

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

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Pleasurable and Profitable Pastime

STUDENTS might be divided into two classes: those who study as a means to an end (which is usually the passing of an examination), and those who study for the pleasure they derive from so occupying their minds. It is true that very often the former class tends to merge into the latter—that which was at first pursued from utilitarian motives comes to be enjoyed for its own sake. Happy is the teacher who is able to instil into his scholars the love of learning; problems of concentration and discipline then begin to be eliminated. It is a supreme pleasure to impart knowledge to those who are eager to learn.

There are some subjects which are commonly taught in schools, which do not lend themselves to inspiring the devotion of young people—at least, of the majority of young folk. It is exceptional to find a lad staying up half the night for the sheer joy of working out an algebraic equation, or of mastering a list of chemical formulæ, or even of committing to memory a series of events and their dates. Students generally consider such mental work as part of the price one has to pay to pass the entrance test of a university.

But there is one subject which it seems almost sacrilege to think of pursuing, as a mere means to the end of qualifying for higher study, or of finishing a "course,"—and that study is the Bible. It can truly be said that the study of God's Word is on a plane by itself; there is joy in perusing it and in learning about it, and in meditating on it, such as no other

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subject can possibly give. It is distinct, as being profitable for the life that now is, and—especially—for the life that is to come.

One sometimes wonders why so few take up the investigation of

the truths to be found in the Bible, and that so many quickly tire of these inestimable treasures. Surely by far the best occupation for our scanty leisure is the searching of God's Holy Book. Those who are engaged in this ideal pastime unanimously testify that they bless the Lord for the day when they were led to take up the wonderful investigation.

We are happy to be able to

New Year's Eve

I sat by the flickering firelight,
The old year was fleeting fast,
The new year was nigh to dawning
As I mused on the present and past.

Have I aught to glean from the old year?
Is there grain to sow for the new?
Would there be more abundant harvest
Had I kept God always in view?

When the highway grew steep and narrow,
Did I lean on Him for support?
Did I learn of Him thro' my failures?
The fight of good faith have I fought?

For the knowledge of Jesus, my Saviour
Have I counted all things but loss?
For me was it gain to live for my Lord?
Did I shrink from bearing my cross?

Thus I mused and prayed in the firelight,
Life's treasures I weighed, new and old;
Sought grace to esteem the trial of faith
More precious than perishing gold.

MRS. M. H. COOPER.

invite our members throughout the British Union to join with us in this wonderful pursuit—the deeper study of the Bible. There is no doubt at all that such an occupation pays bigger dividends in pleasure and profit than any other under the sun. We would like to see many more, young and old, uniting in this supreme recreation and we can promise you that you will never regret the day when you decided to take up definite, systematic lessons in Bible truth. Write to-day for further information on this most interesting matter, stating whether you are an advanced student or a beginner in the things of God. We have courses of study for all—even for those who have the high ambition of studying the Scriptures in their original Greek and Hebrew.

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All Work and No Play

A SPIRIT of urgency pervades the air. People intently hurry this way and that. Lighted rooms begin to hum with concentrated industry. And all this on a Saturday evening, usually a Seventh-Day Adventist's time of relaxation. What is it all about? Oh, it's Newbold's latest social activity—workshops!

Have you ever wondered what to do after Sabbath? All of us need some recreation, especially when, as here at Newbold, most of the week is spent under the rigorous discipline of institutional life. The College social committee, therefore, made up of six staff members and two students, has as its main task the providing of a weekly entertainment programme.

But this year the need was felt for something more than the tra-

ditional Saturday night social hour. With Sabbath ending early in the winter months, some cultural activity was wanted to fill the long gap between tea at 5.30 p.m. and the entertainment at 7.45 p.m. Lengthy but profitable discussion led to the launching of the workshop scheme in which a number of small groups would meet under competent leaders to engage in various useful handicrafts. There would be no fixed membership, but freedom to attend any group any week.

We felt sure God would bless the project, as it was in harmony with the Spirit of prophecy instruction: "The best recreation will be found in some line of effort that is useful."—"Education," page 215.

The same book points out that a knowledge of practical things often makes all the difference between success and failure in the efforts of a missionary worker.

Under the general supervision of Mr. R. W. Scarr, assisted by Miss A. Trafford and Mr. D. Throssell, seven workshops have been run this term: postermaking, bookbinding, carpentry (now closed for want of a leader), leathercraft, needlework, household, maintenance, and general handicrafts, specializing in linocuts. We are extremely grateful to all the leaders who have given their time and energy so freely for the instruction and enjoyment of many interested pupils.

Meanwhile a varied series of entertainments has followed the workshop hour. New and older students, staff-members, and a group of artistes from Reading have contributed to our concerts. We have had debates, film shows, and games. One evening the staff families entertained students in their homes, and on another the young ladies held a very successful "garden party."

So, parents and those of you who plan to come to College next year, you see that we at Newbold certainly don't believe in "all work and no play." We work hard, and then we enjoy ourselves in true, refreshing recreation. All of you who can, come and join our happy family!

D. J. DUNNETT.

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Baptism at Cheltenham

ON Sabbath, December 11th, a baptismal service was held in Cheltenham, our South England Conference president, Pastor W. W. Armstrong, being present and conducting the service. We were glad to be granted the use of the baptistery in the Portland Tabernacle, Church of Christ, once again, as we lack one of our own in the district. Members of the sister churches in Gloucester and Stroud were able to be present and to join in the happy occasion.

Altogether four candidates went through the waters of baptism, thus expressing their unity with their risen Lord. The weather was rather rough and unpropitious, but the spirits of all rose above the outside conditions to unite in a renewed consecration to the Saviour.

It will be of interest to our colporteur brethren and to all in the publishing work, to know that two of these souls were brought into this truth through the direct contact established by our local colporteur, Brother A. Fleet, who also followed up the interest with regular Bible studies, thus binding off the interest. The other two candidates were first contacted through the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. Truly we know not which will prosper, "this or that," but if we faithfully use ALL the means at our command a harvest is assured!

We are also glad to report that there are a number of other souls who are deeply interested in the message, and who are receiving regular Bible studies. We believe that faithful and prayerful labour will be rewarded by another baptism in the not too-distant future.

L. SHAW.

High Wycombe

THE High Wycombe church no longer meets in the Liberal Club

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as stated in the 1949 Morning Watch calendar, but in the Cadena Hall, Frogmoor, High Wycombe. Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching service 11.15 a.m. MABEL WRIGHT, *Church Clerk*.

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Harvest Festival at Barnsley

DURING the last week-end of October the lovely little church at Barnsley was beautifully decorated with leaves and berries. There was a wonderful display of fruit, flowers, and vegetables. The opening service was held on Thursday, October 28th, and Brother R. Vince presided at this, and the rest of the week-end services.

During the Sabbath afternoon service we were happy to witness the dedication of a baby girl and a baby boy.

We joyfully sang praises of thankfulness to our heavenly Father for all the good gifts around us. M. RUDDICK.

Lincoln Sunday-School

WHEN we were finally settled in our new church building we unanimously agreed to commence a Sunday-school for the benefit of the children in the locality. We asked our young people to accept the responsibility of organizing and running the Sunday-school, and this they were willing to do.

On the first Sunday, September 26th, we had an attendance of twenty-two. This has gradually increased until now, after eleven weeks, we have seventy-seven children enrolled and an average attendance of fifty-five. A choir has been formed, and a lending library organized, although perhaps most appreciated is the Bible film shown once a month. We

are hopeful of winning some of these young hearts for Christ and through them of making contact with the parents.

MRS. T. PAIN, *Church Clerk*.

The Ministry of Literature

Auxiliary Band Calling!

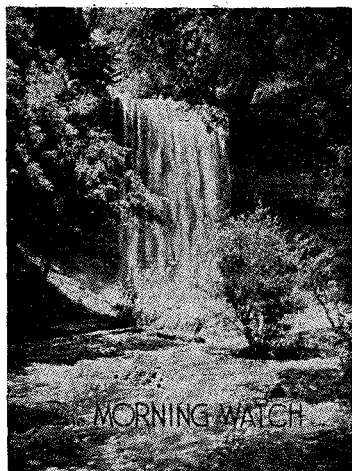
HERE is another record for the Holloway Auxiliary Colporteurs Band. Last Sunday 1,285 books, *Bedtime Stories*, and magazines, were sold by members of the Band in a total canvassing time of sixty-two hours.

The number of books and magazines sold during the last eleven Sundays is 9,577.

And what an invitation we get from the people in the East End: "Come again. Call again."

H. G. CRUTTWELL.

*Auxiliary Colporteur
Band Leader.*



"In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up."—David

"A moment in the morning take the Bible in your hand,
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Wedding Bells

WEST-LAMING.—On August 19, 1948, Pastor John P. West and Sister Olive Laming were united in marriage in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Bradford. A cloudy morning gave way to more benevolent sunshine, welcoming the bride as she approached the church, where Pastor V. H. Cooper performed the marriage ceremony. A young husband himself, Brother Cooper commended for true happiness, the centre of his own married life, the "fireside haven," where is erected the family altar.

The marriage was the occasion of reunion between many old College friends, and numerous well-wishers, too, gathered to witness the ceremony. Brother Horace West, the groom's brother, was best man, while the bride was attended by her sister Nurse Audrey Laming and a happy young train-bearer, little Susan Clee.

Relatives and friends gathered for the reception in a nearby café, where words of counsel and multiplied good wishes will long be remembered by the young couple.

We commend this union to the care of God, praying that Pastor and Mrs. West may long be used in His service.

L. C. HANDYSIDES.

Until the Day Break

MARTIN.—We regret to record the passing of Sister Martin of the Wimbledon church on September 26, 1948, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Our sister was elderly even at the time she was received into fellowship through the ministry of Pastor C. A. Reeves in 1935. Since that time the experience of Mrs. Martin had been one of increasing infirmity, through the clouds of which we trust she could ever discern the promise of a coming Saviour. The interment took place at the Gap Road Cemetery, Wimbledon, on October 4th. Our sympathy is extended to the devoted daughter, Miss Lawrence, and to other relatives.

G. ELLIOTT.

ELEY.—The Ilford church has lost one of its first members in the death of Sister Eleanor Mary Eley, which occurred on October 10, 1948, at the home of her cousin. She had been a great sufferer for some time, and for several months had been unable to attend church. She was laid to rest in Manor Park Cemetery on Friday, October 15th, Pastor F. Cumings conducting the service at the home of the cousin and also at the graveside. The Ilford church was well represented. Sister Eley was seventy-two years of age, and our sympathy goes out to her relatives. We look forward to meeting her again on the resurrection morn.

A. HOWARD, Church Clerk.

LAY.—It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Lay, the husband of Sister Lay of the Cambridge church. He was a faithful and devoted husband and father, who fell asleep in Jesus on October 20, 1948. Our sym-

pathy goes out to Sister Lay and her family in this time of their sorrow.

A. K. ARMSTRONG

READ.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sister E. Read who, at the age of fifty-five years and after a painful illness bravely borne, passed away on November 5, 1948. Sister Read was laid to rest in the churchyard of the Woodmancote church, near Henfield, Sussex, on November 9th in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends from the Hove church. Though isolated from the Hove church for some years Sister Read is remembered with affection for her sunny disposition and kind thought for others. Our deep sympathy goes out to Brother Read and his son, who mourn an irreparable loss, but they, with us, do not sorrow without hope as they cling to the promise that "this mortal shall put on immortality."

R. T. BOLTON.

SAVOURY.—Sister Ada Savoury, fell asleep in Jesus on November 8, 1948, aged seventy-nine years. Our sister accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor J. H. Bayliss and was baptized in 1944. She was afflicted with blindness, but was a faithful follower of Christ. After a brief service in the Southend church, conducted by Pastor L. E. A. Lane, our sister was laid to rest, to await the time when she will see her Saviour face to face. Our deepest sympathies go to all relatives and friends.

Church Clerk.

DE-BUSSEY.—We regret to announce the passing of sister Edith De-Bussey (Jun.) of the Leeds church. After being ill for a considerable time and kept from church fellowship, the end came suddenly on Tuesday, November 9, 1948. Our sister, aged thirty-seven years, was born into an Adventist home, her mother being one of the charter members of Leeds church. She personally took her stand with the Lord's chosen by baptism in 1925. She was laid to rest on Friday, November 12th, in the Woodhouse Cemetery. Mr J. Handysides first giving a touching yet hopeful message in our own church, and afterward conducting the last rites at the graveside. The sympathies of the Leeds church go out to the husband, two children, and relatives who are left to mourn their loss. We pray that they, with us, may see our sister soon, when Jesus will wipe away all tears from our eyes, in the better land.

Church Clerk.

HOPLEY.—The Portsmouth church has lost a faithful member, Mrs F. Hopley, who died on Sabbath, November 13, 1948, after a brief illness. Our sister was seventy-nine years of age, but was very active and was pleased to have a part in the last Ingathering campaign. We shall miss our dear sister in her accustomed place at church, as she was so faithful in attendance, in spite of her deafness, which was a great affliction to her. She was received into fellowship in 1916. Pastor H. Smith conducted the burial services in our own church and at the graveside, speaking words of comfort and hope to us all. Our sister was laid to rest in Milton Cemetery in the presence of relatives and a good number of churchmembers. Soon she will hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Church Clerk.

PINCH.—On Friday, November 19, 1948, Sister Pinch passed away after an illness of only a few hours. Sister Pinch accepted this message under Brother Langford in 1916, and was baptized in Exeter by Brother Haughey. We extend our sympathy to her sorrowing family and particularly to her husband and younger son. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong in Stanborough Park church on November 23rd.

D. M. TURNER, Church Clerk.

ALDRED.—It is with sorrow that we record the death of Sister L. Aldred on November 19, 1948, after a short illness. Our sister accepted the truth during the ministry of Pastor H. Humphries. She was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery on November 25th, Pastor J. French conducting the service at the church and at the graveside. She leaves a sister to mourn her sad loss. Our sympathy goes out to Sister, G. Aldred, and we pray that God will comfort her, and that when the great Comforter comes, these two dear sisters will be reunited.

G. ELLIS, Church Clerk.

SARCHET.—Brother H. Sarchet, a veteran soldier of the cross, fell asleep in Jesus on November 21, 1948, in his eighty-fourth year after a very brief illness. He survived his wife by only a few months. Thus the Edmonton church has lost another of its aged members. Brother Sarchet first became interested in the Advent message through the *Present Truth* and united himself with the remnant church in the year 1918. Our esteemed and beloved brother served the church faithfully as elder for many years and will always be remembered for his generous and kindly spirit and willingness to give place and preference to others, and especially to those of the younger generation. Pastor G. Bell, assisted by Brother A. Farthing, conducted the funeral service, the former making touching reference to the godly life of our brother and speaking words of hope and comfort to the members of his family, at the same time exhorting them to make their calling and election sure that they might have the assurance of a reunion with their loved one when the Life-giver calls him forth on the resurrection morn. Many members and friends paid their last tribute to our brother by assembling at the Edmonton Cemetery and wish to extend their sympathy to those who mourn their loss.

Mrs. I. M. HEYWOOD, Church Clerk.

Gratitude for Healing

Mrs R. HEARNE of Torquay, desires to express her gratitude to God for recovery after an operation, also her thanks for remembrance in prayers, gifts, and inquiries, to Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Stokes, and members of Torquay and other churches in the Conference.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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