

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

FORWARD in Times of Difficulty

Two voices assail our ears to-day. The one says, "Go steady. It can't be done—yet. Mark time—and wait!" The other says, "There are great problems—but let's go forward! Keep moving, and the way will open as God directs."

This is the natural state which we should expect in a post-war period. For six years we have had to endure frustration and limitation, and a host of irksome controls and restrictions. These things have tended to breed habits throughout the land. People think in the terms of things which cannot be done. They sink into the "mark time" mentality, waiting for things to ease up. One of the greatest perils facing the nation to-day is this waiting for better times. It leads to lethargy and indifference that may become permanent since problems and troubles are permanent. The church faces the same peril.

Fortunately we have never passed through conditions which have stopped our work, as has sadly been the case in some lands not far from us. During the six years of war nearly 2,800 people were won to the truth here; £165,000 has been forwarded to our foreign missions, and £267,000 tithe came into the treasury. A lot of other fine achievements lie to the credit of our people in these islands during the darkest days in our history. It would be ungrateful and idle to pretend that these things were accomplished without difficulty, great

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labour, and sometimes at personal risk.

But hostilities lie behind us and our present concern is how we can move forward in God's cause.

Let us settle it that while the war in Europe is over, we still shall have our problems. "The work is to be carried forward as the Lord prepares the way. When He brings His people into strait places, then it is their privilege to assemble together for prayer, remembering that all things come of God."—*Testimonies, Vol 9, page 273*. These are God's times for God's people if only they will move forward in faith.

If it is normally true that "through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22), it is doubly true in these last days. Yet it is quite possible to be conscious of dangers, difficulties, and problems and at the same time to be possessed of the unconquerable will to press on and to plan kingdomward in all our activities to-day. We must regard and duly assess our problems, but we dare not be appalled by them. We must shake off the war mentality that excused inefficiency and that temporarily slowed down church activities and we must pray and plan and find God's way, however much energy and work may be involved.

First of all, evangelism must be planned on a larger scale. We are desperately short of good evangelists, and we may have to invite some good men from overseas to come to help us increase our membership. There are crying needs in our many large cities, and London especially needs to become the centre of great soul-winning activities. It will again become the hub of the Empire and that is where we should be worthily represented.

With such a small constituency we cannot hope to carry all the activities and provide all the facilities which our educational, medical, and youth departments really need. By all means and at any cost we must get larger soul-winning, and we invite your prayers for this purpose.

Then, in a few months we may have the Sanitarium Annexe (the original College building at Watford) returned to us, and that is to become a boarding secondary school, or academy, under Union control. That means that for the first time in our history we can cater for children from the kindergarten to matriculation standard. Special inducements will be offered to young people from outside South England, since we cannot hope ever to run secondary schools in other parts of the country. The present secondary school building will become a nursing home, for which there are good prospects.

Perhaps by the end of the year,

or soon after, we may be able to plan for the rehabilitation of our Sanitarium, despite labour and other restrictions. By then, also, we hope to know more about the future of our training College and the reorganization of this senior branch of our educational work.

Perhaps this is where we should dispel any doubt as to whether these, and possibly other changes, should wait for a Union Conference session. We are going ahead with our forward planning regardless of any Union meeting. This meeting will not be unduly delayed, but it will be worked in with other larger meetings in Europe when the time comes.

Now all these things involve balanced thinking, courageous acting, and selfless devotion to the needs of the cause. They may involve also some revolutionary changes in our ideas. That is why we invite our people to pray for God's guidance at this present crucial time. Prayer now is a real work you can do for God.

Every conquest yet left to Christ in this old world will involve hard work, care, initiative, selflessness, consecration. All this is in the order of things in the finishing of God's work, and cannot be avoided. With true devotion we shall find that "through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed and cast into the sea . . . Onward and still onward the work will advance"—*Prophets and Kings*, page 223.

Rightly conceived, there is a certain benediction in difficulty. Our Lord offsets trial by grace—enabling and ennobling—and thereby His saints are strongest and brightest in the most difficult and darkest hours.

There lies ahead the day of greatest expansion in God's work, at home as well as abroad. We must give unstintingly of everything necessary to build up the cause. We must open our minds and our purses. We must give of self and service beyond anything yet seen. Above all we must cleanse our hearts "that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19, R.V.

Notes from the Union President

ADVENTIST NURSES

It may be possible in the near future for us to have control over the engagement of nurses at the Stanboroughs, though not complete control of the institution. We should like to get in touch with Adventist nurses with S.R.N. and S.C.M. qualifications. Persons interested should communicate with A. H. Thompson, Administrator, Stanboroughs Hospital, Stanborough Park, Watford, giving age, qualifications, present employment, and experience.

Also any young men under eighteen interested in work at the Granose factory should write to Mr. J. Rigby, Manager, Granose Foods Ltd., Watford.

THE CHURCH UNDER TRIAL

FURTHER reports continue to come to hand indicating the harassing times endured by the people in the Baltic countries under the bombardments and occupations of two invading armies.

In one night in Tallin, Estonia, one hundred of our members lost everything they possessed, and some lives were lost. Throughout the war it is estimated that twenty-five per cent of the population has been killed or deported or disappeared.

But it is good to know that throughout this period our work never ceased. Permits to travel were often denied, but pastoral visitation went on, with or without travel permits, and tithes and offerings continued to come in. Properties were confiscated, meetings proscribed, but the people continued faithfully to obey the truth. Families have been divided, many not knowing where other members of their families are.

It is a dark story, not yet ended, but the sustaining grace and the prayers of God's church are the only weapons through which the victory will come

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Baptism at Bristol

SABBATH, June 23rd, dawned bright and sunny. Indeed it was a "bright and sunny" day, a day full of spiritual blessing for the members of the Bristol district.

In the morning service, preparatory to the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house, Brother R. H. Smith from Taunton gave the address, putting the very searching question, "Could I pass a spiritual examination to-day?" It bears serious thought. Could I? Could you? One day we will all have to face that most important of examinations. May we all, through the grace of God, be found on the side of those who have succeeded.

Eleven souls had faced that question and had decided to make a public testimony of their faith as they passed through the waters of baptism.

In the afternoon, preceding the immersion, Brother Smith again spoke earnestly to the candidates. Surely, as they went away from the service, the message and admonition he gave will continue to ring in their ears, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." As the candidates rose "to walk in newness of life" this motto will undoubtedly be of great help and blessing to them, for those who obey God and walk in the way of His commandments are those who will one day have right to the tree of life, and will enter in through the gates into the city whose Builder and Maker is God.

We are always happy to welcome new believers into the Advent fellowship. The Taunton church were glad to add three new members to their number. Two of these souls, a man and wife, first came into contact with the truth through the labours of Brother Ohman in the colporteur ministry. Brother Smith had faithfully done his part in following up the interest. It gives great

joy to see the work of God advancing as, hand in hand, the minister and the colporteur labour together.

The Bath company was very pleased to welcome a new member into fellowship. This sister had first attended some of Brother L. Shaw's meetings and has now taken her stand with God's remnant people.

Croscombe was also pleased to welcome one of the young people into the fold. We are especially glad when the young people decide to follow Christ and to put their vigour and energy into the spreading of this last-day message, for we know that the burden of finishing the work is to rest on the young people.

The remaining candidates were given a warm welcome into the church at Bristol and we trust that they will continue to "grow in grace" as the blessing of the Lord rests upon them.

The Spirit of the Lord was felt by all present and we pray that God's richest blessing will abide with all who attended, and that His work will continue to grow until soon it shall have gone to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

RUTH M. DORLAND.

"Over Jordan"

A PLEASANT baptismal service was held at our Southampton church on Sabbath afternoon, July 14th.

Pastor J. M. Howard, in his address to the candidates, reminded them of the unique significance of the Jordan. It was by the Jordan that Joshua received assurance of victory. It was in the Jordan that Naaman gained cleansing. It was after crossing the Jordan that Elijah was translated. So to them the waters of this spiritual Jordan were to mean cleansing, victory, and ultimate salvation.

Pastor L. E. A. Lane immersed the four candidates. One will join the isolated group; two more the Southampton church; while the other, together with two more to be received in by vote, will count on the Portsmouth membership.

We invite your earnest prayers

that these six souls may be found faithful when Jesus comes.

E. Cox.

Stroud News

ON Sabbath afternoon, June 30th, we met together in our usual meeting place in Stroud. However, though the Sabbath-school ran the usual way we could not help feeling this was an unusual occasion. Why was it that we felt thus? It was because Pastor G. D. King was with us and we sensed that his visit was for something very special. And so it was.

You see, it was only two years ago that Stroud first heard the Advent message through an Advent preacher. Before that time faithful colporteur work had been done, but nothing more. Brother McGougan soon found after entering this hitherto unentered town that there were, as in every other place, some souls who were waiting to receive this wonderful truth. And so, from faithful toil, a loyal group of believers sprang into being.

Time testifies: so do events. In the Harvest Ingathering campaign, Stroud has for the past two years abundantly testified that she was fast becoming fully grown. Others could work for the saving of souls and the support of missions. So could she. Others loved this Advent message very dearly and were willing to sacrifice for it. Was Stroud one wit behind them in sacrifice? Not at all. Let the members testify. They, too, have learned to follow their Master along the path of unselfish sacrifice not counting the cost too dear.

The testimony was strong and so was the spirit. So Pastor King launched an organized company forth to meet life's stormy sea. To each was assigned his own duty. That the ship might weather the storm each must faithfully do his task. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless [sincere, margin], the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in

the world, holding forth the word of life," was the counsel given by Pastor King from Philippians 2: 14-16 to the newly formed company.

We were glad to have with us for the occasion, many of our friends from the Cheltenham and Gloucester churches. With them we renew our dedication to God and His service.

LESLIE SHAW.

Church Organization at Gloucester

SABBATH, June 30th, was a red-letter day in the history of the Gloucester believers. Why so? you ask. Because it was the occasion of their organization into a church.

The history of the Gloucester church goes back to the day in 1932 when Pastor Bevan came into the district and began his work of evangelism. From the time of organization into a company in 1935 until the present the work has continued to progress, perhaps not in numbers added to the message, but in the hearts of the faithful. From the time that Brother McGougan began work the numbers also increased and the strongly organized body to-day can look back with joy upon the work then done.

Pastor G. D. King, who came for the work of organization, pointed out to us that while we were a body of believers we were not all alike. We each possessed our own individuality and personality. That was how it should be. And with these different individualities welded together by the common ties of faith and love we could go forth into the future full of hope and courage. Indeed, we "have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget how the Lord has led us."

The work of organization was carried out on Sabbath morning, when many friends were present to witness the event. Altogether it was a grand and happy occasion when we also had the joy of welcoming into fellowship, by vote, another sister who rejoices with us in "the truth."

As a church we have to offer a vote of thanks to visiting

friends who contributed to the happiness of the occasion by rendering sacred musical items, and to Pastor King's inspiring leadership throughout. Now, with heads lifted high, hearts inspired, and faces turned toward the "highway," we determine to press on in the heavenly race so that by God's help we may all be found faithful when our beloved Master shall be seen coming in the sky.

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Notes from the President

WE are grateful to God that peace has been declared in Europe. We must show our appreciation by using this time of peace to spread the message to every corner of the conference. We are thankful for all that has been accomplished already by God's faithful servants, but there is still much to be done.

"When the people of God engage in this work with real travail of soul, there will be manifest a decided change in cities and villages. This hovering about churches to keep them propped up, makes them more dependent on human effort

"We are not to hover over the ninety and nine, but to go forth to save the lost, hunting them up in the wilderness of the large cities and towns. This is no time for the messengers of God to stop to prop up those who know the truth"—*"Testimonies to Ministers,"* pages 231-233.

There are 149 lay preachers in North England. We have every confidence in them. They are faithful servants of God. We should rally round them as members and, as far as possible, release the ministry for evangelism.

We must be careful that we are not numbered among those of whom Mrs. White wrote:

"You are entertaining too limited

ideas of the work for this time. You are trying to plan the work so that you can embrace it in your arms. You must take broader views. Your light must not be put under a bushel or under a bed, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house. Your house is the world."—*"Life Sketches,"* pages 208, 209.

FURTHER ADVANCES

a. *Ingathering.* All the figures are not yet in, but already we can report:

		Per Capita
1944	£8,597	£4 5 0
1945	£9,878	£4 13 0
Increase per capita		8s. 0d

The most encouraging feature of this year's campaign is that more members collected than heretofore.

b. *Literature.* For the first six months of the year the comparative figures are as follows:

1944	£7,059
1945	7,559
Increase	500

We congratulate the colporteurs.

c. *Tithe.* This has steadily increased year by year. For the first six months of this year we show a further gain over the same period of last year. Here are the figures:

1944	£8,766
1945	9,453
Increase	687

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

DURING the war years the young evangelists have been gaining valuable experience which they are now putting to good use. The following attendances are encouraging, especially when one calls to mind that the campaigns started at the worst time of the year and were disturbed by VE-Day and the resulting changed conditions:

D. A. Conroy, who is working with Sister J. Mitchell, has been conducting Sabbath afternoon meetings in the new town of Keighley for the past seven weeks. He has had an average attendance of seventeen non-members

K. Lacey, who is working with Sister J. A. Handysides, has held two Sabbath afternoon meetings in the new town of Rugby, with

an average attendance of twenty-four non-members.

F. Edwards, who is working with Sister E. A. Buck in the new district of Smethwick in Birmingham, had eighteen non-members at his opening Sabbath afternoon meeting.

K. A. Elias, who is working with Sister E. E. Cleary and is conducting a campaign in the new town of Southport, had seventeen non-members at his first Sabbath meeting.

S. H. Parkin, who has been working alone in Ulverston and who was unable to conduct a Sunday campaign, courageously started a midweek effort. He had fourteen non-members present at his opening Sabbath meeting.

There are others who have not yet started their Sabbath services, but will do so in the near future.

W. Maudsley, who I am sure will not object to my saying that he is the oldest worker in the conference, tried to book halls for a second campaign in Blackpool. As he could not obtain a large hall, he has continued working for the interested in a small hall. His average attendance of interested people for the past twelve Sabbaths is eleven.

MEMBERSHIP

OUR net gain in membership for the half year shows an increase when compared with the same period of 1944, as shown by the following:

Net gain, 1944	15
Net gain, 1945	50
Increase	35

Our total membership now stands at 2,173.

REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

WE are planning to hold great one-day Sabbath meetings in the following places if suitable halls can be secured:

Manchester, September 15th, for Lancashire.

Newcastle, September 22nd, for Tyneside and Tees.

Leeds, September 29th, for Yorkshire.

Birmingham, October 13th, for Midlands.

Plan now to attend the nearest.
R. S. JOYCE.

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Ingathering on Humberside

HULL had suffered; yes, apart from the London area, suffered more than any other city in Britain during the war years. But in this Victory year in Europe, trials and scars were forgotten, and our opportunities were appreciated and fully used! Hull ever remembers her sons and daughters in Africa. Together with her sister churches in the district, Grimsby and Ulceby, she was able to raise £1,100 for missions in the 1945 Ingathering campaign.

To aim again for last year's total of nearly seven hundred pounds for the district seemed a big enough task. Yet, under the blessing of God, and with the enthusiastic and untiring help given by every member who was able to collect, the £700 was reached by the middle of May. We then breathed a silent prayer that we might be able to give a North England Conference district a four-figure sum!

When the final figures were made up, Hull had reached £914—£414 more than last year, and apart from Stanborough Park church, the highest of any church in the British Isles. Grimsby had surpassed last year's final figure, and gallant Ulceby, recalling sixty years of Adventist association this summer, had actually doubled last year's total.

Space forbids our mentioning many outstanding achievements. Twenty-two members in the district collected £15 and more; of that total, twelve collectors had at least £30. Brother A. Marshall, one of the elders of the Hull church, and his good wife, collected £70 between them, mostly in small amounts in the districts round the church. Sisters K. Brett and A. Weston, the treasurer and deaconess respectively of the Grimsby church, shared over £100 between them toward Grimsby's goal. Sister N. Fisher, the Hull church treasurer, assisted by Sister J. M. Zinns, cheerfully worked many a late hour counting the many sums of money and keeping the official entries, but also found time to gather between them £112 toward the Hull goal.

Brother W. Clark, though not blessed with good health, was rewarded with £50 for his faithful labours for the Lord. Mention should also be made of Sister Wakelin's £41; Sister Hewitt's £56, and Sister Carrison's £61. Heartfelt gratitude is due to every member who proved his or her loyalty and interest in the Advent message by giving of their best in time and enthusiasm. What an inspiration and joy it has been to be associated with the fine band of the Humber district! How it fills our hearts with praise to God that less than one hundred working members raised £1,100 (or approximately one-ninth of the North England Conference total) in one month for our missionaries. But what a challenge also to every church-member of what God can do in these blessed Isles through the consecration and whole-hearted work of British Adventists!

Not the least of our joys are recalled when we know that souls have heard of our message through the visits and contacts made by our members. A fitting reward came also at the end of the Ingathering period when about twenty-five of the Hull members had the privilege of visiting one of the army camps of the United States forces in the vicinity. Sister E. Limback, who had ingathered in the area, had not only received a goodly sum from the American soldiers toward her Ingathering total of £32, but she had also received a letter with an invitation to us to conduct a church service at the camp on a Sunday morning. Some 150 coloured soldiers eagerly listened to the ministry of God's Word. An army quartette delighted us all with some famous negro spirituals, and those of us who were present at that service will not soon forget the united singing of some of our well-known choruses, and will often remember the fervent and harmonious rendering by nearly 200 voices of the chorus, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." Yes, what joys will be ours when in that day we shall meet with all who learned of the love of God through the preaching of the Word at home and overseas, made possible in so many

cases through the means found by faithful Ingatherers!

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Superintendent's Notes

ELSEWHERE in this issue there is a report of the 1945 Convention held in Hereford. The Lord abundantly answered prayer and made it a time of spiritual refreshing.

STUDENT COLPORTEURS

IN addition to the five student colporteurs we mentioned in a previous issue (all working in South Wales) there are two at work in North Wales. These are Brethren H. West and C. Robson. We understand that three of the seven have found Wales such a goodly land that they have sold, in three or four weeks, sufficient to cover their needs for the next College year!

GRADUATE NURSES

THEIR many friends in the Welsh Mission will rejoice with Thelma Rosemary Carter (of Barry) and Mary Elizabeth Maggs (now Mrs. Hugh Williams and formerly of Newport) on successfully passing the state examinations which entitle them to the S.R.N. degree in nursing. Hearty congratulations!

FINANCES

WE continue to be blessed financially. The tithe income is steadily rising and for the first half of the year we are almost £90 above the figure for the same period last year. Surely this faithfulness will bring every donor a fulfilment of the Lord's promise. The amount received in tithes for the months January to June is £1,876. 3s. 8d. That was approximately the amount received six years ago in a full year!

THE EVANGELISTIC BOX

MAY we remind members of the little brown box which is used

for providing an additional sum of money for our evangelistic work? The income from this little box is going down, perhaps because we have overlooked its mission. Let us remember that the amount we gather through this means is retained for our work in Wales. So shall we put the box back in a prominent position on the kitchen mantelpiece and then bring the box in to the local church treasurer at the end of each quarter. It is not the bigness of the amount it contains that matters—but as the Scots say: "Mony a mickle maks a muckle." So here's thanking you in anticipation!

S. G. HYDE.



The Hereford Convention

July 13th and 14th

ANOTHER Hereford Convention is past. To those privileged to attend, it proved to be, as before, a season of refreshing and of happy fellowship. We met in the same lovely Baptist church in Commercial Road (by the courtesy of the minister and diaconate) and the days could not have been more beautiful.

The object of the convention was "the deepening of the spiritual life." If the Sabbath morning service, when Principal W. G. Murdoch addressed the large congregation on the character of the redeemed, was any indication, then that object was achieved. It was a spontaneous gesture on the part of everybody—ministers and laity alike—to rise and ask for help from God to walk more worthily and in fellowship with Jesus the remaining days of their pilgrimage. The Lord came very near as Pastor Hyde offered the consecration prayer on behalf of a united and unified people.

Hereford, geographically, is situated so that this old-world cathedral city of the border-land country is very near to certain parts of the North and South Conferences. So it was not surprising to find again that not only were our own Welsh Mission members present in good numbers, but also friends from churches over the border. A number of Adventist American soldiers were also there—probably their last opportunity of joining

such a representative gathering before turning for home. Because we all belonged to the same Saviour and rejoiced in the same message, we were as one big family, glad of each other's company and feeling good to be associated in the same great enterprise—preparing for our returning Lord.

Not only did Pastor Murdoch come to minister to us, but also our good friend and editor, Pastor W. L. Emmerson. His messages on the Friday evening and the Sabbath were very helpful and inspirational and led his hearers to place a greater value on "the message" which had made them a distinct and separate people.

The Sabbath-school was led by Brother E. A. Butters. His team to care for the lesson, the review, and the missions appeal were Brethren R. Jacques, A. W. Howard, and Miss Olive Gatehouse respectively.

Pastor F. S. Jackson and H. Humphries each conducted a prayer service, while the two Bible-workers—Miss A. Hartland and Miss J. Baird—with their junior associate, Miss Jacqueline Hyde, gave acceptable help to the younger children. We had some excellent congregational singing, being greatly assisted by the fine organ with Brother Llewellyn Meredith, of the College, at the consoles. The soloist, Miss Doreen Hyde—sang two lovely messages, one entitled "The Good Shepherd" and the other "Down from His Glory."

The final service was opened to the public when the writer spoke on the theme: "The San Francisco Charter: Will It Bring in the Millennial Peace?"

And so ended a very successful, yet all too brief, convention. The presence of the Lord was very manifest and all felt that oneness and liberty which is always present "where the Spirit of the Lord is."

Between the services there was ample opportunity for social fellowship. It was good to see everybody getting together fraternally. With gladness we welcomed a sister who had recently returned from a concentration camp in the Philippines after three years' captivity. She had travelled from the Far East to America in company

with George and Rose Rodgers and their son Marcus.

We must not forget to mention the good work of the stewards under the direction of Brother C. L. W. Cooke; the "refreshment ministry" on the part of our Hereford friends under the able direction of Miss E. Stanton; nor the untiring work of the "apartments finder," Brother C. D. Watson.

Our prayer is that the benefits of the Hereford convention may be reflected in the lives we live in coming days both in our homes, and in the church of God, and that the "deep, deep love of Jesus" may have a deepening effect upon each of our spiritual lives as we press forward to the goal of our hopes.

S. G. HYDE.

Ministry of Literature

Waiting Forty Years

"Do call on my neighbour, won't you?" we were urged by a person with whom we had prayed and who had just ordered a leather copy of *The Bible Speaks*.

So we were soon in the sitting-room at this, the last call of an eventful day.

How attentive she was. Quietly she took in our "selling-talk," following with an intense interest each step through the pages of the book.

Then in a soft voice the question came, "Do you believe in the second advent?"

The prophetic portions of the book, to which we at once turned, backed up our affirmative answer, and she became more communicative. She was a retired school teacher, now past seventy years of age. Both she and her husband were members of the established church. Forty years ago a lecture on the second coming of Christ by someone had stirred her deeply—so much so that her whole life had been greatly influenced by this Bible hope.

Yet the matter was never altogether clear in her mind.

How? When? Why? And what was to follow such a tre-

mendous event? No one since seemed to have any definite word to enlighten her on these vital questions.

No one knew. No one was interested enough, anyway.

So the years had passed.

She was seventy now; perhaps there would be no response to her longing for light.

At long last! Can it be? Yes, surely. The answering voice of certainty is here—now. The definite lines of truth on the “blessed hope,” the coming of Jesus in great glory—these are clearly and systematically set out before her in our beautiful and timely publication, *The Bible Speaks*.

With deep gratitude this good soul chooses a leather copy, handing over a substantial deposit.

And to think she had been waiting for the light for forty years!
B. BELTON.



All At One Door

A LADY had given an order for a leather copy of *God's Way Out* and paid in full. When I called the next day to deliver the book, just as she opened the door to me a friend of hers was passing and she at once drew her attention to my work. I showed the book to her and received an order for two copies in the red binding. Scarcely had these been signed for, when another lady came up, passed the time of day to us all and inquired what they were buying. The book was again shown and two more “reds” were booked. This lady also paid for six copies of *Bedtime Stories* and gave me an order for a Bible as well. I was just about to take my leave when yet another lady came along. She also was invited to look at the book and soon another “red” was ordered. And “all on the one doorstep.”

W. H. WOODFIELD.



THE last effort often becomes the winning stroke! Through observation one is ready to say that most people who have quit, have quit too soon. May God give us the power, the courage, and the endurance to finish the work committed to our task.

J. J. STRAHLE.

In Mission Lands

The Opening Wedge in the Villages

“DOCTOR Sahib, give me eyes.” These were the pathetic words of a muscular Hindu man who had nearly gone blind from the dreaded disease, glaucoma, which was raging in the villages at that time, and had come to us for an operation. As he walked out of the hospital with his eyesight restored, I am sure he saw something else beside men and trees. In order that these heathen may see Jesus with their spiritual eyes, their physical eyes must be opened first. Jesus healed the blind and the maimed without any reservation.

There was a time when our evangelist was not allowed to mention the name of Christ in the villages, and was driven away. However, experiences of this sort have changed the attitude of the people, and now he is welcomed where he was persecuted.

We were holding clinic once a week in a distant village, about three hours journey by boat from our hospital. We started first in a school house. This “building” had nothing but a grass roof supported by poles and bamboo matting, and a wall only on one side where the teacher’s desk was. The students had no regular desks and chairs, but long narrow benches for seats. We held our clinic in one half of the shed, while school was going on in the other half. The old schoolmaster

was sick, and his son had been substituting, and was friendly toward us. When the father returned, he refused to let us have the use of his schoolroom. So we had to look for another place. We found a cowshed which, after a little cleaning, looked much better than the old school house, and held our clinic there that day. The next week, with better courage, we loaded the boat with table, chairs, and medicines, and started out bright and early. Upon arrival, to our great surprise and consternation, we found our “cowshed clinic” occupied by the same teacher and students. The old school-house had been sold, and the new owner had decided to tear the shack down and use the material to complete his house. We thought surely Satan was hedging the way, and our efforts were going to be fruitless. As there was no other suitable place where we could have our clinic, we decided to return to our station. The local tax-collector—a Brahman by caste—heard of our decision, and came to see us. He said to me, “You can hold your clinic in that yonder building.” I went and looked at it. It was a good brick house—the best in the village—a temple dedicated to the goddess Kali. He had the goddess, with all its sacred vessels and throne, removed, and turned the building over to us for our clinic. In a few minutes we had quite a crowd. Our evangelist immediately opened his Sabbath-school picture roll and started preaching to Hindus and Mohammedans. We continued holding clinics in this building till the end of the season.

Our message was introduced to this village through the medical work. Prejudice has been broken down, and the territory is ready for the preaching of the message. The people are very friendly toward us now, and our evangelist is eager to settle there. However, it is not very easy to locate workers in the villages, as no houses can be rented. Your generous offerings will help build churches and houses for our evangelists in the villages. Make the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow a really big one. Give now while you have the opportunity. Later, it may be too late.
DR. J. JOHANNES.

Remember that the
THIRTEENTH SABBATH
OFFERING

this quarter goes to the
Southern Asia Division

Honest in Paying Tithe

NESAMMA is a young but poor woman of our Kulathamel Sabbath-school in the South Malayalam Mission of the South India Union, who has to work hard every day to earn her livelihood. Every morning she, with her friends, goes far away from home, in search of grass. In the afternoon, she gathers what she is able to cut here and there, and carries the bundle on her head for marketing. In this way she earns about three rupees (4s. 0d.) per week. Besides attending to her own food and clothing, she has to support her grandfather also.

She is given an envelope to drop her tithe in daily, so that she can bring it to the church on Sabbaths. Every Sabbath Nesamma is there with her tithe-envelope. Usually between four and five annas (4d. to 5d) in small coins are found in her envelope. We have given such envelopes for safely keeping their tithes to all the members of the Sabbath-school, but Nesamma is particularly faithful in bringing her tithe every week. She testifies that the Lord has blessed her wonderfully from the time she began paying her honest tithe

P. S. JOHNSON,
Native Evangelist.

Wedding Bells

CALKINS-JONES—On June 25, 1945, in the Baptist church, Commercial Road, Hereford (by the courtesy of the minister and the diaconate), Frances Evelyn Jones, of Hereford, and David Henry Calkins, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, U.S.A., were united in marriage by Pastor S. G. Hyde

The church was well filled, not only with the bride's relatives and friends, but also with the bridegroom's associates from the military hospital, as well as local churchmembers. The service was impressive and beautiful, following which some seventy friends repaired to the church hall for the reception.

Among the "toasts" was one to "our friends and allies of the U.S.A." (to which an officer from the hospital gladly responded), and another to "the absent members of the bridegroom's family in Arkansas."

By this marriage another link

has been forged in the chain that binds the two great Anglo-Saxon nations. It is the earnest desire of their many friends that these two consecrated young people may be supremely happy and find their usefulness in the Lord's service enhanced by their union.

S. G. HYDE

DAVISON-ASHTON.—On July 1, 1945, at the Chiswick Advent church Mr. L. M. Davison and Miss M. W. Ashton were united in marriage. Although the hour was an early one, a good number of relatives and friends attended the service and the subsequent reception. Both are members of the Ealing church and take a lively interest in all its activities. Mr. Davison has been a great help to the young people for some time and is now taking a larger part in church life and in lay preaching. We wish them every happiness and success in their united lives and service for the Master.

W. W. ARMSTRONG



CHAPPELL.—Sister M. A. Chappell of Bristol fell asleep in Jesus on May 4, 1945, at the age of eighty-four years, and was laid to rest in the Arno's Vale Cemetery on May 9th. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. Our Brother W. G. Chappell, one of our faithful colporteurs, was not able to attend the funeral of his mother because of illness. Sister Chappell was herself a successful colporteur, and loved the work. It was in 1944, after twenty-seven years of service—of which the last two were her most successful, resulting in the sale of more than £500 worth of literature—she was obliged, by reason of increasing infirmity, to give up the work. Sister Chappell came into the truth through the labours of Brother Whittle with the printed page in 1911, and was baptized the following year by Pastor Shafer. Those sleeping in Jesus shall be restored and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

O. M. DORLAND

NEWMAN.—The Portsmouth church has suffered a loss by the death of Sister Sarah Newman at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Sister Newman was baptized thirty years ago by Pastor Haughey, and has continued faithful to the message ever since, although of recent years she suffered a decline in health. We laid her to rest in the Milton Cemetery, Brother E. Cox performing the last rites before a representative gathering of our members. We know that we shall meet again when "the ransomed of the Lord shall return."

D. HILLS, *Church Clerk*

SWAIN.—We regret to record the passing of our Sister Swain in the early hours of June 6, 1945, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She had been in failing health for a long time, and could not take part in the services of the church. With her daughter Alice she was brought into the truth some

thirty-eight years ago by Pastor McCord, who was the evangelist in Hastings at that time. Our sister was laid to rest in the Borough Cemetery, Hastings, on Sabbath, June 9th, following a service in the church in which Pastor G. R. Bell spoke comforting words to the bereaved present. The church sympathizes with the aged husband, daughter, and son, praying that they may all meet their loved one "when the roll is called up yonder."

W. T. DABSON, *Church Clerk*

WHITE.—Miss E. M. White of the Exeter church, died on June 9, 1945, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was baptized by Pastor A. J. Mustard in Torquay on July 17, 1943. She patiently endured a painful illness, and died in the hope of a part in the resurrection at Christ's coming. The burial took place on June 13th at the Exwick Cemetery, Exeter, and was attended by a number of the members. We shall greatly miss her presence among us, but we trust in the promise that one day God's people will be reunited.

Church Clerk.

THOMSON.—We deeply regret to record the passing of Brother David Thomson of Stirling. He died on May 23, 1945, fully trusting in his Saviour. He was a consistent Christian, loving this truth and seeking to spread it abroad. He was brought into contact with the message through Brother Watson of Edinburgh, and was baptized by Pastor L. Murdoch in 1933. Words of comfort pointing forward to the dawning of the day when the shadows shall flee away were spoken by Pastor J. McMillan to relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects.

W. SAMWAYS, *Elder.*

SISTER THOMPSON and May, of Stirling, desire to thank all friends for letters and evidence of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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