

# BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

## Christ Holds Control

THE Gergesenes desired Christ to depart. They of Capernaum received them, and among them He wrought wonderful miracles.

Christ has all power in heaven and in earth. He is the Great Physician, upon whom we are to call when suffering from physical or spiritual disease. Over the winds and the waves and over men possessed with demons, He showed that He possessed absolute control. To Him have been given the keys of death and of hell. Principalities and powers were made subject to Him, even while in His humiliation. . . .

### WE NEED MORE FAITH

Why do we not exercise greater faith in the divine Physician? As He worked for the man with the palsy, so He will work to-day for those who come to Him for healing. We have great need for more faith. I am alarmed as I see the lack of faith among our people. We need to come right into the presence of Christ, believing that He will heal our physical and spiritual infirmities.

We are too faithless. Oh, how I wish I could lead our people to have faith in God! They need not feel that in order to exercise faith, they must be wrought up into a high state of excitement. All they have to do is to believe God's Word, just as they believe one another's word. "He hath said it, and He will perform His Word." Calmly rely on His promise, because He means all that He says. Say, He has spoken to me in His Word, and He will

*By Ellen G. White*

fulfil every promise that He has made. Do not become restless. Be trustful. God's Word is true. Act as if your heavenly Father could be trusted. . . .

### FUNDS NEEDED

Men are appointed to proclaim the truth in new places. These men must have funds for their support. And they must have a fund to draw upon for the help of the poor and needy whom they meet in their work. The benevolence that they show toward the poor gives influence to their efforts to proclaim the truth. Their willingness to help those in need gains for them the gratitude of those they help, and the approval of Heaven.

These faithful workers should have the sympathies of the church. The Lord will hear prayer in their behalf. And the church should not fail to show a practical interest in their work.

No one lives to himself. In

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this year a real  
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God's work each one is assigned a post of duty. The union of all strengthens the work of each. As the faith and love and unity of the church grow stronger, their circle of influence enlarges, and ever they are to reach to the farthest limit of this influence, constantly extending the triumphs of the cross.

### ARISE, SHINE

God calls upon us to burst the bands of our precise, indoor service. The message of the Gospel is to be borne in the cities and outside of the cities. We are to call upon all to rally around the banner of the cross. When this work is done as it should be, when we labour with divine zeal to add converts to the truth, the world will see that a power attends the message of truth. The unity of the believers bears testimony to the power of the truth that can bring into perfect harmony men of different dispositions, making their interest one.

The prayers and offerings of the believers are combined with earnest, self-sacrificing efforts, and they are indeed a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Men are converted anew. The hand that once grasped for recompense in higher wages has become the helping hand of God. The believers are united by one interest—the desire to make centres of truth where God shall be exalted. Christ joins them together in holy bonds of union and love, bonds which have irresistible power.

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## Notes from the Union President

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### CONTACT WITH FRANCE

ELDER R. L. BENTON, who has spent a few days in Paris, reports that our people are courageously pressing on with the work, despite handicaps.

Sad to say, one of our senior ministers, Pastor Paul Meyer, was taken away by the Germans as a hostage, and has died in a concentration camp in Germany. Sometimes we meet with experiences of great deliverance, but there come these sad losses all along the line of the church's life. In spite of all, the work of God goes forward, built on the loyalty of the believers and the sustaining power of God under all conditions.

## Miraculous Deliverance from Philippine P.O.W. Camp

[Many in Britain will remember Brother A. G. Rodgers, one-time treasurer of the Stanborough Press, who, with his family, were captured by the Japanese three years ago while crossing the Pacific en route for Palestine, where Brother Rodgers was to take up office as secretary-treasurer of the Arabic field. After being landed at Manila, in the Philippine Islands, they were for a time permitted a certain amount of restricted liberty, but when the island became menaced by the American forces Brother and Sister Rodgers and their little son, Marcus, were confined, with 2,150 other civilian internees, in the Los Banos prison camp, south of Manila. We are happy to reproduce below a letter from Sister Rodgers to her mother, a faithful member of the Newport church, which tells of their miraculous deliverance on February 23rd of this year.]

My dear Mother,

At last I can write to you. I know that you and all the folk at home will be glad to know that we are safe and to hear from us once again. Mother, we are free. I wonder if you can realize what it means to be free after being prisoners for eight months. I began a long letter to you in the concentration camp, and got up to sixty pages. It is full of explanation of what has happened to us since arriving in the Philippines and I will plan to send it

### IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU

It would be a fine backward glance, when this war is over, if we could see 1945 as the successful culmination of a long run of Ingathering campaigns conducted under restrictions that in pre-war days we should have thought impossible.

I think two weeks would be enough to raise £25,000, if ——!

'Tis said there are no "ifs" in God's work; but there are. If I do not undertake the task God assigns to me, someone may die unwarned. If I decline to march in when Christ opens the way, at least there comes some delay that may have serious consequences for someone. If I do not carry my share of the work, someone else must carry a double load.

So two weeks would suffice for this missions' endeavour if every one commenced on time and worked with a will.

It all depends on YOU!

H. W. LOWE.

on when I can. At present I think I will content myself with telling you of the stupendous events which have happened since yesterday.

We are alive, Mother, only through a miracle and we thank God from the bottom of our hearts. We were interned at Los Banos, a place near the shores of the large lake of Laguna de Bay, south of Manila. We were taken there on July 8, 1944. At first they gave us a fair amount of food, just enough to keep going, rice and corn mush with nothing on it in the morning, and then rice and stew about 4.30. Then they began to starve us. It was because they knew the Americans were coming nearer. Planes were over every day and bombings by Americans around us. Yesterday morning they had given no food, only rice with husks on. If we wanted to eat we had to pound it ourselves, with no means. People were dying of starvation every day.

Well, yesterday morning, just before roll call bell rang, Ameri-

can planes appeared overhead very low. Out jumped parachutists. Oh Mother! the thrill of it. And at the same time the faithful Filipino guerillas advanced down the mountain and surrounded the camp. Amphibious tanks landed on the shore of the lake and came charging right into the camp. Then pandemonium broke loose. The Japs fought like demons. We were in the midst of the battle, but queerly enough, not one of us felt a particle of fear. We had a little shack near our cubicle, with dirt sides, and we lay on the floor while bullets whizzed over our heads. Planes skimmed low over the barracks and it was magnificent. The Americans killed every Jap and it was quickly over.

Then they told us to take only personal papers and be ready in fifteen minutes. We could take just a few odd clothes. I hastily threw in a few things and we were ready. Then we walked, 2,000 of us, down to the beach—three miles. The sick and old and dying rode on tanks. As we left, the barracks was burning and the heat was terrific (the barracks was all wood and bamboo). Roofs were crashing in and it was awful. So once again we lost everything, but thank God we have our lives. The Americans came purposely to rescue us. That very morning at 7 a.m. roll call, the Japs had planned to murder us all, to mow us down by machine guns.

We were put on the amphibious tanks on the beach and came by water to Mutung Lupa and are housed in the new jail. Mother, there is food here and such food, and we are free. The Japs fired on us as we embarked, but the boys replied with the guns and made us get down inside the tanks. They evacuated the whole 2,000 and more of us and burned up the whole camp so the Japs could not go back.

Manila is mostly burned we hear, and the Japs have committed terrible atrocities. Hats off to the lads who saved us; but for them we would all be dead today. Three of the internees got shot, but no one was killed and the Americans lost only one soldier.

George and I both weigh eight stone. George is so thin that it

makes my heart ache to look at him, but we are alive and so thankful. With good food we will soon pick up. Marcus is fifty pounds. He was splendid — trudged the whole way and never a tremor through it all. I think eventually we will be returned to the States. We've thought of you so often and pray God you are still alive to receive this joyful news. With love from all of us, ROSE, GEORGE, AND MARCUS.

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## **Ingathering Notes and News**

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### **Ingathering Among the Jewish People**

MANY of our brethren and sisters have found it most profitable to solicit among the Jewish people. In fact some of our people get most, if not all, their Ingathering funds from Abraham's literal offspring. The following are a few brief testimonials from some of these solicitors:

"In our Ingathering work they [the Jews] contribute generously from year to year. . . ."

"We have fine experiences with our Jewish friends. . . ."

"We have found the Jewish people exceptionally willing and ready to give liberally. . . ."

"This year I have found the Jews the most receptive and liberal."

"I do not believe I was turned down by a single Jewish person."

The best method for making favourable contact with the Jewish people is to tell them that we observe the seventh-day Sabbath, and that we eat nothing unclean such as swine's flesh; that after we have given the sacred tenth and other offerings, we approach our friends in behalf of this good work for humanity. Such statements are bound to make favourable impressions upon the Jewish people, and win for us their good will.

The size of the offering can be increased by tactfully stating the generous amounts others have given. If need be, tactfully suggest the amount you expect of your prospect. In some places it helps to show a list of names of donors. Aim high! The follow-

ing experience told by one of our ministers illustrates this point.

"Several years ago one of our timid workers called on a Jewish firm. The proprietor not having been informed of the importance of the work we were doing donated sixpence. This year we again called on this Jewish man. After listening to the canvass, he asked us what we would suggest that he give us. Hesitating a moment, but breathing a silent prayer, we suggested £5. He readily gave us this amount."

Never say to the Jews that you are engaged in doing "missionary work." Use the word "humanitarian" instead.

Do not solicit Jews at Pentecost, which is May 18th and 19th.

If you are having any good experiences in your soliciting among the Jewish people, please write me about them, c/o The Jewish Department, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D.C.

S. A. KAPLAN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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### **Notes from the President**

THESE notes appear at a time when Ingathering should be receiving our energetic and enthusiastic attention. We begin the campaign in brighter days and better conditions. It should be the best of our war-time campaigns. If we do just a little more than last year, South England will have reached £50,000 in Ingathering during the six years of war. Surely that should grip our imagination and inspire us to go forward feeling thankful that God has preserved us and our country. The least we can do is to give willing service that God's cause may move forward everywhere. If every member will respond with willing service, this great objective will be reached. Will you do your part?

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
THE year 1944 closed with

most encouraging gains in tithes and offerings and we are glad to report that the first quarter of 1945 has brought returns again showing an increase over the first quarter of 1944. The tithe increase is £636, while the total mission offerings increased by £443. The Missions Extension Fund (Big Week) brought a gain of £267. The continued faithfulness and loyalty of our membership is a constant source of inspiration.

### **V.E. DAY THANKSGIVING**

WHEN the Allied Governments declare the end of resistance in Europe there will naturally be rejoicing and thanksgiving in the hearts of the people of Britain. Opportunity should be taken to celebrate this event with proper thanksgiving to God for His preserving hand upon His cause. Instructions have been sent to our conference workers in South England relative to a public thanksgiving service being held in all our churches on the evening of V.E. Day. We believe that members will be glad of this opportunity to join in a special service of thanksgiving to which they can invite their non-member relatives and friends.

### **EVANGELISM**

SPRING evangelistic campaigns have been started in various places throughout the conference. No large attendances have been reported, but some encouraging meetings are being held. It is particularly good to see the work being built up again at Folkstone, where Brother R. H. Bainbridge now has a growing list of interested people. Miss A. A. Ruddick is assisting as the Bible-worker there. Other campaigns calling for our prayerful support are being conducted at:

Walthamstow. A. J. Mustard and Miss O. C. Davies.  
Croydon. L. D. Vince, A. H. Brandt, and Miss V. Warren.  
Brighton. G. R. Bell and Miss K. Emm.  
Wimbledon. G. Roper and Miss R. M. Dorland.  
Maidstone. C. R. Bonney, E. E. Hulbert, and Miss J. Cooper.  
Chiswick. W. W. Armstrong and Miss K. Mahon.  
Chelmsford. J. H. Bayliss and Miss M. M. John.

Bristol. O. M. Dorland, H. Musgrave, and Miss C Richards.  
Reading. P. O. Cumings.  
East Finchley. D. J. Dunnett.

Pray for these and all other workers that a harvest of souls may be gathered in during 1945.  
G. D. KING.

## Sabbath-School Convention at Holloway

THE Holloway church was the scene of a special "day of fellowship" when, on March 17th, a Sabbath-school convention was attended by members and friends from several London churches as well as a group from Stanborough Park.

On arrival the visitors were greeted in the vestibule by a large and well-planned display of charts, magazines, maps, certificates, and the varied equipment of a children's Sabbath-school. This carefully thought-out exhibition was the work of Pastor E. R. Warland, who was in charge of the convention and gave promise of an inspiring, instructive day.

The services opened with Sabbath-school itself, in which, after Sister O. C. Davies had presented afresh the salient features of the study, "The Remnant Church and the Latter Rain," the lesson was conducted from the desk by Brother D. J. Dunnett, who outlined several of the dangers threatening God's people, and the means whereby these perils might be overcome.

Before the offering was called for, Pastor W. C. S. Raitt, home on furlough, brought first-hand news of the African mission field, its triumphs and its great needs.

In the period of worship which followed, both Pastor Warland and Pastor H. W. Lowe, the morning's speaker, gave messages of inspiration and encouragement. Meanwhile, in the upper hall, Pastor and Mrs. Raitt were treating the children to a thrilling hour of story telling as they recounted some of the adventures of African mission life.

How the many worshippers contrived to find room to eat their lunch in the upper hall remains a mystery; but it was done, and after being thus refreshed we gathered for the afternoon ses-

sion, which was devoted to some of the day's most important features—round table discussions interspersed with a study hour.

Sister E. Bussell, and Brethren M. Guenin, F. Archer, and W. Manning opened the various discussions, which were then entered into spiritedly by speakers from all parts of the church. Much information and suggestion was exchanged, together with constructive criticism, on many phases of Sabbath-school promotion and activity. A special feature was Sister Bevan's story of the grand success of her junior Sabbath-school at Stanborough Park and the methods she has used.

The discussions were pervaded by an atmosphere of deep earnestness and devotion, with the strong desire to discover and use any improvements that were to be found. We need more such open discussions in the future.

In the study hour, Pastor A. J. Mustard ably sketched the character of a model teacher and Pastor Warland humorously explained how *not* to talk to the juniors; he also briefly answered questions. Brother R. A. Vince closed the afternoon on a spiritual theme. Special music, well rendered, enhanced the inspiration of the day's services.

Many stayed on till the evening to enjoy the social programme of films and concert items which brought to an end a very full but most enjoyable day. As a result of this and other such conventions, may each local Sabbath-school achieve greater victories than ever before in both winning souls and educating them for the soon-coming kingdom of God.

D. J. DUNNETT.

## Rally at Lowestoft

"WHAT is happening on March 10th?" a member asked. "Just keep the date in mind and be sure you attend," was the reply. And what a surprise she received on walking into the Lowestoft church on that date. The church was full with members from Carlton Colville, Dereham, Ipswich, Norwich, Yarmouth, and the United States of America, for the East Anglian

district was to enjoy a Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Rally.

The church was well decorated with charts which we have come to associate with the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer departments; and we have to admit that they impress their lessons on our minds.

We were very favoured in having Pastors J. M. Howard and E. R. Warland to guide our minds in study and discussion. How thankful we were that they were able to be with us and that we could worship together in freedom and quietness.

The lesson study was conducted from the desk by our district leader, Pastor W. G. Nicholson, and the lessons were made clear and personal. The morning study was conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard. As the skyscrapers of New York are reported to be anchored securely to the rock far down in the earth, so every Adventist should seek to anchor himself more securely to the Rock of Ages in order resolutely to face the future emergencies.

We met at 2.15 p.m. to discuss the young people's work. Brother Pitcher, the young people's leader at Lowestoft, and Miss E. Powell gave two very interesting papers and the subsequent discussion proved most profitable.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to the interests of the Sabbath-school work. Pastor Warland gave the Bible study and the session was brought to a close with a discussion hour in which papers were read by Sister Algar of Yarmouth, Sister Ellis of Norwich, and Brother Riches of Ipswich.

This happy, long remembered day was brought to a conclusion with the singing of the hymn, "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended." It had been a God-given day and we are sure that all enjoyed the full programme. All that remains now is for each member to put the lessons into practice, and we should surely see a vast improvement in our Sabbath-schools in East Anglia.

Special music was rendered by Sister Smith of Norwich, Brother D. Cupps from the U.S.A., and Pastor Nicholson.

F. PITCHER, *Church Clerk.*

## Knaphill Sunday-School

It began around three years ago, all because there were so many children and young people who were spending their idle hours in the streets seven days a week. They were sheep having no shepherd.

The idea occurred to my wife to bring some of them into our home and instruct them in the Scriptures. Soon one room was insufficient and another had to be requisitioned for the purpose. It was named Knaphill Sunday-school by the scholars themselves.

Later it became necessary to seek out a fresh meeting place; so we explained the circumstances to a gentleman in the village who owns a dance hall. He told us that it was a good work and, in consequence, gave us the use of the hall each Sunday at quite a nominal sum.

Unfortunately there are only two of us to care for the school but we allow the scholars themselves to play a large part in the proceedings. One, for example, announces the hymns, another reads the lesson Scripture, while a third calls the roll, etc.

We have divided the company into seniors and juniors. My wife has been teaching the youngsters much about the sanctuary. Cut-out models have now been purchased, so that the little ones are able to build these after they have coloured the various sections with crayons.

I, together with the youths of the school, delve into some Bible study or Bible quiz. A collection is taken up and this helps to meet the expenses of the hall.

Should there be any balance at the end of a quarter we are able to send this along to the mission funds.

It may, however, be mentioned that we have one good Adventist who frequently sends us some help, and this forms the nucleus of a summer outing fund.

At Christmas time we have an indoor party at which the owner of the hall hands us sufficient silver coins to place one on each child's plate.

Pastor Warland has helped us a good deal with his friendly counsel and "Auntie Ina" has paid us a visit as Sunbeam Band organizer. As a result we were able to

form a Sunbeam Band. This band met in our home during the winter on one night each week and made some very fine woollen garments which have been sent to the Hoxton Market Mission.

I should not like to close the account without making mention of one boy, the Sunday-school secretary, now in his teens, who is not too proud to remain a scholar and sing with the smaller ones such hymns as "We are but little children weak."

Now I know that several of my colporteur - evangelist brethren are doing a similar work. It would be interesting to read their stories.

F. J. KINMAN.

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### The Black Country

It was not until the centenary of the Advent Movement that it was decided to carry the message to the thousands of people living in the Black Country of the Midlands.

Last spring Sister L. Elias, Brother F. Edwards, and the writer launched an attack in the Walsall Town Hall, and because of the unusual difficulties the enemy put in our way, it has almost seemed necessary to maintain a security silence. From the first night we were made fully aware that our task would be no easy one; in fact, it seemed many times as though complete failure must be inevitable. But as workers we banded ourselves together like brothers in distress and kept at our post, and instead of giving up we "put to more strength" and opened up a second front in the Town Hall of Wednesbury, one and a half miles away, while carrying on work in Walsall. This town proved no better, so far as attendances were concerned, and we were told again and again that no evangelistic campaign had succeeded in the Black Country for the last decade and longer.

The local people said that our attendances were good for the district, and this was proved true only two months ago when a large evangelistic campaign of another denomination was started in Walsall. Only sixty people attended in the Town Hall which seats two thousand, and fifty of them belonged to their own church organization. So on looking back we have reason to be thankful that our attendance of between two and three hundred to begin with, and no local church support, was quite good.

In mid-summer we began work in Darlaston Town Hall, and carried the three campaigns simultaneously, since the three townships were within two miles of each other. This meant a good deal of extra advertising and organizing, and to say the least, it was very hard work. But the spirit of comradeship among the workers has been excellent from first till last, all trying to encourage one another as we groped about in the darkness of the Black Country, searching for souls who were looking for light.

Yes, and we found some real gems which we believe will be in the kingdom of God in that day when He gathers up His jewels. Last Sabbath, March 31st, Pastor R. S. Joyce was with us in Walsall when twenty took their stand for the truth. There were six from Wednesbury, one from Wolverhampton, two from Birmingham, nine from Walsall, and two from Worcester, with whom Brother Stearman had been labouring before leaving for the Gold Coast.

It would not be right to close this report without a special word of appreciation for Sister Elias and Brother Edwards, whose loyal devotion to duty not only made this report possible, but in spite of the heavy loads they were already carrying, when the call came for special help in Birmingham they gladly responded, thus making another good report possible as well.

We now have a nice Advent Hall in the centre of the city—25 Stafford Street, Walsall—where we should be glad to welcome any of our people who may be visiting this district.

We write these few lines believing that our members throughout the British Union will rejoice with us because God has turned apparent defeat into victory, and given us some souls for our labours. Please remember us in your prayers. Evangelism is no easy task these days, but the work must go on until it is finished. L. MURDOCH.

### Baptism at Manchester

SABBATH, March 24th, was a "high day" for the churches of the Manchester district, when Elder R. L. Benton visited us.

About twenty-five American brethren were present from the surrounding camps, including Major Andren and Dr. Hodgkin. At the morning service the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, Elder Benton giving the address. In a unique way he illustrated the blessings of unity in church fellowship.

At the close of the morning service, Elder Benton spent some time in discussion with the American brethren, also partaking with them of the lunch that had been provided.

At the afternoon service two young American soldiers were baptized into the faith. These had been won for the truth by one of our brethren stationed at their camp hospital.

Members of the other churches in the district came in for the afternoon service, when the church was packed to capacity. A number of non-members were also present.

At the end of the day we felt we had had "a feast of good things," and our souls were refreshed. Pray for these two newly baptized young people, that they may be valiant soldiers of the cross.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

### Blackpool

SERVICES are held on Sabbaths at 31 Queens Street. Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m.; preaching service, 3 p.m.

Sundays in Amo Hall, Abingdon Street, at 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. W. MAUDSLEY.

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### Superintendent's Notes

#### A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

FOLLOWING the news published in the MESSENGER recently of the safety of the Rodgers family in Manila, the first letters to the parents in the Welsh Mission and the North England Conference have arrived. Mrs. Rodgers' letter is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

The family is probably back in the States by now, where the General Conference has arranged for them, and the other missionaries freed from internment, to have eighteen months' rest and recuperation.

We in Wales rejoice with Sister Essery, a faithful member of the Newport church, and with Sister Rodgers of Derby in this wonderful deliverance. Surely it is true to-day, as ever, that the "Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

#### THE GREAT MAY CAMPAIGN

ALL churches in Wales are ready and waiting for the starting signal in the 1945 Ingathering Campaign. We have been encouraged to find that rather than treat the centenary year accomplishment as a special, the members are out to repeat the experience of last year, and even hope to excel it. The two largest churches—Newport and Cardiff—for example, have raised their goal over that accomplished last year, to £500 and £400 respectively. And what these two leading churches are doing represents the churches of Wales generally.

Very soon, now, the barriers which war has erected will be thrown down, making it possible for another kind of army to begin its march—the army of missionaries trained and waiting to enter the now closed fields of the world. What a thrill will come to the church of God when it hears of the advance of this army!

Will all members bear this in

mind when facing the issues of this year's campaign? I am sure we would all like to have a part in raising funds which will make possible a great "missionary offensive" and so hasten the oncoming day of the Master's return.

#### AN APPEAL TO THE ISOLATED

WILL you good friends, who do not have the inspiration of a local church organization, feel that your service is of great value even in your isolation. We would like everybody to have a part this year. Please write to me at Cardiff or to Pastor J. Harker at Watford, for a permit and a box. We will appreciate your help in our great effort. I am sure that all in the Welsh Mission would like to retain the lead that we earned in last year's successful campaign.

#### ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL RETURNS

THE figures for the first quarter's returns came in last week. They provided encouraging reading. Offerings are still "going up" and the tithe advanced another £100 over that of the first quarter of last year. This indicates that the blessings of the Lord are over His people as a result of their faithfulness. We thank God for this.

S. G. HYDE.

### Wedding Bells

FARTHING-MANDALL—On Easter Monday, April 2, 1945, another Adventist home was established when two of our London young people were united in marriage, Andrew Farthing of Enfield and Grace Mandall of Hornsey. The Holloway church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, Pastor J. M. Howard officiated, and three bridesmaids were in attendance. After a reception in the Upper Hall the bridal pair left for their honeymoon at Bournemouth. We wish them every happiness and success in their united service for the Master. They will be associated with the Edmonton church.

D. J. DUNNETT

WHITTAKER-FLETCHER.—A very happy ceremony was performed on April 2, 1945, in the Liverpool church before a goodly number of churchmembers and friends, when Mr. Alan Whittaker was united in

marriage to Miss Rene Fletcher of the Leeds church. Our young friends had met in the first place at one of the M.V. Camps, and it is the sincere hope of all well-wishers that their mutual love of the truth and for each other will go with them through the years ahead till Jesus comes to take us all to our ideal home.

The marriage service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Bell and the former minister of the Liverpool church, Brother K. Elias.

The wedding reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's mother  
JOHN FRENCH.



**ROTHWELL.**—We deeply regret to announce the passing of yet another faithful member of the Plymouth church. On April 3, 1945, after a comparatively short illness, Brother Charles Rothwell passed away in his sleep at the age of seventy-three years. He accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor W. P. Prescott, and for eighteen years had borne a good witness. He was a particularly ardent supporter of the Ingathering campaign and each year collected a substantial sum for missions. He was expecting to take part in the 1945 campaign, but his work was done and he now "rests from his labours." A brief service in the home, attended by his widow and son and a small circle of close friends, preceded the interment at Lansallos, Cornwall. Both services were conducted by the writer, and we laid our brother to rest in the certain hope of a part in the resurrection of the blest at the second advent. Deepest sympathy is extended to the loved ones who mourn  
F. J. WILMSHURST.

**WINDUS.**—It is with sadness that we announce the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Nellie Alice Emily Windus. She had patiently endured a long and painful illness, and prayed earnestly that a loving Father would permit her to rest until He Himself should awaken her at the resurrection. She fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, March 26, 1945, the funeral service being conducted by the writer. After many months of Bible study our sister took her stand for the truth in the summer of 1942, and we had the joy of baptizing her and receiving her into church fellowship at Bourne-mouth on October 10, 1942. She was a loyal member with a deep love for the truth. Our sympathy is with the husband, who we hope will one day take his stand, and with Brother and Sister A. W. Vine, and other relatives  
F. A. SPEARING.

**TREVASKIS.**—The members of the Birmingham Central church will greatly miss our faithful sister in the Lord, Miss H. Trevaskis. She accepted the faith two years ago through the labours of Pastor L. Murdoch, and, despite her eighty-two years, it was her joy to meet with us in worship. She was on her way to the prayer meeting on April 4, 1945, when, feeling ill, was compelled to return home. A few hours later she died peacefully in her sleep. She was laid to rest at Lodge Hill Cemetery on April 9th, the service being conducted by Brother F. Edwards at the church. We join her brother, nephews, nieces, and relatives in mourning the parting from our sister, but rejoice in the

promise, "Even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him"  
CHURCH CLERK.

**CROCKETT.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Crockett, of the Barry church, died on March 19, 1945, at the ripe age of ninety-two years and was laid to rest in the Barry Cemetery on March 22nd in the presence of her family and members of the church. Mrs. Crockett joined the church in Barry some twelve years ago through the ministry of Pastor G. D. King. She loved the message and the church, and, in turn, she was greatly beloved of the church. Left a widow at a very early age, our sister bravely struggled through the many years of rearing a large and young family. Through it all, Jesus was her strength and friend. We shall miss her cheery word and saintly smile, but know that we shall see her again "when the roll is called up yonder." The services at the home and graveside were shared by the Rev. Harold Rigby and our superintendent, Pastor S. G. Hyde  
CHURCH CLERK.

**RIGBY.**—With sorrow we record the death of Brother William Rigby, the oldest member of the Leicester church, who passed away on Friday, April 13, 1945, in the Hill Crest Hospital, Leicester. Though sorely afflicted for many years, he passed the allotted span, and survived to the advanced age of eighty. As a young man Brother Rigby gave his heart to the Lord, and was an earnest Bible class leader in the Methodist Church. He came to a knowledge of the Advent truth through his eldest son and in 1918, with his wife and family, he was baptized and received into the Sheffield church. In 1932 Brother and Sister Rigby moved to Blaby, near Leicester, together with their daughter Marion, who lovingly cared for her parents for the remainder of their earthly days. Mrs. Rigby passing away in 1942. Brother Rigby was laid to rest in the presence of his children and members of the Leicester church in the Blaby Cemetery on Tuesday, April 17th, the writer conducting the services in the cemetery chapel and at the graveside. There are left to mourn two sons; John, who is manager of the food factory in Watford, and Walter, of Leicester, and one daughter, Marion. To them we extend our sincere sympathy and with them look forward to the glad day of resurrection and reunion.  
W. L. EMMERSON

**COLEMAN.**—We regret to announce the death of Sister Coleman of the Lowestoft church, who fell asleep in Jesus in December, 1944. She was sixty-three years of age, a faithful member, and attended the church regularly up till the time of her death. We know the Lord moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, and so He has taken our sister to rest awhile and we who are left here must wait with patience until Christ who is the resurrection and the life shall come. We laid her to rest in the Lowestoft Cemetery, Pastor W. G. Nicholson conducting the services in the church and at the graveside.  
MRS. F. PITCHER, Church Clerk

**DOHERTY.**—Rotherham lost a faithful and beloved member in the death of Sister Minnie Jackson Doherty, who passed away in the Municipal General Hospital on April 4, 1945, at the age of seventy. Though a great sufferer Sister Doherty was faithful to the truth and one of her last actions before she fell asleep was to pay her tithes. She was laid to rest in the Moorgate Cemetery on April 8th, in the presence of her family and the local churchmembers, Brother R. D. Vine officiating. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Joyce, her daughter, and her son who is in the Forces.  
MRS. M. SCOTT.

**DAVIES.**—Mrs. Gwenllian Davies, of the Cardiff church, died on March 23, 1945, at the age of sixty-six years, the interment taking place in the Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, on March 27th. Mrs. Davies accepted the Advent message in the days of Pastor H. E. Armstrong over thirty years ago. The lamp of faith in Jesus burned brightly unto the end and we have confidence to believe that she will have a part in the gathering together of the servants of Jesus  
S. G. HYDE.

**PERROTT.**—Sister L. Perrott fell asleep in Jesus on February 9, 1945, after a period of failing health. She was an old member, having been baptized in 1906 by Pastor W. H. Meredith into the Kensington church as it was known then. At the time of her decease she was a member of the Wembley church. All through her long connection with the Advent people she proved herself to be a faithful, consistent, and loving member. Her two sisters, Mrs. R. Millwood and Mrs. E. Acott of the Wembley church, mourn her passing. We laid our sister to rest in the Willesden Cemetery on February 16th in sure hope that she will respond to the call of the Life-giver when He returns.  
W. W. ARMSTRONG.

**WIFFEN.**—It is our sad duty to report the death of our beloved brother, Roy Vincent Wiffen, at the age of thirty-two years. Roy was brought up in the truth in the home of his grandparents, Brother and Sister Vince, of Leigh-on-Sea, was baptized in due course, becoming a faithful member of the church. He qualified as a dental surgeon, and on November 20, 1939, he joined H.M. Forces, holding the rank of captain. Through illness it was necessary for him to resign his commission. For a long time he suffered patiently, never complaining, until at last on Sunday, April 15, 1945, he fell asleep, trusting in Jesus. "Praise God," he said, almost with his closing breath, "Praise God—for ever!" His mother and step-father, his aunt and his sister were present at the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer. May our loving Father comfort and sustain those who mourn, and may the day soon dawn when the bereaved shall greet their loved one again  
F. A. SPEARING.

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## NEWS FROM THE FORCES

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### A Soldier's Witness Bears Fruit

THE prayers of God's people are continually being offered for those of our members who are away from home in H. M. Forces. We know that they often have a very hard experience. Not often do they have the fellowship of others of the same faith and Sabbath by Sabbath they are called upon to witness for the truth alone. However, we sometimes receive letters from some of these good brethren which tell of their contacts with the churches on the Continent or elsewhere.

The experience of Driver C. F. Knight, of Salisbury, at present in Italy, illustrates the thrill which this means when they are able to visit one of our churches and also shows that their witness so far from home is bearing fruit. In a recent letter from our brother he says:

"I have had the privilege of seeking out the church at Rome. Although I could not follow the service, which was in the Italian language, I felt quite at home. Two American boys had also found their way there and we three remained in a group apart from the others for study and worship. It was good after two years and four months of not being able to see anyone of our faith! I paid my tithe and offerings there. I was very happy to enjoy about two hours with the people of God. I do not know whether any more opportunities will come. What a testimony of defiance to the God of heaven is Rome! The place is one mass of idolatry. I do not know how the faithful few in Rome survive in it."

Though so far from home and so seldom able to meet with others of the same faith, our brother has been quietly witnessing for the truth among his fellows. Some copies of our American *Signs of the Times* reached him from Palestine. These he found most helpful, and partly through their ministry and the

Sabbath-school quarterly, a man from Liverpool, also serving overseas, has accepted the message, is paying tithe, and preparing for baptism.

Let us continue to remember in prayer these men and women in the services. Let us also be faithful to the message so that when they return to their home churches they may not be disappointed in us.

E. R. WARLAND.



### Another Soldier Finds the Truth

ON February 3, 1942, I enlisted in the U. S. army. Exactly three years to the day, February 3, 1945, I was baptized and was united with God's remnant church.

I had been in the army less than a year when I was sent to an air base in South Dakota and assigned to a bombardment group. It was here that I first came in contact with the truth. It so happened that in the group to which I was assigned there was a Seventh-Day Adventist boy, Phil Young. Working in the same building, we were thrown in close contact with one another. I myself at that time did not believe in going to movies or dances, in smoking or drinking, etc., and was happy to find someone in my unit that did not do these things either. We soon became staunch friends. In our association together, both of us being spiritually minded, our conversation naturally carried us along religious lines. Two things we discussed at that time were the Sabbath and the 2,300-year prophecy of Daniel 8:14.

Weeks and months slipped by and finally we found ourselves at a port of embarkation for shipment overseas. Fortunately the Lord saw to it that we stayed together. Here at the P. O. E. Phil picked up a number of books teaching different doctrines of the Advent faith for us to take with us when we shipped. After we had arrived at our over-

seas destination and became settled, I began to read and study these books. The things that seemed to impress me most in the beginning were the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and their accurate fulfilment—especially the 2,300-year prophecy. Due to the fact that some of the fellows moved out of the barracks in which we were living, Phil and I were able to get a room together. Here, in the quietness of our room, we were able to pray and study the Bible more than we had been able to before. It was about this time that I began to really study the Sabbath question. I did not want to believe in the seventh-day Sabbath, even though the Bible plainly told me it should be kept. Strange as it was I found myself keeping this day in spite of my prejudiced heart. I found myself putting off things on Saturday that I ordinarily would have done because I did not feel that they were right to do on this day. Yet I did not want to believe that Saturday was the true Sabbath. I finally reached the time when I knew I would have to decide one way or the other. Since that time I have been keeping God's true Sabbath.

Other points of doctrine came up—the state of the dead, the millennium, etc., the Spirit of prophecy being the last. It was hard at first to accept Sister White as a prophetess, but after studying into it more deeply and praying for God to take away my prejudice, the light came.

I decided to be baptized and Pastor W. G. Nicholson performed the baptismal ceremony at the Norwich church. I am happy to-day that I am a member of God's remnant church and am among that number that are waiting for the glorious appearing of our Lord.

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