

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

Ingathering We Will Go

I HAVE been looking over the Ingathering records for the past ten years, and the British Union has something to be proud of in this matter. Moreover, we have to live up to a reputation!

From 1936-40 our total Ingathering income was £54,992, or £9. 15s. 9d. per capita. From 1941-45 the total rose to £99,104 and the per capita to £15. 11s. It is doubtful if any Union in the world with comparable membership could equal this achievement.

One of the vital things in our world work to-day is the necessity to enlarge our cause in every land. War does not tend to increase the missionary spirit, for nations that are enervated and impoverished seek to look after themselves rather than to care for their less favoured fellows afar off. That spirit must never enter the church. For good and all we are our brothers' keepers, and if we disregard the needs of their souls then our

By H. W. LOWE

own souls wither up. This is otherwise put by Sister White: ". . . the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of evangelical work, done in countries afar off." —*"Gospel Workers,"* page 465.

A people who think in terms of expansion abroad will think in the same way about the work in their homeland. If ever a field needed to think and plan bigger,

this is the field. We must open our eyes and look out on a world which at home and abroad, is white already to harvest—and we must do something about it!

That something is, for the month of May, to plan and to work for missions, to pray and to do for God.

Ingathering provides an unequalled illustration of the way in which success comes to spiritual planning. Not without earnest thought and prayer has this part of our organization been built up over the years. To-day we have a well-organized campaign with the right spiritual objectives, and

the only uncertain factor is the extent to which you will decide to throw yourselves into this campaign. One hundred per cent service from all the church would bring record returns for this year's foreign missions programme.

We want your whole-hearted service, and your co-operation in observing all the regulations to



Many wounded armen have been glad that the Gospel has gone before them in the South Seas.

which we are bound by law to conform if our permit is to be renewed each year.

This first post-war year is relaxation year to the war-weary world, but to the church, which knows no pleasure outside her Master's service, this is the time to renew our strength in the most blessed work ever given to man.

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Notes from the President

THE Nottingham church has been in use for several months. Two baptismal services have been held in it since the opening. As supplies and labour have been available, the work of completion has steadily advanced. It is planned to hold the dedication services and another baptism about the middle of July, when the work in the building is completed. Our members have waited forty years, but now at last we have a representative church at the headquarters of our work in North England. The district leader and others associated with him have worked gallantly to prepare this splendid house of worship.

HANDSWORTH

THE Handsworth church has been vastly improved. The district leader, church board, and members are to be congratulated on raising a large sum of money to pay for repairs, improvements, and re-decoration. When the work is completed, we shall be justly proud of the Handsworth church building.

HUMBER DISTRICT

THE district leader, officers, and members have been working hard to improve the appearance of the Hull, Grimsby, and Ulceby buildings. The Ulceby church will always be of historic interest, as it was the first to be built and dedicated in this country.

GAINS AND LOSSES

WE extend a very warm welcome to Pastor G. W. Baird, who has joined the working force in North England. He will locate in the Birmingham area.

Miss R. Richardson has been called to the College to be preceptress. She served the cause faithfully in the office, and we are very sorry to lose her. So far, we have been unable to fill her place.

Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick has been called to the leadership of the Scottish Mission. While we are sorry to lose his services, we pray that God will abundantly bless the Mission under his leadership.

INGATHERING

THE warm spring weather helps us to recall happy Ingathering memories. What a wonderful thing it would be for our very needy overseas missions if we could raise £5 per member during the coming campaign! It could be done if every able-bodied member pulled his weight.

DORCAS SOCIETIES

THE Dorcas society can be a strong influence to break down prejudice. It would be most helpful if we had a society functioning in each church. If you need help to launch one in your church, why not write to the departmental secretary?

TITHE EXPERIENCE

THESE figures have been sent to us for publication as a source of encouragement to others. About fifteen months ago, an interested person decided to pay tithe. Since then, his monthly business figures have been as follows:

January, 1945, £485; February, £485; March, £460; April, £570; May, £765; June, £443; July, £647; August, £647; September, £540; October, £1,168; November, £1,342; December, £1,190; January, 1946, £1,365; February, £1,317; March, £1,531.

This brother points out that the increase is in no way connected with better supplies as the situation in this respect has actually deteriorated.

CONFERENCE TITHE

WE thank our loyal membership for regularly and faithfully remembering to give the Lord His portion of their income. The figure of 91 per cent of the membership paying tithe is an outstanding record, which we feel confident will yet be passed. For their own good, we appeal to the remaining nine per cent to remember to "bring . . . all the tithes into the storehouse."

SPECIAL MESSAGE

IN *Gospel Workers*, page 277, we read a special message to all who preach:

"Ministers of age and experience should feel it their duty, as God's hired servants, to go forward, progressing every day, continually becoming more efficient in their work, and constantly gathering fresh matter to set before the people. Each effort to expound the Gospel should be an improvement upon that which preceded it. Each year they should develop a deeper piety, a more tender spirit, a greater spirituality, and a more thorough knowledge of Bible truth. The greater their age and experience, the nearer should they be able to approach the hearts of the people, having a more perfect knowledge of them"

OFFICE LIBRARIES

FOR several years we have been building up a lay preachers' library. In the near future, a new catalogue will be prepared of all children's, young people's, and adult books. We hope that parents of the juniors, the young people, and the lay preachers will take full advantage of these libraries.

TWO OUTSTANDING NEEDS

1. CHURCH Officers' Conventions in every district, and,
2. A Lay Preachers' Council for the conference as a whole.

We hope that the autumn will see conventions in full swing all over the field, and that nothing will hinder the long-awaited lay council.

WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF YOUR LOVE?

"THERE was a large Japanese troopship plying the waters of the Pacific Ocean. One night it succeeded in blowing up an American vessel. The sailors

rescued a large number of the American soldiers from the churning, oily waters. These they unceremoniously herded into the hold of the ship, to lie shivering and dirty, like so many half-drowned rats.

"Later that night the tables were turned, and the Japanese ship received a blow from an American man-of-war. The order came to abandon ship. Everyone hurried to save his life, and of course no one worried about the prisoners in the hold. That is, no one except one Christian Japanese, who knew that certain death awaited the prisoners below unless they were released. He took it upon himself to open the hatch without an order. He knew none would be given. He called to the frantic men to hurry for their lives, that the ship was sinking. He also had time to tell them he was doing this in Christ's name; then he was shot by a superior officer who chanced by and didn't like what he saw. "This was sacrifice indeed and made by one who was supposedly an enemy. But in his heart the love of God had penetrated.

"What is the measure of your love? It depends on how well you love your fellow-men and how much you are doing for them."
R. S. JOYCE.

Investiture at Grimsby

MORE chairs and still more chairs required! It is not often our little church at Grimsby is so full. But then, it is not every week that we have both our Conference president *and* the M.V. secretary *and* an M.V. Rally all at once. So the Grimsby members, together with visitors from the local companies, had a really enjoyable day.

Pastor B. E. Sparrow in taking the Sabbath-school lesson brought to us hitherto undreamed of thoughts from the old story of the birth of Jesus. Then, at the morning service Pastor R. S. Joyce, after ordaining Brother Weston as elder, brought us a timely message of admonition and encouragement. During this service, Mrs. Joyce cared for the younger ones.

At three o'clock in the afternoon we re-assembled for the big

event of the day. During a varied and interesting programme, Pastor Sparrow invested five of the young people, Sheila Wilkinson and Brian and Jean Anderson as "Helpers" and Philip Anderson and Peter Cooper (Fotherby) as "Friends."

Later, after a splendid tea provided by some of the church-members, the day was ended by a film, "Zambesi Days," bringing to our minds very vividly the hardships and the rewards that come to those who have "gone into all the world" as Jesus commanded.

Y. P. LEADER.

Northants Believers Get Together

SABBATH, March 2nd, was bleak and wintry. Snow was falling most of the day. But this did not prevent strong representations assembling together from Kettering, Rushden, Wellingborough, and Northampton. Isolated believers, some of them aged, were there, too.

For some time we had hoped for, and then planned for, this meeting which was held in the very suitable hall kindly hired to us by the Northampton Society of Friends. Pastor R. S. Joyce, our conference president, readily accepted the invitation of the writer to carry the principal burden of the day.

When Sabbath-school began at ten o'clock there was already a creditable attendance, in spite of transport difficulties. Brother B. Noville, the Kettering Sabbath-school superintendent, ably supported the writer in this important section of the day's services. An inspiring missions appeal in which Sister E. Fielding related stories of her work in the dispensary at Agona, Gold Coast, brought a liberal offering. Brethren Noville and Fielding conducted the review and day's lesson respectively.

In the service which followed, Pastor Joyce unfolded to us the important truths centring around the offering of the red heifer. (Numbers 19.) We saw the need of keeping ourselves from any contamination with the evil of the world. At the same time the

children spent a happy time with Sister Joyce.

After an enjoyable lunch hour with its social blessings and hot drinks which were provided by the Northampton sisters, the united believers joined heartily in a service of song and praise. Popular choruses, well known hymns, an item by the Saxby trio, and a recitation "Rock of Ages," led up to a short period of testimony. At three o'clock promptly, Pastor Joyce began his enjoyable lantern lecture of the rise and progress of the World-Wide Advent Church.

Such days as these bring blessing to God's people and we shall look forward to more in the Northants district.

T. H. FIELDING.

Come and See Handsworth Now!

DURING the past three months a number of visitors have been seen at the Handsworth church; noisy visitors, who have turned the church upside down; but non-the-less welcome visitors, for they were builders, joiners, and painters, putting into effect repairs long neglected.

As I write, all the repairs are complete, and the painters are putting the finishing touches to the interior. And so at last we have, in this great city of Birmingham, a church building of which the movement can be justly proud, and to which we can invite the public without embarrassment.

How is the Handsworth church going to meet the heavy expense incurred? You will be happy to know that this important matter was attended to before the work went forward. There was a whole-hearted response to an appeal for funds, almost every member pledging something. Over £500 was promised to be paid by the end of 1946. To date almost £550 in cash has been handed to the treasurer.

We thank God again for the wonderful spirit of liberality which He has put into the hearts of His people. Another "mountain" has been removed by faith.

F. EDWARDS.

God Is With Us!

"Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you." Haggai 2:4.

GOD is with us. What an inspiring promise with which to open the 1946 Ingathering campaign. During the years this great appeal has been conducted, millions of pounds have been contributed through this means.

Do you realize that the Ingathering provides more than fifty per cent of our total mission funds? But who can estimate the value of the souls won? Every church and company can bear witness to souls saved through contact with this work.

A new vitality, energy, and devotion has been evidenced in both old and young as they have co-operated with divine agencies.

LITERATURE

The 1946 Ingathering literature has already been dispatched to your church. The folder gives a brief but vivid description of our world-wide work, and the artistic arrangement is first-class. We have reverted to the balance sheet on the back page and I am sure this will meet with the approval of most if not all of you.

How It Was Done

[The College achievement of collecting £700 in three days was certainly one of the highlights of last year's brilliant campaign. By the time this year's campaign commences I expect to be on my way to the General Conference. One of the greatest thrills I expect to have at that great gathering is the opening of a cable from the college students with the news that they have achieved £1,000 in 1946!—J.M.H.]

SEVEN hundred pounds in three days! How was it done? Well, it was no miracle. As with all things we made the Ingathering a matter of prayer—privately, publicly, and in our prayer-bands. We have learned to expect great things from God. We were assured of His co-operation and we claimed His promises. He had guided us in the past and He would be with us this time.

Although we have been able this year to print a little more literature, it is still in short supply.

On the average each collector will have for his use seven folders and twenty leaflets.

CORRESPONDENCE

Do not fail to write to your friends, your landlord, the people with whom you trade, and you will be surprised how excellent are the returns.

One of my friends was a cripple, yet he managed to Ingather by correspondence £50 to £60 every year.

ISOLATED

If you are isolated and in need of equipment, write to your local conference secretary for supplies. Isolated in the missions write direct to the British Union Conference.

PREPARATION

Remember that we need to prepare our hearts for this great task. At no time of the year are more contacts made than in this month of May. Pray that the contacts may eventually mean souls won. J. M. HOWARD.

Thus, realizing our own limitations, we went out in His strength and our faith was rewarded.

Each student had a definite part to play—it was now left for him to do it. Each day eighty or ninety representatives of Christ went forward, united in purpose with a definite commission to go to a definite place and work for a definite time for a definite sum. Soon we learned that we were limited by our own minds. As the funds came rolling in the first day many were led to raise their individual goals. This was repeated the second day. Thus, with a smaller force of students all previous records were passed.

God has guided us in the past—He will guide us in the future to greater heights of achievement.

V. BENEFIELD.

READY! STEADY!—

INGATHERING

Who will be at

"NOT LESS"

THROUGHOUT the years no home missionary activity has received more enthusiastic support from our members than the Ingathering campaign. This fact is of great encouragement to us. This year, we believe, will be no exception to the general rule. Why should not our efforts in 1946 be the fullest demonstration of our loyal support for the men and women who have left the homeland to uplift humanity and to proclaim the soon return of

Wilt Thou for

*In the heat and toil of labour dost
Asking, nay, but rather pleading
I am longing now to answer all
For the coming of My Kingdom
And My heart doth yearn in
Yet because I still must tarry*

*"Count not My delay as slackness
Heaven and earth will pass from
But My soul is still in travail
Seeking those who lie in darkness
'Tis for these, My child I'm waiting
Thou can't hasten then My coming*

*"Know the earth, with all its fullness
All its sheep and all its cattle,
Yea, the wealth of 'en the Gentiles
Bring their gifts and all their offerings
I can open hearts and purse-strings
Go then forth, great things attempt*

*"In the midst of heaven fieth, lo
With the everlasting Gospel, giving
Go thou then to all the nations;
Cheered and strengthened with
Gather now the gifts from other
That the work on earth may finish*

*When the harvest has been gathered
Will your heart not thrill with pleasure
As before your God and Father,
Knowing that for Him you laboured
Then the toil, the tears, the sorrow
Satisfied at last, with Jesus, there*

TORY PARADE

at the goal?

OUT MORE"

the world's Redeemer? To give what time we can for just one month in the year is the least we should do to help them in their continuous self-sacrificing work.

We are now enjoying the first year of peace after six long nightmare years of war. There is money in the people's pockets, and in their hearts a spirit of gratitude for the preservation of our land and liberties.

While the nation, in happier mood than in recent years, pre-

pare for Victory Celebrations on June 8th, let us gather in the notes and the silver for Ingathering Thanksgiving on June 1st. Every available hour from Sunday, April 28th, to the last day of May should be used to this end. Sundays are particularly fruitful in some places, but it is surprising what can be collected in the evenings, even in our own vicinity.

This year's Ingathering literature is, we think, even more attractive than before, and fortunately it is a little more plentiful. Both the illustrated folder and leaflet will make a ready appeal. With a few cheerful words and a smile, it should be easy for anyone wearing the official badge to collect with success.

We know that those who have helped before will again wish to enjoy the happy experience. We would make a special appeal to others who before have been too young or too timid to take part in this good work. We assure you that there awaits you a happy experience and success beyond your expectations. Do not hold back

because you can only spare a few hours for the work. Your local agent and home missionary leader will be glad to make arrangements to suit you and to give suggestions on a simple canvass. Generally speaking, a brief, hearty appeal is the best. Isolated members should write to the conference home missionary secretary.

The year war broke out South England's total was just over £4,800. With God's blessing upon the consecrated efforts of collectors, the figure has risen steadily, even during the war, to £11,880 last year. Why should we not do even better in 1946? The urgent calls of the mission fields, many of which have suffered severely during the war, are now greater than ever. We believe God's people will meet the challenge of these times.

Pray and work for your own best total for Ingathering Thanksgiving Day on June 1st. Remember South England expects—"Not Less—But More!"

E. R. WARLAND.

you for Me?

aster speak to thee,
how do some work for Me?
ayers which Thou hast made
ve listened as you've prayed.
icious to fulfil My word,
the prayers are not unheard.
y promises are true.
m yet My word is pledged for you;
enl be satisfied—
ous ones for whom I died.
ant you work to save them too?
my duty thou wilt do
ull still Mine like as of old,
aller and its gold;
ith into My treasury flow—
ff at no lack My house may know,
ing work on faithfully,
en and expect great things from Me
del in his might
earth its light;
I now thee send,
ase, Lo, I'm with you to the end;
My Spirit will impress
e kingdom you possess."
efore God's throne you stand,
Christ takes you by the hand—
name with joy will tell,
you have done all things well;
no more remembered be,
the crystal sea.

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

Wanted—Gatherers-In!

It's there all right—fabulous sums of it—just waiting to be gathered in. All it needs is the in-gatherer!

Let's translate these assertions into every-day scenes from the mission field.

Ten weary men draw near the mission station in Uganda. Their feet have carried them one hundred miles and more in the hope of coming face to face with a missionary before whom they can plead their cause. They want a teacher to guide their people into Christian ways. When they tell the white man of their hopes, he looks worried. His slender funds are already stretched to the utmost limit. His teachers are living on a minimum wage. If he only had £1 a month, or five shillings a week more, he could send these men the help for which they so eloquently appeal. Only five shillings a week—but he cannot provide even that small sum.

And there are so many shillings in Britain. Thousands of them lie

idle or are wasted. If they were gathered-in, they would work miracles out here, but alas, they are waiting for in-gatherers.

On the steps of an Indian hospital stands a white-robed doctor. Concern and dismay are written over his sunburnt face. He looks despairingly at the crowd of would-be patients. He knows he cannot possibly take them all. He picks out the extreme cases. "We can take you, and you, and you, . . . But no more. We have neither the beds, the food, nor the staff. You must come back next week."

Next week! Some may be dead by next week! And all for the want of a few more pounds. If only those people in Britain could see the need, they would surely go out and gather-in some money to save these poor, poor people of India.

But why multiply examples? You know the need is indescribably great. What are you going to do to meet it? If you have

done little or nothing in the past, go out and in-gather at least twenty shillings this year. You can do this in a single Sunday morning in May. If you have done less than your share in previous years, go out and in-gather your full goal in 1946. You will find that the money is awaiting your call.

Be an *Ingatherer* now that benighted souls may be gathered in for the future.

B. E. SPARROW.

Ingathering Among the Jewish People in 1946

DURING the past year Seventh-Day Adventists have received a considerable amount of favourable publicity in the daily press in general, including the Jewish press. This has served to increase the interest of the Jewish people in this movement, and many of them now would appreciate knowing more about our work and principles.

In our contacts with the Jewish people in behalf of our Ingathering work, it is exceedingly important that our attitude be such that we can impress upon them the fact that we are indeed their friends. Such a contact will be greatly appreciated by them.

It will be refreshing to many a Jewish person to learn, for example, that we, like Abraham, keep the seventh-day Sabbath; that we regard ourselves spiritual Israelites; that we abstain from all unclean foods, even as the children of Israel did of old; and that, like Abraham, we give one-tenth of our income to God's work. Such an approach will at once remove any prejudice, if such existed, and will create a bond of kinship between the solicitor and the Jewish person contacted.

In some instances it might be well to sympathize with him over the pitiful plight of the Jewish people, and say how in the past Seventh-Day Adventists and Jews have stood shoulder to shoulder in their endeavour to uphold religious liberty for all people—especially minorities.

Finish up by telling him that Seventh-Day Adventists are do-

ing a great, world-wide humanitarian work, in which you are sure he will be happy to have a share, and for which God will bless him. Thank him in anticipation for his contribution.

We will be glad to hear from you if you have any interesting experiences in connection with your Ingathering work among the Jewish people. Let us pray for the salvation of the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

S. A. KAPLAN,

Acting Secretary, Jewish Dept.

We Rely on You!

THE apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:1, wrote the following: "Ye have no need that I write unto you." Brother Howard has asked me to write a few lines regarding the Ingathering for 1946 but actually there is no need, because the members of the Irish Mission have always more than done their duty, and this is certainly true of every worker. Last year we actually led the world in the collection per capita.

We have just had an inspiring visit from Pastor W. W. R. Lake who spent nearly four years in a Japanese concentration camp. We shall always remember his experiences. We wish he could have visited all of our companies. I feel sure that the young people upon whom we rely will respond this year as never before. I feel certain, too, that even the older warriors of this noble work will again "go forth" and receive a blessing. The servant of the Lord wrote just before World War No. 1, as follows:

"In the providence of God, those who are bearing the burden of His work have been endeavouring to put new life into old methods of labour and also to invent new plans and new methods of awakening the interest of church-members in a united effort to reach the world. One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions. In many places during the past few years this has proved a success, bringing blessing to many and increasing the flow of means into the missions."

Rise for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their
armour on,
And forth to the fight have gone.

A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each man has some part to play;
The past and the future are
nothing

In the face of the stern to-day.

E. E. CRAVEN.

Final Instructions

INGATHERING, this year, begins on Sunday, April 28th, and closes on May 31st.

This house-to-house collection is sanctioned by a government order first issued to World-Wide Advent Missions in March, 1940, and renewed each year up to 1946.

No money can be received as a result of direct appeal unless the collector has in his possession a Certificate of Authority, properly signed; an official Badge, also signed; and a Collecting Box with an official label attached, dated and signed by a local agent.

Any part, or all of this official equipment, must be available for inspection by the police, or any prospective contributor who is desirous of satisfying himself on the bona fides of the appeal.

The possession of a Certificate and Badge, issued by World-Wide Advent Missions, does not authorize the collector to solicit gifts on the street or in public markets.

When soliciting, the Badge should be worn on the outer garment of the collector, except in Scotland where it is sufficient to have it in possession. Reference to the Badge in the course of the appeal creates confidence.

No person under sixteen years of age is allowed to collect. In the Metropolitan area, the restriction is raised to eighteen years.

Collecting boxes may be opened only by local agents, or their assistants.

Isolated members should arrange with the conference office on the handling of their collections.

J. M. HOWARD.

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Lowestoft Dorcas Society

THE square stone church by the harbour waters stands unwrecked, though bombs have fallen within a few yards of its walls. The town by the sea is battle-scarred, but now that the lights have gone up again, the golden words, "Advent Church" still shine brightly at the passers-by. Of the worshippers, some quietly braved the enemy's onslaughts, and worshipped, week by week within its precincts all the dark, nightmare days and nights of air war. Others, unable to stand the dread thunder of those days, found shelter in safer places than Lowestoft town on the front line. But now that the grim spectre of death and destruction haunts the harbour no more, home have come and are coming the war-exiled believers, making glad the hearts of those who stayed behind, by renewed fellowship, praise, and worship in the square, stone church by the harbour waters.

It seemed to the children of God as though the years of world strife had brought the Lord's work almost to a standstill in Lowestoft. They met in earnest conclave and discussed earnestly what could be done to see their church grow again in activity and usefulness. I should love to tell you of all the plans, and all the work going forward at the moment, but you will read of these presently. In the meantime I am commissioned to tell you of our Dorcas society.

The Dorcas work of the church had ceased during the past fateful years. It was decided a few months ago to start afresh this noble endeavour. To direct an enterprise that has to contend with shortage of materials

and the coupon system, the society are much blessed in the wise and able leadership of Sister Cambridge to whom God has given in more than usual measure, the excellent talent of the seamstress' craft. A call was made for old garments. A second-hand machine in good condition was sought and found and bought. Sisters and brethren searched in cupboards, drawers, and boxes, with the result that many articles of wear came to the little upper room, where, on Thursday evening, we gathered with our leading Dorcas sister. The youngest members of the church and a few little friends not of our faith eagerly joined the sewing band. With delight we all learned that smart new boys' knickers can be made out of old skirts, charming slippers out of ancient felt hats and knitted woollies, bright rugs for the fireside out of the rag-bag, exquisitely designed quilts of odd bits of coloured linens—and the loveliest toys, that would cost pounds in the toy-shop and gladden the heart of any child! So, by Christmas time a number of articles were ready for distribution. It was thought necessary to raise a fund, so that new materials could be purchased if all offered one or two coupons each. A small sale was held, and

among the things sold, were the lovely toys made by Sister Cambridge, which you see in the accompanying photograph. The sum of £6 was gained to help forward this good endeavour.

So week by week we meet to do a little for the needy, enjoying the social hour, while young and old are learning more than they knew, something useful for the Master's service.

EILEEN ASHTON.

College Week of Prayer

ONE of the most precious experiences in the student life of Newbold is a Week of Prayer. In these times of refreshing God has often poured out His Holy Spirit on our school, and the blessing has not been less during this Spring Week of Prayer, March 29th to April 5th.

As, each day, Pastor O. M. Dorland has brought God's messages to us we have caught a new vision of Jesus, His love, and His sacrifice on our behalf. We have been shown the great need of the Holy Spirit in our lives and, conditionally on our receiving it, the power and strength that follow.

We have experienced this reality during the devotional services each morning at ten o'clock. We have met in our prayer bands and communed with our God and Saviour; we have knelt feeling our weakness and risen with fresh hope and vigour. In drawing nearer to our Lord we have also been drawn nearer to each other.

What rejoicing there must have been in heaven as on Friday evening ninety-seven stood to give their testimony to the love of God and to reconsecrate their lives to Him in service for others. Many confessed to resisting God's love, but gratefully acknowledged its victory in their deliverance.

We pray that the rich blessing received during this week will stay with us, that we may all be loyal workers for Him in His vineyard.

JEAN ATKINS.



Some of the fine work of the Lowestoft Dorcas Society.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

RUGBY.

WILL visitors to Rugby kindly note that the meetings there are now being held in Brotherhood House, Castle Street. The following are the times of services:

Sabbath - school, 10 a.m.; Preaching services (Sabbath) 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Preaching service (Sunday) 6.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting (Thursday) 7.30 p.m.

R. LACEY.

BLACKPOOL

VISITORS to Blackpool should note that the new meeting place of the church there is: The Youth Centre, at the corner of Park Road and Hornby Road. Buses 16 and 3 pass by. Sabbaths: 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. You will be welcome. W. MAUDSLEY.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

STOKER.—The Cardiff church has sustained another loss by the death of Mrs. Stoker who became identified with the Advent cause through a campaign conducted by Pastor S. G. Hyde in 1937. After a long period of ill-health, Mrs. Stoker passed to her rest on February 5, 1946, aged sixty-three years. Pastor Hyde, with the writer, conducted the funeral services on February 11th, when to the assembled relatives (including her husband) the message of salvation and the blessed hope was re-affirmed. Sister Stoker trusted in her Saviour and now sleeps in Him "until He comes."

C. D. WATSON.

MANN.—It is with deep regret that the Darlington church announces the death of Sister Mann who passed to her rest on February 28, 1946, and was buried in the West Cemetery on Monday, March 4th. Brother K. Munson conducted the service at the graveside. Sister Mann first learned the truth in 1908 through Brother Marcus and was baptized by Pastor S. G. Haughey. Her loyalty and faith to the truth was an inspiration to all. She was a mother of Israel in the church and a loving mother and faithful friend to her children who are left to mourn. We pray that He who alone can comfort will be with them in their sorrow. L. BROWN, Church Clerk.

TURNER.—Mrs. Mary Turner passed away on Sabbath morning, March 2, 1946, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Our sister accepted the Advent message through the labours of Pastor W. J. Cannon and was baptized in 1938. Since that time she has been a faithful member of the Manchester church. On March 6th we laid our sister to rest in the Southern Cemetery, with every confidence that we, if faithful, shall meet her again on the glorious morning of the resurrection. The writer spoke words of comfort and hope to the mourners at the home, and also officiated at the graveside. HAROLD W. McCROW.

ADDERLEY.—It is with regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. A. Adderley of the Liverpool church on Wednesday, March 6, 1946. Our sister first heard the message from Pastor A. S. Rodd, and has remained faithful to it for many years. She is sadly missed by her husband and children and also by her fellow churchmembers, for until her illness she was a regular attender at church. She was buried at Allerton Cemetery on Monday, March 11th, Mr. J. Handysides officiating at the home and graveside. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and daughters and their husbands and children. MARGUERITE MASON, Church Clerk.

NEISH.—It is with very deep regret that we record the death on Sabbath morning, March 9, 1946, of Miss Margaret Neish of the Dundee church, aged sixty-eight years. Our dear sister was taken ill very suddenly and never regained consciousness. She accepted the truth in October, 1940, under the labours of Pastor H. T. Johnson. She loved her Lord and His truth and was faithful in performing her duties as home missionary secretary up to the end, an office which she had held for five years. A number of our members, relatives, and friends paid their last tribute at the funeral service conducted by Pastor D. Morrison in the chapel of the Dundee Crematorium. In faith we look forward to that glorious morning of the reunion when we hope to meet our dear sister again. CHURCH CLERK.

HINCHSLIFF.—The Sheffield church sustained a sad loss when our sister, Mrs. A. Hinchsliff fell asleep in Jesus on March 16, 1946. She first heard the truth many years ago in Wakefield, but did not finally take her stand until last December when it was our joy to welcome her into fellowship. Her end came suddenly and quite unexpectedly while she was busy with domestic duties, but we are sure she was ready to go to the Master's call. We extend our sympathy to those she has left behind, including two cousins who are respected members of the Sheffield Advent family. Sister Hinchsliff was laid to rest in Wakefield, her home town, on March 20th. R. D. VINE.

SCULL.—Our dear Sister Mary Ann Scull fell asleep in Jesus on March 18, 1946, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Sister Scull accepted the Advent message some three or four years ago through the patient labours of Miss Hartland our Bible instructor and was later received into church fellowship at Newport. Sister Scull was a beautiful Christian, ever faithful and loyal to her Lord and Master and rejoicing in the hope of His speedy return. Sister Scull lived with her daughter, Mrs. Sully, who tenderly nursed her dear one during the last three years. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at Mrs. Sully's home, the interment taking place at Cwmbran. Words of comfort from the Scriptures were spoken to the family and the very many relatives and friends assembled. We laid our sister to rest in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life when Jesus comes. F. S. JACKSON

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The House I Nearly Passed

ONE evening after calling at every house in the road, I saw one bigger than the others and a little out of the way. The enemy whispered: "You will never sell in that house. It is so big. You will waste your time. Anyway, it will not matter making just one exception. Pass right on!" I passed the house, but a feeling of dissatisfaction turned me back to it. The door was opened by a polite, refined and cultured young lady who, after my appeal, asked: "What denomination do you represent?" I told her. Imagine my surprise when the young lady said: "Oh, I am very interested in Seventh-Day Adventists. . . . It is rather remarkable that only a few days ago my father handed me a few old copies of *Present Truth* which had turned up, and now you come along!"

During our conversation she repeatedly stated how interested she was in Seventh-Day Adventist teaching, asked more about it, bought four magazines, and requested me to bring her a book I mentioned to her. Will every reader please pray for the young lady in that one house I was so nearly passing by?

JOHN BODELL.

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