



Adventists Render Conspicuous Public Service in War Zones

CHIEF MAMBU, one of our members who is the Government chief for the Western Solomons as well as for his own village, has been awarded the O.B.E., civilian division. The citation reads: "This headman, during the enemy occupation of his area, maintained a most efficient organization for collecting information from coastal sentries which resulted in the destruction of enemy vessels. His organization also rescued a number of survivors from an Allied ship despite the close proximity of the enemy. His leadership and coolness in most difficult times was a source of inspiration to his people."

Okira, one of the teachers at the Omaura Mission, New Guinea, has received the Loyal Service Medal. An ANGAU officer in that area states that the mission teachers were maintaining good gardens, and when others were being fed by ANGAU, they were able by their industry to feed themselves and supply the officer with some produce. Another officer reports to Pastor A. J. Campbell: "They have surely made an impression for good by their industry and helpfulness."

There came to Wahroonga on leave last February, Captain Aaron E. Oswald, one of our United States doctors. Through lack of transport he was able to stay with us three weeks, and we all admired him as a Christian

BY CONSTANCE GRIEVE

[The following is a letter from one of our office secretaries in Australia and will be read with interest in Britain]

gentleman. He had served in several island groups and had visited our people in New Zealand. From one of our American papers we learned that Captain Oswald was "awarded the soldier's medal for heroism while serving with the Medical Corps in the Admiralty Islands." Voluntarily, and at great risk to his life, "he entered the burning wreckage of a crashed heavy bombardment aeroplane and rescued a disabled gunner."

With the modesty of a genuine hero, Captain Oswald disclaimed all honour, assuring us "there was nothing to it." But we found that apart from his innate chivalry

as evidenced in his brave action, his Christian principles were manifest in his daily life. Pastor E. L. Minchin called at the Captain's hotel in the city, but he was out. A United States serviceman said, "I'm so sorry you have missed him. He's absolutely the best fellow I have ever met. He's a wonderful fellow." We were very grieved to learn lately that while performing a similar deed of gallantry in February, just after rejoining his unit, he lost his life. A comrade, Major Carol Curtis, tells the sad story:

"Captain Oswald was on his regular duty at the air field that morning, on hand with his ambulance and first-aid equipment and assistants in case of any accident. It was just getting daylight. Several of his crews in their heavily loaded bombers had already gotten off, but then one ship failed to get into the air somehow and crashed into a bank near the end of the strip and caught fire. Captain Oswald rushed to the wreckage in his ambulance with two men. When they arrived all of the crew but two had safely escaped. One had been killed in the crash and the other, the pilot, with several wounds, was struggling to get out through his window, with the flames getting nearer to him every second.

"Although they knew that the bombs would explode at any moment, and although machine-gun bullets set off by the fire

1945

INGATHERING VICTORY

TOTAL TO DATE

£25,000

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

£1,500

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were shooting out in all directions, all three of them went right in, helped the pilot out, laid him on a litter, and started to carry him away out of danger. They were about fifty feet away when the bombs went off. All of them were knocked down, but the two enlisted men were able to get up, only slightly injured. Captain Oswald was killed instantly by a fragment of metal that penetrated his chest. It was so sudden that when the boys got to him he still had the smile on his face that he had a moment before while reassuring the wounded pilot. He was really a hero, and the bravest and kindest man I have known.

"I attended the funeral in the afternoon. He was buried with full military honours in the United States cemetery here, a well-marked, neat, and well-kept place. There must have been nearly a hundred of his friends there. All around me I heard comments such as these: 'That was just like Doc,' 'He must have been just too good to live,' and 'There'll never be another like Doc.' 'Everyone in his squadron loved him, I believe.'"

In the Philippines our United States servicemen have met several groups of Adventist missionaries who were released from prison camps. One company of fifty-nine was liberated by paratroopers. Sgt. Saphiloff says: "Our hearts are filled to overflowing as we see these dear people, many of whom are friends and old schoolmates, safe and well." He thinks that the Philippine Union College may soon reopen its doors to students. Our correspondents say that the work has advanced in spite of enemy occupation, many people are ready for baptism, churches have been raised up, and our missionaries have the highest praise for the Filipino brethren. Of course many of our institutions in these islands have been destroyed.

Pastor T. R. Kent, stationed in the far west of New South Wales, declares that in his association with the message for almost half a century he has never witnessed such a manifestation of the blessing of God as the result of faithful tithe-paying, along with adherence to all other principles,

as he did during the drought last summer. One brother has sold more fat stock this year than he did in good seasons, while many of his neighbours' sheep have been dying of starvation. Our brethren reaped bags more wheat to the acre than their neighbours. People not of our faith have marvelled at the miraculous way God provided for His own. In most cases our members on the land received more from their flocks and fields for last year than at any time in the past. In 1942 these particular brethren paid £54 in tithe, in 1943, £219; and in 1944, £1,257! One business man said to our men: "It seems that your district has been protected." A leading banker reviewing the financial standing of one of the brethren in this district, was so amazed at the way he has progressed financially since accepting the message, asked how he could account for his success in farming during the past four years. Our brother was not slow to tell him: "The tithing system is an insurance plan that will provide for us not only in time of drought, but also during the time of trouble."

Notes from the Union President

SHARING IN THE JOYS OF SERVICE

THE latest available figures for our 1945 Mission Ingathering Campaign show that £25,000 have been reported up to the end of May. This provides a substantial increase of £1,500 over last year, and though the campaign period is over more will be reported. It is a grand achievement. Some busy church members have collected £100 and more. They are glad to do this without any other reward than the sheer joy of serving the cause of Christ.

The joys of service are the supreme reward which make the church of Christ on earth a democratic confraternity. We single out no individuals or churches or fields for our commendations, but to the great

brotherhood of Ingatherers, workers, and members all, we pass on, from the depths of our hearts, an appreciation of loyal and willing service which is so characteristic of this cause. May God add His overflowing benediction, that at home and abroad the cause of His kingdom may prosper.

IF YOU WERE FORBIDDEN TO ATTEND CHURCH—!

A FEW days ago these words came in a letter from Paris:

"Elder Charpiot (the Union president) is visiting in the east—Strassbourg and other churches, where for four years or more no two Adventists were allowed to meet even in each other's home, or they would be taken by the Gestapo. Many were warned, a few taken for this. It will be a great joy to these to be able to meet again. They will hold the privilege much dearer for this experience."

Such an experience as being forbidden to assemble in church worship is unthinkable to us who have never known such things.

If it were to come here, I wonder if it would be said of some of us, "They will hold the privilege much dearer for this experience"?

THE "COME AGAIN" ATMOSPHERE

NOT long ago I heard a boy at a certain lunch table say, "When you go into other churches you feel awed and reverent; but in ours—!" The unwritten portion of this observation was youthfully blunt, and it referred to something that I felt must have happened in the church he attended that Sabbath. So I cautiously probed him and discovered that the missionary leader had been publicly reporting Ingathering results. A well-meaning old sister had called something across the church, which was in the nature of a zealous thrust at those who, she thought, should do more.

We Adventists love a homely, free atmosphere in our meetings, but we should remember that the church should attract newcomers. Other churchgoers are accustomed to an uninterrupted form of worship.

Our own services would be better without these interruptions which kill a stranger's desire to come again, and which

even give our youth the impression that we are odd and irreverent. We must be zealous in our reverence, and reverent and inoffensive in our zeal.

PUBLISHING PROGRESS

THERE is good news of literature sales. For 1945 our total sales (January—May) amount to £15,465, which is £811 above the corresponding total for last year. This is good news after such a long and serious shortage of paper.

As soon as paper supplies return to normal we shall need to issue a completely new range of tracts and small literature, and our periodicals will assume more ample proportions.

INCOME

OUR tithe income to date this year is keeping up to the high level of 1944. It is £145 ahead, to be exact.

H. W. LOWE.

Newbold College

The Student Colporteurs' Institute

ANYONE staying at Packwood for the past few weeks would have heard snatches of conversation among the students such as this: "Are you going canvassing this year?" or "Who are you taking as a partner this summer?" Then, instead of the usual study books open before some students in the study room, a map of the British Isles would be seen being carefully scrutinized. Consequently, when Pastor J. M. Howard and his helpers arrived at Packwood for the Institute they found that there were already too many young people for the thirty-five scholarships which the Stanborough Press Ltd., had so generously offered.

The chapel hour on Thursday morning was taken by Pastor Howard, who brought to our notice the four essential prerequisites of the colporteur, namely: Consecration, Courage, Tact, and a Knowledge of the book. From his wide field of experience the speaker told several incidents showing that the absence of these essentials would bring disaster, but that with these, together with the blessing of God, all things could be accomplished.

The arrival of Brother J. C. Craven in the afternoon brought another helpful message at the evening worship. No, his subject was not finance; it was a spiritual talk showing us in whom we should place our confidence, making sure that the line of communication—prayer—between us was not broken. The life of President Roosevelt was given as an example of a man who trusted in God, and who was in continual contact with his Leader.

Each morning and evening the students met to receive more practical instruction in the art of colporteur work from the able leaders—Brother B. Belton, Brother A. W. Cook, and Mrs. Phillips.

By the time Friday evening came, when the last of the classes

was held, all had been initiated into the best ways of making sure the Gospel literature found a place in the maximum number of homes.

On Sabbath morning Brother Howard gave his customary word of encouragement to the students who were going out into the colporteur ministry this summer. His remarks were based upon the Saviour's injunction: "Go ye into all the world, and make disciples."

The grand climax was reached on Sabbath evening when six young people told of their previous year's experiences and the invaluable lessons and blessings gained. Humour and tragedy were portrayed before us as some told of free breakfasts and orders without canvasses, while the prevention of a suicidal death showed the providential leading of God to a certain home at the crucial moment.

As we go forward again this year we go with the confidence of the Lord's leading, and of His presence with us. We know also that the seed which is sown will be watered by His Holy Spirit.

Please remember us in your prayers, fellow-members, that this work will result in the saving of many souls for His kingdom.

G. EMM.



Students at Newbold College who are going out with our truth-filled literature this summer.

**Remember Education Day, July 7th, and Educational Offering,
July 14th.**



A. R. MUSGRAVE
Plymouth



E. D. BARNES
Newcastle



F. C. J. PEARSE
Plymouth
(President)

FRIDAY, May 25, 1945. The day had come! What day? No need to ask those living at Packwood Haugh, for that evening would see the commencement of the graduation exercises of the 1945 class. The following figures show how, in spite of nearly six years of war, God has enabled the college to prepare no fewer than ninety-three workers, which constitutes a larger number than in any previous six-year period.

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CONSECRATION SERVICE

All was ready for the Friday evening Consecration Service. The chapel, tastefully decorated with leaf and blossom and the class colours, red, white, and blue, looked very inviting. Above the rostrum hung the class motto and aim: "As faithful watchmen—to herald the dawn." The graduates took their places in the front rows of the crowded chapel, while faculty, visiting ministers, and the speaker for the evening occupied the seats on the platform.

Quietness reigned as Pastor

W. G. Murdoch rose to give a sincere welcome to all present, and especially to the parents of those who had finished their course.

The opening exercises having been heartily entered into, all eyes turned to Pastor Bayliss as he read his text for the evening, "Can a man be profitable unto God?" Job 22:2. The need for the preaching of the cross and the power of such preaching to change lives, was emphasized and illustrated by the speaker's personal experiences in the evangelistic field.

One could not but be impressed by the note of real earnestness and sincerity which rang out as each graduate rose to voice his testimony to the goodness of God, and to give all to His service. The consecration prayer, offered by Pastor Bartlett, expressed the desire of all to live a life wholly given over to the Saviour.

The graduates themselves led out in the Sabbath-school next morning, showing their ability to conduct the various items and to make the "rare" out of the "common." May they always foster and support to the full, "the church at study."



J. COOPER
Cheshire



I. M. WILLIAMS
Rhyl



J. M. WHITING
Bournemouth



A. ASHLEY
Barnsley



B. BROWELL
Newcastle



H. WEST
London

Graduates

Newblodge

May 1945

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

How often had we heard sermons from that time-worn text: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man," but Brother Elias presented it with freshness and fervour, convincing all that the coming of Christ could not be far off. The appalling moral conditions in the world and the solemn thought that the investigative judgment had been going on for over one hundred years, provided proof beyond a doubt. A day of grand opportunity was portrayed before those about to enter more definitely into the Lord's work.

It is customary to leave the Sabbath afternoon free for students and friends to enjoy the beauties of the surrounding countryside. This year, however, we were privileged to have among us, Mr. Russel of Canada, who led out in a Sabbath afternoon meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Russel with their young baby were on their way from New York to South Africa, under appointment as missionaries. Travelling on that ill-fated ship, the Zam-Zam, they were captured by the Germans, taken to Spain, and then moved on to Bordeaux. Mrs. Russel, being an

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American citizen—and that country not then being in the war—was allowed to return with her child to the States, but Mr. Russel was to spend four long years in internment camps.

Space will not permit to give in detail the many experiences of which Mr. Russel told. When all was going well for Germany, the lot of the internee was hardest, and when the tide turned in favour of the Allies, treatment was less severe, but the food shortage became more acute to the extent that the scraps from the rubbish bins were eagerly sought after. But even in the internment camp Mr. Russel found opportunity to satisfy spiritual hunger, and many were the providential openings to speak for Christ: Above all the tales of horror and suffering, rang that Christian note, "God has His own children, even in Germany."

The interest created by this meeting was so intense that the speaker consented to come to the chapel before the evening meeting to answer the many questions that had been aroused. Mr. Russel hopes to join his wife and child in America in the very near future.

CLASS NIGHT

At eight o'clock on Sabbath



K. L. VINE
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(Treasurer)



P. M. MCCLEMENTS
Dawentry
(Secretary)



W. FUTCHER
Watford

evening the College chapel was filled to overflowing for that very interesting programme known as "Class Night." After Miss J. Whiting had made all feel at home by her friendly welcome, the president of the class, Brother F. Pearse, announced the very appropriate opening hymn, "Watchman, blow the Gospel trumpet." All eagerly waited for that moment of moments when each graduate would be introduced by a member of the class. This was ably carried out by Miss E. Barnes, and after each graduate was introduced, talent after talent shone forth in word, music, and song. Brother R. Musgrave spoke on the class motto, "As faithful watchmen," showing the need for diligence and alertness. The aim of the class, "To herald the dawn," was expounded by Miss M. Willoughby as she contrasted the darkness which precedes the morning with the glories of the dawn. All came away from the meeting uplifted and refreshed.

GRADUATION SERVICE

Still more friends arrived on Sunday afternoon and the queue for entrance into the chapel had formed long before the service began. Long remembered will be the address given by Pastor O.

M. Dorland, the keynote of which was found in Isaiah 21: 11, 12: "Watchman, what of the night? . . . The watchman said, the morning cometh, and also the night."

A faithful watchman will be actuated by love for the people, he will give the *complete* message, sustained by the Word and prayer, and prompted by the Holy Spirit.

The diplomas—representative of years of study and hard work, of prayer and sacrifice—were presented by the principal. Ministerial, Bible Instructors', and Teachers' responses were given, before the duet "Watchman, what of the night?" was rendered most effectively by two of the graduates.

The appreciation of the class for all the College had done for them was expressed by Brother K. Vine as he handed over to the principal a beautiful set of embroidered table linen for the communion table. The afternoon's service over, there began that sadder part of graduation—the farewells.

May God's blessing rest on the graduates as they strive to hasten that everlasting dawn, where farewells shall be no more.

R. GOWLETT.



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Medway District Baptism

ON Sabbath, May 12th, the Advent church at Folkestone was the centre of attraction for the members of the Medway and South-Eastern districts of Kent. It was very appropriate that our day of fellowship should be on the first Sabbath after victory in Europe was announced, for these districts were closer to enemy occupied territory than any other district of the British Union, apart from the Channel Islands. Such an occasion provided inspiration and blessing to all who helped to fill the church.

Miss Ruddick, the Bible instructor at Folkestone, led the Sabbath-school. After Brother E. Hulbert had reviewed the lesson of the previous week, Brother R. H. Bainbridge, the leader of the South-Eastern district, succeeded in revealing the intensity of the feelings of Paul when he wrote the verses in Ephesians which were apportioned for our study of the week.

The morning preaching service was taken by Brother J. H. Par-kin, who led us all into the atmosphere of the week by taking the subject of "Thanksgiving." We were reminded of the many blessings we have received from God.

After spending the lunch period in the open air looking across the Channel to the coast from which the invaders of our land might have come, we assembled again for the baptismal service conducted by the writer.

In the talk it was seen that a very high standard is set for the remnant church awaiting the return of her Lord. She will be found without spot, faultless, and without guile. Such a standard is not impossible, as John, in prophetic vision, saw such a company of people. Christ's last command was for the church to go to the world to preach, teach, and baptize because all power was

given unto Him. In this command there is the hope for each one to reach this standard through His power.

After the baptism Brother Bainbridge gave opportunity for any to express thanksgiving for the hand of God which delivered us from the horrors of invasion and subjection. Such an opportunity was readily accepted.

At this baptism five were accepted into fellowship. One other has been voted in at Gillingham. This is the third baptism we have held in Gillingham and Maidstone within twelve months, making a total of twenty-one new members.

Miss A. Stewart-Jacks has been our faithful Bible instructor, but now for our second campaign in Maidstone we have a change of workers, Brother E. Hulbert and Miss J. Cooper joining us.

C. R. BONNEY.



The "Youth Handbook" to the Fore!

THE stage in my training when I was obliged to take part in the organization of youth clubs and classes was reached. After some talking and persistence on my part, the authorities at Battersea Domestic Science Training College decided to consider my request that club work at Stanborough Park should be accepted, providing it was a bona fide youth club which University inspectors could visit.

Mr. Pearce, the Young Peoples Society leader at Stanborough Park, kindly wrote to the head of the department, stating the work I planned to do, and sent her a copy of our *Youth Handbook*. Some weeks later she called me into her room, and she was full of praise for the *Handbook*. Never before had she seen such a well compiled Handbook, and never before had she seen a club offering so much for the youth, both educationally and recreationally. I was asked if I could get copies for her and the head of the Educational Department. Needless to say I was very thrilled about her enthusiasm.

Just recently I learned that, at the end of this term, this par-

ticular lecturer is becoming the principal of another well-known domestic science college. Who knows but that the *Handbook* will travel with her?

PATRICIA KING.

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District Meeting in Glasgow

OUR first District meeting in the Mission since VE-Day is planned for June 22nd to 23rd. Our veteran Bible teacher, Pastor W. T. Bartlett, will be present to minister the Word. Our College principal, Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, will also take several services. The first meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Advent church, Glasgow, on Friday, June 22nd.

Members planning to stay over the night or week-end should apply at once to Miss E. M. Hanna, Y.W.C.A., 16 Woodlands Terrace, Glasgow, stating their requirements. Please pray for the success of these meetings and plan to attend that you may share in the blessings.

INGATHERING

AT the time of writing, the Ingathering campaign has come to its close. Despite cold and exceedingly wet weather, our loyal collectors have brought in a goodly harvest of funds to extend the Gospel. The churches have gone beyond the £4 per capita, and individual achievements have been noteworthy. For the second year in succession, the field has exceeded the £1,000 mark. Our hearty thanks are expressed to all whose efforts made the success possible.

BAPTISM

WE were glad to attend a baptism in Edinburgh on Sabbath, May 19th. Five sisters went forward to unite with the remnant church. We rejoice with the workers in the capital in this fruitage for the Kingdom.

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

OBITUARY

It is with a sense of deep personal grief that we record the passing of Brother David Thomson of Stirling. Brother Thomson was formerly a trade union official with strong communistic convictions, when, through the work of a church-member, he contacted the teachings of the Advent faith. He was baptized by Pastor L. Murdoch, and remained a most faithful member till his death on May 22nd. Brother Thomson served throughout the past seven years on the Advisory committee and his warm-hearted interest in the work will be sadly missed. His was a most lovable disposition and it was a great privilege to know him and labour with him. The company of believers in Stirling, with his wife and daughter, will miss sorely the bright, genial witness of this disciple of Jesus.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Wedding Bells

ORSER-CARTER—Corporal Melvin Orser, one of our brethren from the United States, in the medical service, is a welcome visitor in the Leicester area. He has won the affections of one of our Sutton-in-Ashfield girls, Jessie Carter, and the pair were united in marriage on June 4, 1945, Pastor W. J. Cannon officiating. Relatives and churchmembers were present in goodly numbers, and by the kindly hospitality of the Baptist church, who lent their chapel and organist, the wedding guests were entertained in the Baptist Hall. It was a homely and happy gathering, and the prayers of all go with the young couple as they start their married life. Brother Cannon's conduct of the service was blessed to many who remarked on it.

Both bride and bridegroom were born into the truth, and are loyal members of their spiritual home. May their earthly home correspond to the heavenly pattern.

W. T. BARTLETT

DIETZ-SMITH—Mr. Alfred Edward Dietz and Miss Vera Smith were united in marriage in the Heaton Road Baptist church on Wednesday, May 23, 1945, before a large company of relations and friends. The service was conducted by the writer assisted by the minister of the Newcastle church,

Mr. M. Musgrave. The wedding reception was held in the home of the bride's mother, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Torquay. We are confident that as these two loyal members join forces, added strength and blessing will come to the Newcastle church. As they face life together we wish them every happiness and the continued blessing of God in the years to come.

B. KINMAN.



LEAR—It is with deep regret that we record the death of our dear sister Mrs. A. M. Lear, who died on May 9, 1945, at the age of sixty-five years. Sister Lear accepted the Advent message some twelve years ago as the result of meetings conducted by Brethren Matthew Murdoch and Frank E. Powell in the Swansea area, and from the very beginning her fellowship with the Swansea church was a happy one and greatly blessed of God. Sorely will the church miss so tried and faithful a servant. In every sphere of work which she undertook it can truly be said that Sister Lear did it with all her heart. In the Ingathering work she set a wonderful example of tireless perseverance, and Swansea Sabbath-school will never forget our sister's regular recitations of the quarter's memory verses, nor will the church ever forget her faithful attendance at all church services. To all her fellow churchmembers and many friends, Sister Lear endeared herself by many little acts of kindness and thoughtful consideration. Sweet indeed is the memory of her beautiful life which was ever replete with loving devotion to her Lord and Saviour who was the inspiration of all her self-denying ministry. The funeral service was conducted at the home of her relatives by the writer, assisted by Brother H. Humphries. We laid our beloved sister to rest at Danygraig Cemetery in that sure and certain hope through Christ of a joyful resurrection to eternal life and peace.

F. S. JACKSON

CLARKE—Sister M. Clarke fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday morning, April 29, 1945, at the age of sixty-nine years, after a period of failing health. She accepted the truth in 1919 under the labours of Pastor A. K. Armstrong, and has been a member of the Stoke-on-Trent church ever since its organization in March, 1921. She had a cheery disposition despite her weakness and attended the services whenever her health permitted. Brother B. Belton conducted a service in the home and spoke words of hope and comfort. Our sister was laid to rest in Hartshill Cemetery, there to await the call of the Life-giver. There are left to mourn two sons and three daughters, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy, and with them look forward to the glad day of resurrection and reunion.

E. BARRATT.

CHAPMAN—On Sabbath, April 28, 1945, Brother William J. Chapman fell asleep at the age of seventy-five years. Born in Northern Ireland of sound Protestant stock in a district where Romanism predominated, he was brought up in the Presbyterian faith and maintained strongly and tenaciously his religious convictions. After settling in Manchester he saw an announcement of Pastor I. D. Gillatt's effort in the Free Trade Hall, and attended the services from the commencement, following the

various points of the truth with growing interest. The Sabbath truth came to him as a big surprise, and upon learning the facts as to how its change was brought about he promptly took his stand, and on July 31, 1918, along with almost one hundred others was baptized by Pastor Gillatt, being received into church fellowship on Sabbath, August 2nd. Since that date he remained a faithful member, serving the Stretford church in several capacities. Always prompt and reliable, he will be much missed. On Tuesday, May 1st, he was laid to rest in the Harpurhey Cemetery after services at home conducted by Pastor H. W. McCrow. We mourn his death but look with confidence to a sure and certain resurrection when the King comes.

C. E. DONLEY, Church Clerk

WHARTON.—In the Scarthoe Road Cemetery, Grimsby on Sabbath, June 2, 1945, Sister E. K. Wharton was laid to rest, aged eighty-one years, after a short illness during which she lost her sight. In this trial she bore her cross patiently. For more than fifty years an ardent Methodist, she became unable to go to church through lameness and came into a home near her own to study with some of our members. There she saw the light of truth and was accepted into fellowship during Brother R. Vine's first year of ministry in Grimsby. Her Christian influence was seen in the church during the funeral service, many of the prominent townspeople being there to show their last respects. We leave her in the care of the Saviour she loved to await His call, and to her husband and son we offer our heartfelt sympathy, pointing them to her Lord for comfort in their loneliness.

C. SNOWDON,
Church Clerk.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Ministry of Literature

With Our Literature on VE-Day

ON this VE-Day here in the heart of the Empire, it does seem that the people as a whole are heeding the psalmist's appeal and expressing a feeling of thankfulness and praise rather than indulging in unruly rioting and mafficking, sensing, to use the Premier's historic words, the nearness of "Almighty God, the great Power which seems to shape and design the fortunes of nations," and feeling, too, that He who only makes war to cease to the ends of the earth, has certainly wrought a great deliverance for them, the people of London.

Fitting it is that *Present Truth*, which has consistently served these dear people through five and a half years of this hazardous and terrible war (thanks to the staff of the Press not one issue has been missed) should appear on this memorable and historic day. And so we find ourselves with our bundle of *Present Truth* in the very familiar dock area of Canning Town and Plaistow, as here, despite the terrible ordeals of mental and physical suffering amidst acres of devastation (which has to be seen to be believed) the streets and houses are all gaily bedecked with flags and bunting of all types, great bonfires are burning in practically all the streets, music fills the air from gramophone, radio, and loud-speaker, the great ships in the vast dock area are smothered with decorations, and the ships' sirens add to the festivity. Only one thing is missing—the church bells—for most of the churches have been destroyed or badly damaged.

So, amidst all this rejoicing, for sorrow seems to have fled the hearts of men at least for to-day, we start in. You could hardly call it selling; it was just giving them out. But what a sense of relief in our mind as we realize the great dangers that have passed. Many have been the times when we have gazed lovingly at the old home-

stead as we went forth to scatter the seed, and wondered if it would be there when we returned, and they wondering whether they would see us return. Our hearts well up in gratitude to God for His protection and care over us and His work.

In front of one gaily bedecked house was a large notice, "Welcome home Jim after four and a half years a prisoner of war in Germany." We meditated with what joy and indescribable scenes will the saved of all nations be welcomed home to their Father's home after nearly six thousand years as prisoners of this sin-cursed earth, for then indeed war will be no more.

JOHN OLLIVER.



Ministry to the Distracted

"THE canvasser will meet men of varied minds . . . His good nature should never fail: he should take a cheerful, hopeful view of every perplexity. He will meet those who are bereaved, disheartened, and sore wounded in spirit. He will have many opportunities of speaking to these kind words and words of courage, hope and faith. He may be a well-spring to refresh others if he will: but in order to do this he must himself draw from the Fountain of living truth."

Many years ago I had a personal experience which proves the truth of the last statement. While canvassing with the book entitled *The Desire of Ages* by E. G. White I was particularly impressed to go to an isolated house a little way off the beaten track in the neighbourhood where I was working. I knocked twice without receiving any answer. Contrary to my usual custom I knocked a third time because I had an idea that there was someone in the house. Soon I heard a shuffling of feet and the door opened slightly and the face of a pale, haggard young woman peered round the door. When she saw me she said "What do you want?" I replied "I am engaged in Christian work and would like an interview." She then asked me to come in.

I explained the purpose of my visit and the book I was introducing. She had a peculiar expression on her face as she listened to my message, but soon her features softened and tears welled up in her eyes as she told me her sad experiences. She had gone through some overwhelming trouble and was very disheartened. She confessed that she heard both my first and second knock but when I knocked a third time, because of my importunity, she opened the door. She thanked me for speaking words of comfort and cheer to her and told me that before I knocked she had decided to put an end to her misery and was contemplating suicide. She said she believed that I had been sent to save her from her despondency and premeditated rash act. I left her some of our literature which she promised to read. As I bade her good-bye there was a fresh gleam of hope in her eyes.

E. HALSTEAD.



"A Grand Book"

A FEW days ago we had just started to show the book *God's Way Out* to an old Methodist when she took from the window-ledge a leather bound copy of *The Bible Speaks*. "This is a grand book," she said, turning its pages. We noticed a bus ticket as a bookmark about half-way through. "My husband has read to there. He spends half an hour with it every Sunday morning before going to chapel."

At another home a little later the lady told of how her widowed sister was obtaining much help from *The Bible Speaks*. The husband was killed outright at his work recently and when the sister called the same night she found the sorrow-stricken wife reading the book. "I get great comfort from it," has been her frequent testimony since.

As we think that this ministry of the books must be going on everywhere we are surely encouraged to press on in the good work.

B. BELTON.