for His guidance and blessing on our labours, and for the magnificent team spirit and self-sacrifice of our church-members. We may only be permitted to mention one name. It is fittingly that of the "grandfather" of the church, Brother Rees, who brought in the grand sum of £81, a pound for every year of his life. The efforts of so many others warmed our hearts. Some elderly members often endured great pain to collect sums of from £5 to £17. Our special team of younger ones formed the spearhead of our attack, and although pressed by other work and numerous home duties they carried on until the last day. Lastly we must mention the "back-room" workers who toiled so hard and long on those unforgettable Sunday nights. Surely the records of heaven will have been lengthened, and God will honour those who have honoured Him. A. W. HOWARD.

Ministry of Literature

And So It Goes

IN advance of two student-colporteurs I started in with *The Bible Speaks* in the little town of Northwich, Cheshire.

It is a great privilege to work with such a book at such a time.

The going was quite tough at first and it wasn't until the seventh exhibition that I had any success. Then it was an order for a "leather."

Exhibition eight, no order, the person wanting it, but was a poor widow and not able to afford.

Ninth exhibition, a "blue," then

three "leathers" in successive calls; the next call another "blue," and the last, another "leather."

Total value in fourteen exhibitions, £11. 5s.

And in addition, an invitation to preach at the Methodist church here!

It is when you get into this literature ministry that you become almost overwhelmed with a sense of the world's crying need in these times. Yet how satisfying it is to place in home after home "God's own answers in His own words to the age-long questions in the minds of men."

B. BELTON.

"My Friend Wants a Copy"

ONE Sunday afternoon I called on a customer who had already purchased copies of *Bible Certainties*, *God's Way Out* and *Christ Our Saviour*. I received an order for two gilt copies of *The Bible Speaks*. My customer then surprised me by saying, "My friend wants a copy each of *Bible Certainties*, *God's Way Out*, and *Christ Our Saviour*, and I require another copy of each book for my son. The value of this order was over £6.

Returning home on the Thursday evening of the same week, I found a letter awaiting me from a gentleman who had already taken two copies of *God's Way Out*, requesting me to call with two more copies in leather, which I have since delivered to him.

J. DEAN.

Sunday Is a Good Day

MOST of our colporteurs find it difficult to canvass on Sundays, but personally I find it the best day of the week.

Of the many towns I have canvassed during the past four and a half years I have never found it difficult owing to the fact that I visit council houses and the poorer class who don't usually mind Sunday callers.

I have found the minds of the people more susceptible to spiritual things on Sunday; also the children are at home, and often strengthen the sale.

With the book, *God's Way Out*, which appeals to the younger people, I say that I am calling with a little educational work, but

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only taking the names to-day.

I always get a hearing and find that after I have effected a sale, and after showing the list of names, also deposits, the people offer me a good deposit.

To-day, Sunday, I took sixteen orders for *God's Way Out* between 11.15 a.m. and 2 p.m.

I quite enjoy Sunday work especially when it is Ingathering time. To those who do not have a book I offer my box. To-day I collected about a pound in small silver.

I think this suggestion of Sunday canvassing is an idea for those brethren who experience the difficulty of people being out during the week. On Sundays, too, it is often possible to invite people to the local effort on Sunday night.

May we see fruit for our labours as we cast our bread upon the waters. S. MONTGOMERY.

“After Many Years”

FIFTEEN years ago, I was stationed as a colporteur in Hertford, and made many friends in that district. Recently, I visited some of the good people with the new book, *God's Way Out*, and secured a number of orders.

At one home the lady told me she would like a copy but was not in a position now to buy one. Her daughter, nineteen years of age and a Sunday-school teacher who was only four years old when mother purchased *Bedtime Stories* for her, walked out of the room and returned with a pound note. “I will buy a leather copy for Mother,” she said.

I went to another home. A young lady of about twenty-five years opened the door. “Mother is away,” she said. I introduced myself. Oh, yes, she remembered me. I was invited in. After a chat, this young lady, also a Sunday-school teacher, but only ten years old when I first visited her parents, paid me for a leather copy of *God's Way Out*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Bedtime Stories*.

Yes, we reap as we sow in the colporteur work.

JOHN DEAN.

Canvassing in New Guinea

IN these days little else but war news comes from New Guinea

and neighbouring islands. It is, therefore, refreshing to recollect that the Adventist colporteur has placed many a fine book in these sunny lands before the war broke out.

In 1935 Brother W. F. Reid of Australia worked the town of Port Moresby with *Home Physician*. Then he caught the steamer to Rabaul now in the hands of the Japanese and much bombed by Allied planes.

In Rabaul and the district around, he succeeded in selling both *Home Physician* and *This Mighty Hour* in the homes. He then passed on to New Ireland, canvassing now-famous Kavieng and also the town of Namatanai, near the southern end of the island.

May God graciously bless the books in these islands! A.W.

Others Are Watching You

WE are often told that our lives are the only Bibles some people read, and that others watch us very closely. This was the experience of my wife and I while on holiday last year.

My wife was given an address in a seaside town in the North by an acquaintance and we soon sensed a wonderful atmosphere in this home; no smoking, no card playing, and no intoxicating liquors. In addition at 9.30 a.m. each morning there was morning worship. This was indeed home from home and we were soon to be made quite happy.

On going to worship the first morning after our arrival, my wife was asked what denomination we belonged to. She said, “Seventh-Day Adventist,” and nothing more was said. I was asked to take prayers and Scripture reading on several mornings and our host, who turned out to be the minister of the local mission hall, asked me to take his mid-week service, which I did.

While partaking of breakfast on the morning of our departure our host said earnestly, “You are the first Seventh-Day Adventist who has entered this home, and you have impressed us. We have watched you from the first morning.”

Mention was made of our

books and our host stated, “You people do turn out good work,” and then he went to his bookcase and brought out a bound volume of *Bedtime Stories*, saying he had taught many Sunday-school lessons from that book.

He and his wife had a *Truth and Error* chart but had come to the conclusion after observing our lives while in their home that there was something wrong with it.

We do thank God that He has given us grace to bear our witness and to have the joy of hearing someone say, “You have impressed us.” W. SMITH.

Can You Read Aloud Effectively?

“IN teaching a child to love books you are teaching him to love his home, because the natural place for reading is by the fire-side,” says Marguerite Stern, well-known writer. “Give the bookcase at least as honourable a status as the radio . . . see to its replenishment as we see to the replenishment of our larders.”

“I should like to see a revival of the old-fashioned art of reading aloud,” she continues, “—the kind of splendid, live, dramatic reading that Charles Dickens gave his audiences in which the reader throws himself into each character in turn, and sweeps the listener with him. And my past experiences as a teacher tell me that the children, again, will be the first to support us here.” A.W.

To Elders and Lay Preachers

A FEW copies of valuable Ministerial Reading Course books are available for those doing public work in preaching or in giving Bible Readings. The books are:

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UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

PHILLIPS.—On January 17, 1944, Sister Ada Phillips fell asleep in Jesus in her seventy-fifth year. She accepted the Advent message about forty years ago as a result of the work of Pastor Jensen. At that time her mother and sister accepted the truth with her. During these long years she faithfully served the Master. Our sister was at first connected with the North Kensington church, and later associated with the Wembley church into which the Harlesden church was incorporated. Her last years were attended with chronic suffering, but at the end she fell asleep in peaceful anticipation of "the glad morning." In her last hours she testified of her confident belief in the Saviour. She was laid to rest in the Paddington Cemetery, Willesden Lane, on January 25th.

R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

SUMMERFIELD.—On February 16, 1944, we lost a second member of our Wembley church, Sister C. Summerfield. The Lord had blessed her with long years and though over eighty she was a faithful attender to the last. Our sister was a member of long standing and her confidence in God was exemplary. She, too, awaits the voice of the Life-giver. The writer laid her to rest in the Kensal Green Cemetery on February 21st, after a short service in the home of her daughter with whom she lived. Her sons and daughters joined in committing her to the keeping of God.

R. H. BAINBRIDGE.

SMITH.—After thirty-three years of faithful, loyal service as member and officer of the Southampton church, our dear sister, Mrs. Louisa Smith, passed away on February 29, 1944. The funeral service in our own church building and at the graveside was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor W. Lennox, one of our sister's sons-in-law. Sister Smith accepted the message through the labours of Pastor J. J. Nethery in 1910, and was baptized in December of that year. Her life was a struggle, but she fought a good fight, trusting in her Saviour for the help that only He can give. Those left to mourn include Pastor and Mrs. Lennox, Brother and Sister C. Smith, one other daughter, and several sons. It was always the hope and prayer of Sister Smith that her entire family should one day meet around the throne of God. We pray that not one may be missing in that day when God calls His children to share with Him the blessings of heaven.

F. A. SPEARING.

JONES.—Anyone who visited Rhyl last summer will remember the Sabbath-school secretary, Miss Jones, and her earnest comments on the Scripture lesson. By her death on February 22, 1944, we have suffered a heavy loss. Our sister was never robust in health, and during the last few months had been unable to attend the meetings. She passed away peacefully after a seizure. The writer conducted a short service in the Welsh Baptist chapel, and she was laid to rest in the family vault in Bagillt churchyard by the vicar.

E. BUTTERS.

FUCHS.—We have just learned with regret of the death of Brother Michael Fuchs, who died in Paris in March, 1943, as the result of a war accident. Brother Fuchs was married in the Holloway church by Pastor R. S. Joyce on the morning war was declared and had to join the Forces and go to France the next day. He has done good work for the Adventist church in France. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife.

J. MUSTARD.

LEIGH.—Sister Lucy Leigh of Deal, Kent, passed to rest on Sunday, April 16, 1944, at the age of fifty-four years. The burial service took place in the Torresholme Cemetery on the following Tuesday, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Mrs. Leigh, who for the past four years had resided with her sister in Morecambe, was baptized by Pastor W. Maudsley on September 26, 1942. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Leigh's husband and son who are left to mourn the loss of a dear wife and mother. We pray that God will bless and comfort them.

D. BEST,
Church Clerk.

BARR.—We regret to announce the death of Brother A. Barr at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Brother Barr accepted the truth under the preaching of A. Richie back in 1904, being one of the oldest members in the Scottish Mission. He was baptized by Brother Westworth, and continued "walking in the truth" till his passing. Brother Barr was laid to rest on Tuesday, April 25, 1944, the funeral services being conducted by the writer assisted by Pastor D. Morrison. To Sister Barr, Andrew, and Margaret, we extend our most sincere condolences "Maranatha."

J. A. McMILLAN.

PEARCE.—It is with sorrow in our hearts that we report the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Emily Louisa Pearce. Sister Pearce learned the truth from her cousin, Sister Young, thirty-four years ago, and was baptized two years later by Pastor Shafer. She fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-six after a long illness, on Friday, May 5, 1944, the funeral service being conducted by the writer on the following Wednesday. Our heartfelt sympathy is with the three children Alfred, Bertha, who is an invalid, and Margery. Sister Pearce was a truly consecrated child of God, courageous in the hour of trial and affliction, faithful at all times and in every way. She will be greatly missed, not only by those near to her by the ties of nature, but by the whole church of which she has been a member for so long. She shares the grave of her husband who was also a faithful churchmember so that together they will arise when the trumpet shall sound.

F. A. SPEARING.

JAGGER.—The Hull church has lost another of its members in the death of Mrs. Jagger, at the age of seventy-six years. She was received by vote during Pastor L. Murdoch's ministry, the service being held in her home, from which she was later blitzed. On account of bad health, she was unable to attend the services. The committal service took place in the Northern Cemetery. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family that they may embrace the truth and meet their mother on the resurrection morning.

E. LIMBACK,
Church Clerk.

KELLY.—On May 19, 1944, just before Sabbath, Brother E. W. Kelly passed peacefully away at the age of fifty-eight years. Brother Kelly and his family became interested in the message twenty-four years ago through the faithful colporteur work of Brother W. H. Nicholls, and was baptized by Pastor Morrison. He has suffered greatly and was blind for over twenty-two years. Yet he was very cheerful and loved to hear and talk of the truth. The funeral service was held in the home of the family, and a number of neighbours were present. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by Pastor O. M. Dorland. Interment followed in the Hawkesbury Upton Church Cemetery, where our brother now awaits the sound of the last trump, when the blind shall receive

their sight. He leaves a wife, two sons, and two daughters to mourn.

G. DANDO.

GOODMAN.—Mrs. Susan Goodman, of the Cardiff church, passed to her rest on May 16, 1944, and was laid to rest on May 18th, in the peaceful little cemetery of Pantmawr, just outside the city. Mrs. Goodman accepted the Advent truth about the year 1926 through the labours of Pastor O. M. Dorland. She remained a very faithful and loyal member of the church and died fully trusting in Jesus and rejoicing in the Advent hope. Our sister lived to the ripe age of eighty years, and her husband, two daughters, and three sons all of whom were present at the funeral services (conducted by the writer) remain to bear witness of a mother's devotion and of a life faithfully and unselfishly spent. Mrs. Goodman was greatly beloved by all who knew her and she will be greatly missed. Her self-appointed task of gracing the pulpit with flowers from her husband's garden every Sabbath over a period of many years, was but one of the unobtrusive ways Mrs. Goodman showed her love and interest in the House of Prayer. We know we shall meet her again "when the shadows flee away."

S. G. HYDE.

Wedding Bells

FAIRFAX-BARRETT.—Miss Doris Fairfax, daughter of Mr. Fairfax, deacon of our Barry church, was recently united in marriage to Mr. Walter Barrett, of Colchester in the Salem Baptist church, Barry. Their many friends, both churchmembers and others, wish Mr. and Mrs. Barrett every happiness and joy, and that the Lord's richest blessing shall rest upon their union.

S. G. HYDE.

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