

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Among Bantu and Nandi

CHEBWAI MISSION has the task of bringing the light of present truth to the inhabitants of North-west Kenya. In this area are to be found well over twenty tribes, which can be roughly divided into two language areas, Bantu and Nandi.

The Bantu tribes number seventeen, and although each has its own dialect, they are sufficiently closely related to be able to understand each other. This is a great advantage when it comes to sending a worker from one tribe to open up work in another.

So far only three of these seventeen tribes have been entered with the third angel's message, and in only one do we have baptized members. That is among the Kabras, in whose reserve the mission is situated. But the prospects in the other two are very encouraging, and we greatly rejoiced to see twenty men from the Wanga accompany our evangelist to our camp meeting last year, and six from Kitosh, where the work has been going only a few months. Inquiries have come from the Maragoli, and four boys from that tribe are in our mission school, although there are plenty of schools of other denominations nearer their homes to which they might have gone. We are placing an evangelist in that district this year, with access to two other tribes, and a second evangelist will endeavour to contact three further tribes near the Uganda border.

The Nandi people are divided into four groups, and each group

By D. M. SWAINE

into as many sub-divisions. They are a very interesting people, and the prospects for the work among them are very bright. Although only two of their tribes have been entered, the bulk of our membership is to be found among them—last year more than half the number baptized came from that part of the field.

You may be interested to know something of their traditional history. When the ancestors of the Nandi group arrived in Kenya they settled on Mount Elgon, and then split up into smaller units which spread farther east and eventually became tribes.

About 300 years ago a man named Kakipon belonging to the Kony on Mount Elgon (Elgony, among which we have a flourishing work) settled on the top of the Kakamega Escarpment, where he was joined by settlers from other related tribes, and so a new tribe was formed, the original

name of which was Chemwal, "the cattle raiders." Their subsequent history is largely that of raids on and fights against their neighbours and kinsfolk.

Swahili traders from the coast appeared on the scene about 1870, and such was the rapacity of the Chemwal, and so much did the traders suffer at their hands, that they called them Wanandi, "the cormorants." This name has since been adopted by them in the place of Chemwal, and is the name by which the largest section of the group is known.

Like most cattle people, the Nandi are intensely conservative, and have not taken kindly to the European type of education. They believe in the existence of a creative Being, but that this Being can only be approached through the spirits of the dead. Accordingly their religion is centred in the cult of the dead rather than in a remote and not-always-friendly spirit.

For a long time the Nandi objected to manual labour, this being done only by women. They would not use ploughs, for if they did there would not be any cattle to look at. This seems foolish to us, but well illustrates the African mentality. To the African cattle-owner, looking at his cattle is definitely a form of work! Many Nandi will not sell milk to a European, for fear he might boil it and thereby insult the cattle, which would have a bad effect upon the milk supply. Today, happily, nearly all these things are altered. We have a very encouraging work among the

To the Chairman of the Nominating Committee

WILL the chairman of the nominating committee of each church please ensure that a local agent is appointed for the 1947 Ingathering Campaign.

We also request that the name and address of this local agent be sent in to the Home Missionary Department, B.U.C. Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., following the appointment.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Nandi, but not a single school. We hope that funds will soon be available for this vital advance step.

Irish Mission

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Harvest Thanksgiving in Belfast

RAIN has not prevented the safe gathering of the bulk of our Northern Ireland harvest, nor did it damp the enthusiasm of over seventy people who came along to our Young People's Thanksgiving Service on Saturday evening, October 19th. The little church in Florenceville Avenue was packed.

The young people (and some of the older ones, too) with Brother C. Knowlson in charge of decorations, had been very busy on the preceding days preparing the church for the occasion. Apples and pears, luscious bunches of grapes, two large golden brown loaves, sheaves of oats and flax, richly-coloured bunches of chrysanthemums, Michaelmas daisies and many other flowers together with cabbages, cauliflowers, bushy heads of celery, fat stripey marrows, well-scrubbed carrots and parsnips, and other vegetables, made a very beautiful display.

We were glad that Pastor A. J. Mustard had arrived in time for our harvest festival, and such a gathering provided a fitting welcome from our Young People's society.

In his address, Pastor Mustard recalled that God's promise in Genesis, that seed-time and harvest should never cease, had always been fulfilled. Just as bread satisfies man's physical needs, so the Bread of life satisfies the soul. We were deeply moved as Pastor Mustard expounded those wonderful verses in John, chapter six, which speak of the true Bread of life. The children of Israel ate manna from heaven for forty years, yet they died and their bones were left in the wilderness. Eternal life comes only from Christ, the living

Bread, and those who find complete satisfaction in Him will be willing to obey Him in all things.

Items of music by soloists, the children, and our young people's choir helped to make the evening enjoyable.

May the final "Harvest Home" soon come.

CHARLES M RHODES.

The Ministry of Literature

"In the Morning Sow Thy Seed"

THIS was certainly morning. The prospect, a divinity student taking training at Livingstone College, had previously arranged for an interview with us at his lodgings in Chingford, Essex, and here we were manipulating the prospectus of *God's Way Out*, over the breakfast table. With the young man partaking of his repast, we showed him just a few of the benefits he would procure by possessing a copy, and he turned out to be one of those prospects the colporteur often dreams about but seldom meets. He wanted the book from the beginning almost without any persuasion. He was simply enthralled with it. How soon could he have a copy? He could have it now, and we left him delighted with his treasure. We are certain that under God, ere the eventide, some fruit will appear from this seed sown in the morning.

J. OLLIVER.

Comforted Her Last Hours

A LICENSEE'S wife to whom I had started to explain my book stopped me to tell me that she had already seen a copy of *The Bible Speaks*. Her sister, who had been a publican in that town, had obtained a copy of the book from me about eighteen months ago. In the meantime the sister had had an operation from which she never fully recovered. During the seven weeks that she lingered at home before she died, she had the book at her bedside and read

it frequently and had told my informant what a wonderful book it was. The book had been passed on to the aged mother, so an order was readily placed for another copy. W. C. McLEOD.

"Doing Good"

THOSE of you who have never engaged in any way in the literature ministry have certainly missed the joys of service and opportunities of doing good to a fellow-being. Apart from the messages which our books and periodicals contain, one has the chance of meeting so many people and so many and varied schools of thought that the outlook becomes broadened and the mind educated.

Another great factor is that the literature agent makes many friends and he can often offer a solution to the problems which beset so many of his prospects.

In the military area where I am working, I am repeatedly called upon to settle domestic troubles. These sometimes, however, place me in a delicate situation, but since they call me "Padre," I am expected to put all wrongs right.

A while ago I was called in to settle a little matter between a wife and husband. The husband had been serving in Germany and was due to return there. It seems that a lison had been set up with a German lady by the husband which had caused the domestic disruption. I advised the husband to apply for a transfer to a battalion of his regiment serving at home. This has been done and so we hope that the pair will live happily ever after.

Well, that is one of the opportunities. There are many. Won't you come over and help us?

F. J. KINMAN.

He Slumbers Not Neither Sleeps

NIGHT had fallen on the great city of London and in my capacity of war-time nightwatchman I was settled by the fire in the watchroom deep in a book on the Galactic System, when suddenly I heard a loud crump, coming from somewhere near the factory

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entrance. I opened up and had a good look around, but nothing seemed amiss so I settled down again to endeavour to grasp some of the greatness and vastness of God's great universe.

About half an hour had passed when I heard another loud crump. Going to the door, I felt impressed not to open up, but looking through the key hole, saw two men standing there. They were burglars. I rushed back to the office and with shaking hand and palpitating heart, phoned the police. "Come quickly, they are breaking in now," I cried, and made ready to defend my person and the property as best I could, for in these factories were rolls of silk, garments, and cloth almost priceless these days.

In a few minutes, which seemed like ages (for I expected the door to come crashing in), I heard the roar of a police car and motor-cycle as they came rushing down the street. I opened the door with a more steady heart. The men had flown, so a district call was given. The police examined the jemmy mark on the door where the burglars had twice unsuccessfully tried to get in, and the detective inspector said he could not understand why the door had not given the first time, let alone the second, there only being a simple lock.

However, to me it was no mystery. It proved that our heavenly Father has a constant watchcare over us. Two things stand out. Why, in the first place, did the burglars move off after their first attempt? They could have easily overpowered me. And secondly, why was not the door broken open? To me they were an evidence of the angels that encamp around us to deliver.

This incident, allowed by God, acted as a timely warning to the firm, and the place was made as humanly inaccessible as possible. Twice after this, burglars endeavoured to get in, but were thwarted; yet in several places around this North London factory area they have carried out their work of plunder and assault, while we have dwelt securely and slept peacefully in the hand of Him who cares for His own.

J. OLLIVER.



FROM

THE STANBOROUGH PRESS

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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

WE have just received notification from our three large American publishing houses, from whom we draw nearly all our supplies of trade books, that they are having to advance many prices owing to the greatly increased cost of materials and production. These will go into effect on December 1st.

Our own publications and other American books not included in the following lists will continue as priced in our catalogue, until further notice.

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Weddings Bells

SUNQUIST-POWELL. — On Sunday, September 29, 1946, at the Stanborough Park church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, John Paul Sunquist and Eunice May Powell were united in marriage by the writer. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the Stanboroughs Annexe. Many thanks are due to Mrs. G. D. King and her daughter Patricia for the wonderful things which were enjoyed by all.

The bridegroom, who is of Swedish nationality, after graduating from our Swedish college, spent two years in Newbold, graduating there in the Ministerial course. Returning to Sweden he engaged in evangelism for a short time, and later was called to Missionary Volunteer leadership of one of the Swedish conferences. The bride has been engaged as Bible instructor in the South England Conference, where, by her Christian character and enthusiasm, she endeared herself to all. Due to war conditions, Brother Sunquist, like Jacob of old, has had to wait seven years for this happy day.

After spending three months at our French college in Collonges in language study, Brother and Sister Sunquist will be leaving for the Belgian Congo, in which field Brother Sunquist will be Departmental Secretary.

All who know these young people will join in wishing them much happiness and God's richest blessing as they labour together for the Master. **W. G. NICHOLSON.**

Until the Day Break

STUBBS.—The Portsmouth church has suffered a loss in the death of Sister Emily R. Stubbs. With her late husband, Sister Stubbs was baptized by Pastor S. G. Joyce in 1928. Although in failing health for some years past, and largely unable to attend church, Sister Stubbs remained faithful to the truth. Our sister was laid to rest in the Milton Cemetery, mourned by her daughter Ruth, and a large number of members and friends. We sorrow, but "not as those who have no hope" for we know that, very soon now, "the ransomed of the Lord will return." **E. Cox.**

RANDALL.—The Bristol church has suffered the loss of another of its good members, Sister Emma Randall. Our sister first received the truth by the purchase of *Present Truth* from Brother Dean and very soon afterward was given studies by Sister Casey, with the result that she was brought into fellowship with us on October 29, 1939. All who knew her can testify to her faithfulness. Sister Randall fell asleep in Jesus on April 5, 1946, and was laid to rest in Shirehampton Cemetery on April 10th. Pastor O. M. Dorland conducted the service. We extend to

all her dear relatives and friends our deepest sympathy; but rejoice to know that our sister awaits the sure and certain hope of the resurrection **E. GUNTIP.**

ALLEN.—The Sheffield church deeply regret having to record the death of Sister Allen on Sunday, November 10, 1946. She became acquainted with this message thirty years ago. Brother R. D. Vine, assisted by Brother Casson, conducted the service, which was held at the City Road Crematorium. With the family, we all look forward to reunion with our sister on the glorious resurrection morning.

CHURCH CLERK

British Doctor Arrives in Jamaica

DR. AND MRS. NIGEL DRUITT and family have arrived in Jamaica after a rough passage.

A warm welcome awaited them from Dr. Clifford Anderson, and the press photographer recorded the arrival of the new surgeon of the Andrew's Memorial Hospital on the front page of the local paper.

Sunset Calendar

CARDS containing the *Sunset Calendar* for next year and postal information are now printed. They are free to churchmembers on request. Please order through your Home Missionary secretary.

The parents of this missionary family are thankful for the prayers of all on their behalf and trust that their son and daughter will be greatly used in the Master's service. **ED.**

Newbold Missionary College—Visitors

CONDITIONS at the College are rather crowded at present, but we do not wish in any way to restrict visitors spending a week-end with us. While facilities are still rather limited, we nevertheless welcome visitors, provided that previous arrangements are made with those in charge of the Home. May we urge, however, that even for a short visit our guests should bring rations and bread units. It is surprising how much rationed goods can be consumed by one or two visitors with normal appetites, during a College week-end! It would help us also if casual callers could give us some notice, so that neither they nor we are

embarrassed in providing for their creature comfort.

To those unable to visit us because of distance we send our greeting and hope that one day you will be able to see for yourself the fine body of students who will finish the work of God in the earth. **E. E. WHITE.**

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (29) seeks situation anywhere with Sabbath privileges. Write: C. Wilson, 6 Foster Road, Chiswick, W.4.

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The treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's title £85, from "Anonymous," to be credited to the Holloway church.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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