

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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North London's Auxiliary Colporteurs

It was on the evening of October 28th that the writer, together with Brother J. C. Craven and Pastor E. L. Minchin, attended a social and supper at the Holloway Road church.

This had been arranged by Pastor G. R. Bell so that the members of the Holloway Literature Band might come together and celebrate the good work they had been enabled to accomplish through the grace of God.

Permit me to go back to 1940. Pastor J. B. West was then in the Holloway district. He had secured about forty readers for *Present Truth*, and when the time came for him to move to another district, the question was, What would happen to these regular subscribers?

Brother H. G. Cruttwell was attending Holloway Road church at that time and when the suggestion was made that he should be responsible for them, he readily consented. A little later somebody whispered, "Why not take up the same kind of work in the East End of London and thereby help to bring the message of salvation to the neglected slum-dweller?"

Toward the end of 1940 the home missionary leader, Miss Bray, gave permission for Brother Cruttwell to lead out with six young people. By the way, four of these are still in the band today. Oh no, the other two did

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not fall out by the wayside; they went to College. Let me give you their names: Miss Helen Lack, Miss Doris Lack, Miss Gwen Lack, Mr. Cyril Vesey, Miss P. Feugi, and the leader's son, F. Cruttwell.

Well you may say, "How is the band to-day?" It is now twenty-eight strong and others are joining it. Space does not permit me to give all the names but one of the group is Pastor Bell, who goes out every Sunday, and, by the way, always asks the leader where he might work. This is true territory etiquette.

If the editor could only give me two full pages I could use every inch of it telling you about some

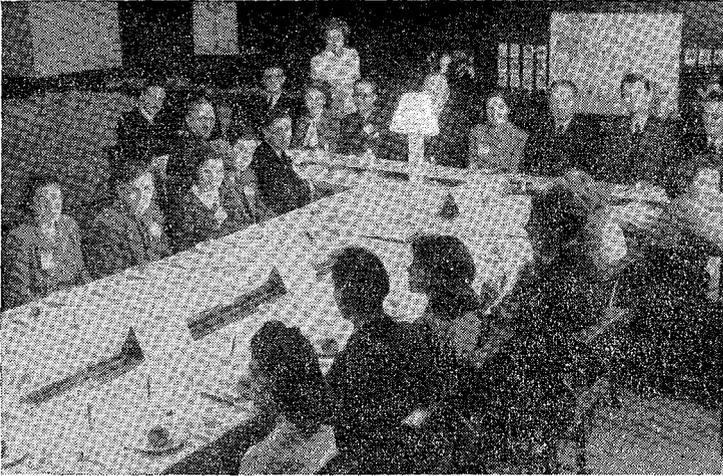
of their wonderful experiences. Here are a few:

One Sunday morning during a heavy air raid, one of the party, Mr. C. Vesey, was missing. A search was made, and after a very anxious time and many inquiries he was found in an air-raid shelter—not hiding from the bombs, but doing a brisk business selling *Present Truth* and *Good Health* to the people taking shelter.

Miss Gwen Lack one Sunday found herself in a little alley in "China Town." At the bottom was a group of about ten men all gambling and cursing. Suddenly one of them looked up and sharply asked what she wanted. Without hesitation she replied that she was selling magazines for her church. Imagine her joy when all the men bought a book from her and



North London's fine group of Auxiliary Colporteurs with their leaders.



A happy social gathering of the busy literature workers of the Holloway church.

wished her "good luck" for the day.

On another Sunday morning Miss Pauline Fuegi approached a Roman Catholic convent. Brother Cruttwell, the leader, became a little fearful as to what might happen, but before he could do anything she had rung the door bell and had presented her books to the sister. These she took inside and then returned. No, not with the books, but with the money and a message from the head Sister with a request to call again! This she has done with further success.

The leader himself has had many good experiences. He was working a block of L.C.C. flats and a gentleman at the end of the corridor informed him that he did not wish any of his magazines. He thanked him and passed on to the next. A little later the gentleman came out to him and bought a magazine, remarking at the same time that it was on account of his politeness that he desired one. Brother Cruttwell was able to talk with him about our special teachings.

In the war period many of these young people had narrow escapes during the bombing, but each one remained on duty in the Master's service, giving material as well as spiritual help to the homeless, destitute, and suffering.

Their work is *not* just selling books. Many homes have received clothing and food and

quite a number of people every week give these workers money in addition to the cost of the magazines. All the extra cash is placed in the evangelistic box at the end of the day and quite a considerable amount has been collected in this way.

Much help has been given to this group by the faithful work of Brother and Sister E. Smith, who are the present home missionary leader and secretary respectively of the Holloway church.

After the wonderful supper and speeches by the leader of the

band, the general manager of The Stanborough Press, Pastor Minchin (who was thrilled to meet not only these literature workers, but those who conduct the meetings in Hyde Park each Sunday), Pastor Bell, and the writer, left with thankful hearts and a determination to foster such work when and wherever possible.

Brother Cruttwell takes no glory to himself. He said to me: "These workers have been trained by the Holy Spirit." The total amount of literature sold on *Sundays only* is 294,502 magazines of all kinds. Thousands of old copies of *Present Truth* and *Voice of Prophecy* cards have been distributed and also much clothing given away. It is rather interesting to note that the average age of the band is eighteen years.

Well reader, how do you feel about it? Is there anything you can do? Would you like to join our new Auxiliary Colporteur Band? Can you give three hours or more each week to this soul-saving work? Will you think about it? Will you pray about it? Will you write to me about it? Can I call and see you and talk it over with you?

May God bless these young workers, giving them much joy in service and a crown heavy with stars when the great day dawns and the shadows flee away.

The Edinburgh Vegetarian Cafeteria Opens

ON Tuesday evening, October 26th, the members of the Edinburgh church assembled for the dedication service in connection with the Vegetarian Cafeteria to be opened to the public the following day.

After the singing of an appropriate hymn and prayer, and a few well-chosen remarks by the president of the Scottish Mission, Pastor J. H. Bayliss, our sales manager, Mr. H. Benwell, briefly outlined the course of events since our first application for a catering licence had been lodged with the Ministry of Food. He told of the over-ruling providence of God in

enabling us to reach the place where we were ready to commence activities. It was an interesting story of overcoming various difficulties and problems which seemed to hedge up the way at every turn. The writer then spoke briefly on the reasons for opening this Health Education unit, the way in which it was to be conducted, its aims and its objectives.

From Volume seven of *Testimonies for the Church* it was pointed out that as one of the means of disseminating the message of light and truth in our large cities, hygienic restaurants

were to be established. The workers were called to a high and holy calling to be workers together with God. They were to live the truth, to give out truth-filled literature, and to speak the word in season. The education of the people in our health reform principles by precept and example was another feature stressed. The closing of the institution on the Sabbath would be a silent witness that would arouse many inquiries.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor Bayliss and the meeting closed with the singing of that well-known favourite hymn, "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come."

Next morning at eleven o'clock between sixty and seventy people gathered in the Café for the preliminary function and official opening. Pastor T. S. Brash and his wife were there from Glasgow. Dr. Brown was down from Crieff. Our local membership turned up in force, also enthusiastic members of the Vegetarian Societies in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Pastor Bayliss was chairman and introduced the speakers. As chief representative of the company I briefly set before the meeting our reasons for opening the branch, and gave a brief résumé of our health reform principles including our abstinence from tea and coffee, and the fact that while we would not be serving these popular but health destroying drinks, we were in a position to offer them something better.

Mr. Semple, who for fourteen years had been prominent in the Glasgow Vegetarian Society, presented some interesting facts from his own experience, and expressed his pleasure and admiration at the opening of the café and his hope that a similar unit might soon be opened in Glasgow.

The Vice-president of the Edinburgh Vegetarian Society, Mrs. Lynton, also spoke very appreciatively of the establishment of the unit and of the benefit it would be to the people.

Dr. Brown spoke from her own wide experience of the benefits of the principles of healthful living, both personally and as a medical practitioner.

At 12.10 p.m. Mr. Semple was

given the honour of being first through with his tray, and the rest of the seventy in the room, together with a queue which had gathered at the door from the outside, passed along the serving counter with their trays, and were soon comfortably seated in the cosy dining room, enjoying what some described as the best meal they had ever had away from home. Many were the unsolicited expressions of appreciation passed by the 200 customers served on that first day, and by the 160 on the second day. One lady who came in for a cup of tea and accepted "Cereal Cup" instead, came back to the counter for a second cup, saying how much she had enjoyed the first one.

How we would have managed that first day without the voluntary help so happily given by our good sisters, I do not know, and we wish to express our thanks to them for their real missionary efforts; and to the staff and Mr. L. Denne, our cook, in particular who rose to the occasion splendidly on that opening day when the uncertainty of everything created strong nervous tension, we wish to express our sincere appreciation.

After considerable correspondence and personal interviews with the powers that be we have now been granted an extension of our retail licence which gives permission to sell a full range of lines including rationed goods, the only requirement being that we must have at least twenty-five registrations. So ready has been the response that we now have approximately forty registrations—all being vegetarian books, of course.

Already the opening of the shop has resulted in one young lady accepting the message. Others are interested and are attending church.

Let us all remember this feature of God's work in our prayers that it may be the means in His hands of winning many more souls for His kingdom. G. E. ADAIR.



"ALL who understand the laws of health should realize their obligation to heed these laws, which God has established in their being."

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Baptism at Torquay

THE weather in Torquay on October 16th was hardly in tune with our spirits. Wet days in the West Country can be depressing, but the spirits of our churchmembers refused to be dampened as they anticipated the second baptism in the church during 1948.

Pastor F. L. Stokes and his loyal helper, Miss J. Whiting, have laboured hard to bring to fruition the interest from the Babacombe campaign. The church choir also felt that they had a real share in the fruits of victory, as week after week last winter they had stood faithfully by the campaign, giving the Gospel in song to the people of Torquay.

It is a long lane that has no turning, and we felt that in this baptism God had rewarded the untiring, persistent efforts of His people to add to the church membership. At three o'clock the Torquay church was filled to capacity, not only with members, but also visitors and friends. We were glad that Pastor G. Roper and his family could be with us on this occasion. His timely message to the candidates, not to lose sight of the heavenly vision, was an inspiration to all. During the baptism which followed, the churchmembers were deeply moved, as they consecrated anew their lives to God. All were touched to see the courage of the oldest candidate who, in spite of advancing years and uncertain health, went bravely forward in faith to be buried with her Lord. Six dear souls were received into church fellowship, and as Pastor Roper pronounced the benediction, we all felt that God had been with us in a marked way. We ask all our members to pray for the work in the West Country.

CYRIL YOULDEN.
Church Clerk.

Clacton Harvest Festival

THE Harvest Festival at Clacton-on-Sea was celebrated for the first time in October, Brother G. A. Tapping presiding. There was quite a good display of flowers, fruit, and vegetables for so small a number of members. The apples especially looked very tempting.

With thankful hearts we sang songs of praise to our heavenly Father for so many good gifts in these hard times.

R. ALLSTON.

St. Mabyn and Bodmin

THE St. Mabyn company is now to be known as the Bodmin company and their meeting place is: S.D.A. Hall, Fore Street, Bodmin, Cornwall. Sabbath-school, 2 p.m.; Preaching service, 3 p.m., with the exception of the first Sabbath of every month when they join up with the St. Austell company. J.H.P.

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Notes from the President

OVER the week-end of November 6th four were added by baptism and vote to the Blackburn church, where Brother E. A. Butters and Miss M. Kirby are working, and twenty-six were added at Stoke, where Pastor D. J. Handysides is ably assisted by his wife and Miss E. Wroe. There are good prospects of a further baptism at Stoke in the near future.

Two calls for foreign mission service have been received by the North England Conference. Brother M. B. Musgrave, now labouring in Newcastle, for mission work in East Africa, and Brother A. W. Howard, in charge of our Home Missionary Department, to take the oversight of the literature

work in the North-east India Union. We can hardly spare these workers, and it is with regrets that we see them preparing to leave our shores. Our heartfelt prayers will go with them.

O. M. DORLAND.

One Year in Stoke-on-Trent

ONE year ago, my wife and I, with our two children, moved into our new location for evangelism in Stoke-on-Trent. This is a city of five towns, famous for smoky chimneys and beautiful china-ware.

Our opening meetings with the members at Stoke were both warm and cordial, and we felt reassured that God had directed us to labour in their midst. The Week of Prayer (1947) was a time of real spiritual blessing, and every member testified to God's wonderful grace.

At the beginning of 1948 our friend and faithful Bible-worker Miss Evelyn Wroe, called from a rich experience as a deaconess in the Sheffield church, joined us. Thus by March I had two assistants, Miss Wroe and my wife, who decided that, besides keeping a home she would carry a list of interested people and work half-time. Better Bible-workers no evangelist could have had. We had other helpers too, a faithful elder and deacons, a group of singers, and devoted members, who worked untiringly with the handbills.

In the month of March our evangelistic campaign began, and we were blessed with good attendances and a long list of names. It was inspiring to see the regular attenders. The questions asked, too, showed a keen interest in our topics.

In the month of April we had brought to our notice a fine building very suitable for a church. Our own hall was a poor one, so quickly we began to negotiate. Now, thanks to the Union, the North England Conference, and the liberality of our members we have a grand church building. (You will be reading more of this when it is officially opened.)

In the month of May we had

an excellent evangelistic campaign in progress, we had a fine church building though requiring alterations, and last but not least it was the month of Ingathering, but Stoke was ready, and by the end of the month, an average of £10 per member was reached. God was blessing us wonderfully. Our evangelistic programme was still being maintained.

The summer time was a busy and happy time. All grew to know and love Pastor O. M. Dorland. Brother Lethbridge's service was appreciated, and Brother A. W. Howard joined the ranks of guest speakers, too.

And now the autumn time. Harvests should be gathered in this season, therefore in November the excitement of an ingathering, this time of precious souls, was running high. The baptistery must be finished! The church must be made ship-shape! All must work as best they can! Brethren Shackleton and Edwards, our bricklayers, did their parts well. Our Electrical Engineer Phillips stood by! Joiner Mansfield did his part, and Brethren Richards, tilers of renown, worked from early morn till late at night to produce the finest baptistery in the Advent churches of Britain.

On Sabbath, November 6th, Pastor G. D. King was with us, and gave us a wonderful day of blessing. Crowded halls were a pleasure to him, but his messages were inspiring to us. On Sunday, November 7th, our baptism day arrived. Pastor Dorland and Brother Howard were present to help in the activities. What a great day that was! Pastor King spoke words of review to the candidates, while Pastor Dorland delivered the sermon. As we witnessed the dedication of the baptistery and then saw it used to the glory of God, as twenty-six souls were added to the church, our hearts rejoiced that God had been with us throughout the year 1948. And now at the time of writing, when another Week of Prayer is about to begin, we are confident that God, the Giver and Upholder of all good things will bless us as we dedicate ourselves to another year of service.

D. J. HANDYSIDES.

Stoke's New Church

WILL all visitors to Stoke-on-Trent please note our new address: Advent Church, Victoria Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching service, 11.15 a.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

D.J.H.

Lancashire "Share My Faith" Youth Rally

WE always expect a good attendance at a Youth Rally, but even our highest hopes were exceeded at Parkfield Street, Manchester, on October 23rd, Accrington, Blackburn, Denton, Oldham, Rochdale, Stretford, and Stockport were well represented and a few came from more distant places, like Liverpool. Every available chair was needed. This encouraging pressure upon our space was even more noticeable in the room at the rear, where about half of the thirty children in attendance had either to stand or sit on the floor.

This was our first gathering in North England to bring to the membership, few of whom were able to go to Watford in August, some of the inspiration and help of the great "Share My Faith" Congress. This was the theme of the day, and the Sabbath-school, ably conducted by the local superintendent, Miss D. Rodway, certainly strengthened our faith in God and His message. An interesting review and lesson was taken from the desk by Pastor H. K. Munson. Doctor Kirk Baird, just home from medical service in Eritrea, gave a graphic description of the need of the Advent faith in that part of the Continent of Opportunity.

Pastor E. L. Minchin's stirring address on "Why I *Must* Share My Faith" touched every heart and many new resolves were made to give ourselves in active service for Christ. The children were not forgotten. In the Sabbath-school they were able to trace again God's dealings with Abraham as scenes from his life were depicted on the flannelgraph. Their quiet attention during the second service was evidence of their interest in the stories told

and messages given by Pastor Minchin, Miss Kirby, and the writer.

The afternoon was devoted to practical advice and demonstrations on the lines of the Congress "Workshops." The theme was "How we can share our faith." The first period, arranged by Pastor Munson, dealt with individual contacts. Sylvia Bruce and Brenda Griffiths illustrated, in a lively dialogue, how a school girl may work for her chum; Miss I. Himsworth and Cynthia Munson rehearsed an actual experience of witnessing for the truth to a person of the "Mormon" faith.

Brother W. C. McLeod, our Conference publishing secretary and himself of Manchester, arranged a most interesting way of showing the place of our literature in spreading the message. A true story of how several people, actually present at the gathering, had been won through the ministry of a handbill, tract, or book was re-enacted before us. The very people won in this way took their appropriate parts in the story. We wished that the whole Conference membership could have listened-in to this item which, taken from the pages of real life, made a deep and lasting impression.

Our enthusiasm to work for groups of children and young people was stirred by an appeal for this kind of work by Brother E. A. Butters, who related encouraging experiences with which he was personally acquainted. After a bright vocal item by a group of visiting juniors, Miss M. Kirby emphasized the need for stronger and better work for the children in our Sabbath-schools and Sunday-schools. Profitable discussions were interspersed with the talks and dialogues throughout the afternoon.

In the evening the writer gave a missionary address entitled, "Sharing Our Faith in the Regions Beyond," illustrated with many pictures of native life and mission work in various parts of Africa. Unfortunately, some who had come from a distance were unable to remain for this service.

Many were the blessings we received on this Sabbath both

from the Word of God and from the counsel and fellowship of others in the Advent faith. The warm, glowing fire was symbolic of the hospitality shown by the Parkfield Street churchmembers who also kindly provided refreshment for the visitors. Our only regret was that Pastor G. W. Baird, being in hospital, was unable to welcome his guests personally and to share in the blessings of the gathering.

As a practical expression of our resolve to "Share Our Faith" with "as many as possible" those attending took away 3,000 Voice of Prophecy invitation cards. About a third of these were distributed in Manchester on Sunday morning with a personal invitation to "tune in" on Tuesday afternoons and to take the Bible Study Course. We much appreciated our busy Pastor Minchin staying overnight specially to help in this home missionary endeavour by the young people.

E. R. WARLAND.

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Evangelism in Ireland

THE work of public evangelism does not go so easily in Ireland as in other parts of the British Isles. Outside the two cities of Belfast and Dublin, towns are of small population and facilities are even more meagre than in Britain. Generally, the halls available for the use of our evangelists are of a type to which a considerable section of the population would never come. In many cases, too, the governing bodies of the halls are strongly influenced by ministers and church leaders who are nearly always our enemies. Opposition to our work ranges from contempt to brick-throwing and public attacks of a verbal nature.

But our workers are courageous and tactful in their approaches. Through prayer and wise diplo-

macy a hall is sometimes obtained which seemed to be out of our reach. This happened recently in Portadown, where Brother and Sister C. W. Knowlson are to launch out into "the evangelistic deep" on November 21st. The town was first prepared for seed-sowing by a thorough house-to-house Voice of Prophecy campaign. Three hundred names were obtained in this small town, and opposition has already shown itself.

Early in the new year, Brother and Sister A. H. Cowley, with Sister M. Clements as Bible instructor, will commence a second effort in the conservative town of Coleraine. There is a difficult hall problem here and this has delayed the start of the campaign by several months. We are seeking to give an atmosphere of permanency to the work here by the use of a portable tabernacle on a leased site. Early this year Coleraine yielded 500 names for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. A colporteur has followed up this work recently. Thus, once again, the ground has been prepared for seed-sowing.

The hall problem has thus far beaten us in Belfast, where Pastor W. G. Nicholson cares for a rapidly growing Voice of Prophecy interest with the help of Brother L. A. D. Lane, a recent graduate from Newbold, and Sister M. Aikenhead. Much time has been spent in the effort to find a more suitable home for our Belfast church, which would also provide us with an evangelistic centre. We have not yet succeeded, but we believe the Lord will open the way in due time.

Since the early part of this year, more than 5,000 enrolments for the Voice of Prophecy Bible School have been obtained in Northern Ireland. Results have begun to come from the very laudable work done chiefly by two young women and a colporteur. We are now seeing the first-fruits of what we believe will be a good harvest.

In Eire the writer labours alone at present, Miss L. J. Clarke having recently left for the matrimonial field. Additions to the worker force here are expected shortly. Work is proceeding

steadily on the preparation of a correspondence course for Roman Catholic people. Our new property in Dublin is now being prepared as treatment rooms. A few contacts have been made with Voice of Prophecy students in Eire, and at the moment an interesting correspondence is passing between a Roman Catholic gentleman and the writer, each seeking

to convert the other to his own faith.

Ireland has earned the reputation of being a difficult field for the Advent preacher. But it has a future. God has many people here who will come out of Babylon and unite with the remnant church. Pray that we find them and be given wisdom to win them.

A. J. MUSTARD.



The Colporteur Work in Ireland

THE one colporteur who has done real methodical work in Ireland for a number of years is our friend, Brother A. Reeve. He is our stalwart as far as the work in Belfast is concerned. He has worked the territory over and over again until he finds that a number have built up quite a library of our truth-laden books. They are kept in the shelves all together as a class distinct from others. One lady stated that she had purchased over ten pound's worth of our literature from time to time. When I stayed at Brother Reeve's home on one occasion I learned that the baker, the grocer, the milkman, the insurance man, and others with whom he does business, all have bought books from him. He has made many friends, for he does not miss any opportunity of sowing the Gospel seed wherever he finds an opening.

Brother Reeve has experienced much opposition from the evangelical denomination and has lost many orders thereby. But he still plods on, avoiding the "hot spots" in the city, and calls wherever his work is accepted and appreciated. God works for His children in a remarkable way when the enemy endeavours to hinder the work.

On delivery day in one house when he called a neighbour was in, and on seeing the book, she asked, "Is that anything to do with Seventh - Day Adventists?" "Yes." "My son is a mission worker and had a call from one of your men recently. He told him that he taught erroneous doctrines and said there ought to be an order to stop your doing the work." "Will this experience make any difference to your taking this book, Mrs. Nelson?" "No," she said, "I believe what you said Mr. Reeve, that this book has a lovely message for me." The enemy lost on that occasion.

He called at another home where a neighbour was chatting. He stated that the book was very helpful in child training. "That's remarkable," she stated, "for we had just been talking about how difficult it was to train the children before you called." The result was an order from both of them.

Our brave and courageous Brother J. Wilson ventures to enter the Roman Catholic territory of Falls Road in Belfast—a place where some Protestants dare not go—with our health magazine. On returning one day on the opposite side of the road he heard a group of people discussing him and expressed surprise that he was not

frightened to sell them there. One woman tore up his paper in front of them all in the street. Upon seeing this he crossed over the road to endeavour to pour oil on the troubled waters. He finished up by saying, "I am prepared to shake hands with every one of you—are you?" Most responded—a victory gained!

One Catholic lady invited him in to have a chat with her son who was training to be a priest. He gave him the Gospel message, and the result was that he was told to be sure to call in again when he was visiting in the district.

As Brother Wilson was working with *Youth Calling* in another district a lady sent her daughter to invite him in to tea. It was revealed that the father was a youth worker and that he had heard about Seventh-Day Adventists but did not know where to contact us. He has planned to take the Voice of Prophecy Course.

Another lady, having bought *Good News* from Brother Wilson, and seeing him returning half an hour later opposite called him in and wished him to explain the Sabbath message she had just read. The result was she too arranged to take the Voice of Prophecy Course and has asked him to call again.

One young colporteur here, Brother L. Shanks, had just come home from work and had left his prospectus on the couch, when a young insurance man called. "Oh!" he said, "did you get the *God's Way Out* too?" A friend of his had one and asked how he also could obtain one. "I can easily get you one, for that is my work," he was glad to say. Now he is arranging to get the Voice of Prophecy Course as he was so pleased with *God's Way Out*.

We are commencing work in Dublin in a very definite way, and although the work is very difficult on account of a ninety-five per cent Roman Catholic population, yet we are determined to search for those who will respond to the message, and are confident that we will find some who are

earnestly seeking for the truth.

One Roman Catholic medical student has been attending our services for some time and at the ordinance service was particularly impressed, and succeeded in persuading two others to attend also. I have hopes of him becoming one of us ultimately.

Generally speaking, the work in Ireland is more difficult than in England, for both the Protestants and the Catholics are the narrow and prejudiced type, and a lot of opposition is experienced. But we are doing our best, believing that where more opposition reigns, there will be greater fruit, "for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

H. D. HOWARD.



Into the Earl's Home

TO-DAY I called at a house at the back of a butcher's shop and the boy asked me if I wanted to see Mrs——. When I said that I did he replied that I would have to wait for about five minutes for her to come from the garden. When she arrived I showed her my magazines and *Bedtime Stories*. When she saw them she said, "Are you the colporteur for this area?" On receiving my reply in the affirmative, she said, "I used to get them from a Mr. Dean, first of all in Manchester and then in London."

Shortly after that I started up a stony lane on my auto-cycle and came first to a farmhouse—but no sale—then to a cottage—and still no sale. I continued, hoping to find a way out at the other end, when I came upon a mansion; I pulled up and rang the door bell, with a prayer on my lips. Soon a man in a swallow-tail coat and a very serious expression on his face, came to the open door. I smiled, said "Good afternoon," and produced my *Good News*. He immediately said that I should have gone to the back door. I replied that as I was now at the front door he might like to take one. Then he said, "You should have written for an appointment before coming here. Do you know that this is the residence of the Earl of

——?" I replied that I was giving everyone an equal opportunity to have *Good News*. He then went in and brought me payment for the magazine. So by persistence and God's help the message went into the home of the Earl.

H. KIERSTEAD.



Something Different

It was a very hot summer's afternoon when I called at the door of an isolated farmhouse.

On seeing me the lady of the house came rushing out of the door and said, "You frightened me" "I am very sorry," I replied, "I did not know that I looked so terrible as all that." "Oh, I did not mean that," she replied, "but, you see, over there is a very ferocious dog and he bites everybody who attempts to come past the gate."

However I told the lady that I wished to speak with her and was invited indoors. Having gone through my *God's Way Out* demonstration, she said, "Excuse me a moment." Securing the house, she went through the garden into an adjoining field where several workers were busy harvesting. Returning with her husband, Mrs.—— said to me, "This is something I have never done before; I have never brought my husband away from his work during harvest time. But this is not just a religious book; this is something different."

After introducing me to her husband, she said that she believed God had brought me to their house. They were both impressed and decided to purchase a copy of *God's Way Out*, paying cash.

Having completed my mission I picked up my hat and went toward the door, but Mrs.—— jumped up and said, "Oh, I must go with you to the gate; you dare not go past the dog on your own." As we arrived at the gate the lady said, "I cannot understand why the dog did not even bark."

L. OVERY.



The "Boss" Ordered

ON another occasion, while out canvassing with *God's Way Out*,

I had rather a long walk between two portions of territory.

I noticed a field where a lot of second-hand cars were up for sale. Near the cars was a small hut where I thought I might find someone, so I went up and knocked at the door. A voice said "Come in," and I entered.

In front of me were seated five men. I was very surprised to find so many in such a small hut, but I was able to make my introduction in an informal way and found them at first most friendly. Half-way through my canvass the "boss" said, "It is no use you going on with that, we are all Roman Catholics." "Good," I said, "then here is something that will interest you," and I went on to complete the canvass. At the end the "boss" decided to have a copy and handed me a pound note. "It doesn't matter about the change," he said. Another copy of *God's Way Out* had been purchased!

Now, why should that man change his mind in such a short time? Surely God was guiding him. I believe so.

L. OVERY.

The Curate Likes It

SOME time ago the Church Army officer at A— chose to speak very slightly of our books. I knew that he had a great deal of influence on this estate; but so, thank God, had I, and although his vicar sided with him, they were able to do very little harm. Their very popular curate (whom I was unable to reach) recently left for work in a larger parish and was presented by the children as a parting gift with—what do you think? A copy of *These Days of Destiny* in the leather binding. "This is just the book I have been promising to get myself," he said. "I am delighted with it."

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the curate. In addition to his greetings he wrote, "Am reading my book and find it very interesting." J. W. DEAN.

Until the Day Break

GILLATT.—John Jefferson Gillatt was born in Wroot, England, on May 20, 1864, and passed to his rest in Toronto, Ontario, on May 16, 1948. He accepted the message in England through the faithfulness of a layman. He later prepared for the ministry; was ordained and served as president of the Midland Conference in the British Union for a number of years. He was preceded in death by his wife and only son, Elder J. D. Gillatt. After their passing he came to Canada, where he spent the last ten years of his life. He leaves to mourn, two grandsons, and one great grandson, all three in England. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer assisted by Brother A. G. Rodgers. Elder Gillatt was laid to rest in the Saint James Cemetery, Toronto.

W. H. GROTHEER

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One hundred and seventy people handed in their names, and £18 was given in the offering. God is answering your prayers for this effort. EDGAR A. WARREN, *Press Agent.*

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