

BRITISH ADVENT
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“After Many Days”

READERS of the MESSENGER will recall the thrilling experience related of the student in Hampshire who studied our Voice of Prophecy lessons three years ago. At that time he rejected the Sabbath truth, but since has read *The Great Controversy*, and *Present Truth*, and has requested that he restart the lessons.

This week, two further experiences illustrate how the Lord works to lead souls to reconsider the saving truths of His Word. Back in 1918, a young girl was given a gift by a friend. This was a book, *His Glorious Appearing*, an exposition of Matthew twenty-four. The girl read the book and years later taught a class of women the true explanation of Daniel seven. She is now taking the Voice of Prophecy lessons and finds that the address of the old International Tract Society is the same as the Voice of Prophecy. She also finds an equal correspondence between the truths taught by us and the book. She writes: “Your Bible course lessons are really a wonderful help to understanding Scripture.” She tells her friends and neighbours to listen to our broadcast service and urges them to join our Bible school. Fellow-member, are you making any serious attempt to interest your friends in this soul-saving work?

Another student writes in to tell us that he received the lessons in October, 1947. They lay neglected till November of 1948. In November, this man met with an accident which might have killed him.

By J. A. McMILLAN

In hospital, he sensed his need for God and reviewed the Lord's mercy in sparing his life. He adds: “All this seemed to be God speaking to me, and I thought of the Bible course lying at home neglected, and I resolved during my convalescence to put the time to good account by starting on the course as a practical way of expressing my gratitude for a miraculous escape from what could have been serious injury.”

These incidents show how the Lord cares for the seeds of truth sown in the human heart. As the

Spirit of prophecy assures us: “The good seed may for a time lie unnoticed in a cold, selfish, worldly heart, giving no evidence that it has taken root; but afterward, as the Spirit of God breathes on the soul, the hidden seed springs up, and at last bears fruit to the glory of God.”—*“Christ's Object Lessons,”* page 65.

This should encourage each of us to “cast” our “bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.” “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.” Eccles. 11:1, 6.

“It Shall Accomplish”

“WAIT and I'll tell you a peculiar thing that happened the other afternoon.”

As the Voice of Prophecy student leaned across the table, he spoke soberly and in somewhat awed tones. He told his story with his hand on an open Bible, and it was hard to believe that he had been brought up a devout Catholic in the heart of the “South.” Then, several years ago, circumstances combined to cause him to sever connections with the church, and he moved to more congenial quarters in Belfast. Last year, he picked up by “chance” a Voice of Prophecy card from

the pavement. He enrolled at once, and when I contacted him, he had finished the First Course.

Although since that time, he has eagerly studied the Advanced Course, and confessing he believes its teachings, so new to him were some of them, standing out in full bloom against his barren background, that he hesitated to come to any definite decision—until the time of this incident.

On this particular afternoon, his little girl returned from school carrying a large book. It was not the type of book that would normally attract a youngster's eye, for it was thick, colourless, and

dirty. Stranger still, she had rescued it from a distant dustbin, thinking that her father might be pleased with it. But the worn volume did not interest him; nor did the title, *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, rouse him. He found for it a convenient corner.

Later that evening, though, he noticed it again and, with casual curiosity, read down the chapter titles. He came to one which made him start, "The Change of the Sabbath." Now, thoroughly roused, he quickly went through the study, and when he had finished, exclaimed, "There is only one people that teach this—it must be an Adventist book."

I was glad to tell him it was so, and he replied that he had never before seen such a wealth of reading between two covers. Whereas the dustbin's owner saw no value in the book, our student-friend saw much. What was considered as trash, had now become treasure! He is impressed, not only by the material, but by the manner in which it came, and for that reason accepts it, not as coincidence, but as a providence.

From that time, although not yet able to attend our Sabbath meetings himself, he decided to send his two younger children—the girl and her brother—to Sabbath-school. Truth had beckoned and he had to follow. We are praying that the father also will soon be able to attend. And the book? "Surely the wrath of men shall praise Thee."

L. A. D. LANE.

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Open-air Evangelism at Hyde Park Corner

HYDE PARK, Britain's most famous centre for open-air oratory, is where most movements, political and religious, eventually promulgate their message or policy. Should it not be that



Holloway's Open-air Band, which conducts services at London's famous "Hyde Park Corner."

God's last message should also be proclaimed there? At least that is what the London M.V. open-air team thought. So, with the vision of God's message being proclaimed among the thousands of men and women who go there, we commenced.

As the people, uneasy and perplexed with the world situation, move from one meeting to another, seeking something they know not what, they arrive at our meeting. The crowd gathers, then we present our message, showing through the events that have happened and are happening, the truth of God's Word; and from this basis we present Jesus as the answer to the world's needs and the all-sufficient One for the problems of to-day. We also present God's great plan for the future.

Many and varied have been the results of our work. We have met honest, sincere, men and women who desire the truth. We have also met others who ridicule everything that is religious; and yet another class who do not know, and who are perplexed at the confusion of the world.

But the question is often asked whether anything tangible is ever accomplished by the open-air meeting. I am sure there are many results. One young lady, a nurse in a London hospital, was contacted and introduced to the

Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. Questioning her later, we found she was enjoying the course. Two other young ladies, one a maid at Buckingham Palace, have shown good interest. A man, as a result of contacting us, attended the Sunday meeting at Holloway church. Many others have been put in contact with the Voice of Prophecy. Also the open-air meetings have been a means of swelling the conference funds for evangelism, for one lady has given us £3. 10s. for that purpose.

Over and above that, literally hundreds have heard something of the witness of the Gospel, for very often the crowds are as large as the average campaign meetings, and that without the outlay of a large budget. The chorus singing, too, has brought a good response from the crowd, many singing with us the songs of Zion.

Yes, this work fulfils the command of Jesus: "Go out into the highways and byways and gather them in," for it reaches a class of people who rarely attend a religious meeting in a hall, but whom God also loves and desires to save.

We earnestly intreat your prayers for this branch of God's work, and the active co-operation of young men and women who see the need and will rise to the occasion and be fellow-labourers.

A. LAMBETH.

Open-Air Witnessing for Christ

ONE of the advantages of open air evangelism is that it "brings home" the Christian faith and hope to "all sorts and conditions of men."

"Ye are My witnesses," saith the Lord. Can we fold our arms and allow God's name to be misrepresented, the Bible ridiculed, and the apathy of the nominal churches to be held as a stalking-horse for neglecting these things? If the man in the street will not come, we must go!

Did Christ spare any effort? "He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant." Can our efforts be any less? Can we turn from any opportunity for soul-saving? Let us "go out into the highways and byways, and compel them to come in!"

The decision for or against the Lord must finally rest with those who hear that message. We, however, are commissioned to the staggering task of taking it to them "for a witness."

"Sing it o'er and o'er again,
Christ receiveth sinful men!"

DENYS SAGE.



For the Investment Fund

ON the evenings of December 9th and 11th, the boys and girls of the Stanborough Park Sabbath-school gave a concert in the Annex dining room.

The proceeds from the sale of programmes for the first evening went to swell the Investment Fund and a most enjoyable programme was presented.

From such a number of items it would be unfair to pick out individual pieces or names for comment, but songs, recitations, charades, plays, and an item in honour of the infant Prince Charles, made up this outstanding programme.

Many non-Adventists were present and the final item was arranged for the benefit of these visitors.

A band of young folk came on the stage and sang carols outside

the door of a house. Soon the householder (Brother Archer, the superintendent of the Sabbath-school for 1949) appeared and "rewarded" the youthful singers. Then standing in "his" doorway he gave a hearty invitation to all to attend Sabbath-school during 1949.

It is difficult to remember a concert of this description which was better planned or presented. The Sabbath-school leaders and their helpers had put in long hours of loving work with the boys and girls. Their reward was to know that those boys and girls and their parents, too, had had such a helpful and enjoyable evening.

A total of over 350 people enjoyed this exceptional programme, and the Investment Fund benefited by £10.

EDGAR A. WARREN.



Cornwall

THE address of the St. Austell company as given in the current issue of *The Morning Watch Calendar* is incorrect. It should be: Friends Meeting House, West End, Redruth.

KATHLEEN RODD.

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President's Notes

At a recent meeting of the North England Conference Committee it was decided that on the release of A. W. Howard to become Field Missionary Secretary in North-East India, Pastor E. R. Warland would take over the work of the Home Missionary Department along with the Sabbath-School Department, and that Pastor V. Cooper, now working in York, be called to head up the Missionary Volunteer Department for the Conference. We greatly appreciate the work Pastor Warland has done with the youth, and

we feel that the young people will still be his care in the Sabbath-school. We wish Pastor Cooper every success as he leads out in the many activities of youth evangelism, camp, and congress.

WE welcomed Brother Alan Norman into the ranks of the North England Conference worker force on January 1st. He will complete his studies while assisting in evangelistic work, and graduate with the 1949 class.

PASTOR W. MAUDSLEY reports a continued attendance at his Blackpool effort of around 450 non-members.

PASTOR B. F. KINMAN will be settled in Leeds early in the new year and plans to run an effort in this large city.

If a suitable hall can be secured the Conference session in 1949 will (D.V.) be held in Sheffield about July 21st to 24th.

It is planned that the North Conference Senior Camp will be held at Cayton Bay over the August Bank holiday. Young people, it is not too early to plan for camp.

PASTOR W. LENNOX begins an effort in Nuneaton on Sunday, January 9th, in the large Co-operative Hall. We ask a continual interest in the prayers of our people on behalf of every branch of our work.

WE wish every member a prosperous New Year and pray that we may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

O. M. DORLAND.



"Share Your Faith" Movement in York

LAST October, after much thought and prayer, fifteen members of the York church started a tract campaign. Each selected between thirty and fifty houses near his home and on Sunday, October 17th, the tract, *The*

World at the End of Its Tether was delivered personally at each door with a smile for each prospect.

The next Sunday the same houses were visited by the same workers and the tract, *The Coming World Power* was left behind.

The third week, *The World's One Hope* was used and was accompanied by a questionnaire card asking: "Have you read the literature? Have you enjoyed the literature? Would you like further literature if it was furnished to you free?" The cards were to be filled in and returned to the distributor on the fourth week—or with a penny stamp affixed, dropped into the post.

In this way we obtained the names and addresses of between seventy and eighty people who wished to receive further literature. Each week we have gone back to these with reading matter on uncontroversial themes. Recently we have been lending out some of our 2s. publications, and these are being increasingly appreciated. Early in the New Year our workers plan to start several Bible classes in suitable homes to which the interested will be invited. Invitation cards have been prepared for use in this work.

On Sunday evenings, after the regular service, our members meet for a Bible Marking class which is proving a great aid. The reference of the first text of the Bible study is written in a blank page at the beginning of the Bible. Then in the margin, near this first text the reference of the second text is noted down, and so on with all the references of the texts in the study, enabling a worker to give a complete study with the aid of these markings. Soon the workers plan to put into operation the knowledge they are now gaining.

How else may we share our faith? Watch the obituary columns in your local newspaper and send the tract, *"Is There Hope for the Bereaved?"* to the sorrowing relatives. Leave behind you a trail of tracts and Voice of Prophecy cards in the bus and train.

These and other methods of sharing our faith were discussed

with Pastors E. L. Minchin and E. R. Warland in the York church. Sabbath, December 11th—what a glorious day to remember! Youth from surrounding churches came into York for the day. The rally was irresistible.

Out of the fullness of his missionary heart, Pastor Warland gave a most inspiring Friday evening lantern lecture on "Africa's Youth for Christ." We rejoice at the world-wide power of the Gospel.

Pastor Minchin urged on Sabbath morning that we "break the fallow ground" of our hearts and separate ourselves from idols. A willing response was made to a simple, soul-searching appeal.

The afternoon was taken up with talks and dialogues and personal testimonies on winning

youth and children. A very helpful programme, Brother Warland!

Six o'clock found us at the Rechabite Hall for an evening of films. Visits were made via the screen to New Zealand, Switzerland, and the Palestine of two thousand years ago. The children won't forget the animal pictures. One little lady said, during Sunday morning worship, "Thank you Jesus for 'Washing-time at the Zoo.'" The highlight of the evening was the "Royal Wedding" in Technicolor. Such a display of royal pageantry we in the North are rarely privileged to see! This happy evening seemed a fitting close to a day of inspiration and fellowship. Watch for announcements of another youth day to be held in York during February, 1949. V. H. COOPER.



Coals to Newcastle

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Not so with Brother A. E. Dietz, one of our colporteur-evangelists in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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"You will be glad to know that I have placed quite a number of copies of *The Bible Speaks* with printing houses in Newcastle, all of whom expressed their admiration for the book."

Thank you, Brother Dietz.

May the admiration of those printers go beyond the material excellence of their purchase to the treasures of truth in which *The Bible Speaks* abounds.

B. BELTON.

Literature Finds More Students

DURING the past year several colporteurs have sent in to the office experiences which have gladdened our hearts, experiences which prove conclusively that God is with our workers and going before, preparing hearts.

Sister D. Erbes who is faithfully carrying the message from door to door in Worthing recently wrote the following:

"I had a glad surprise this week. A lady whom I did not know stopped me and this is what she said: 'I must speak to you at last. I meant to do it every time I saw you, but somehow I didn't. I want to thank you for those lovely tracts you left for me. You have been to my place twice and I was delighted with the reading. I want to know more about this. Can you let me have more tracts and are there any lectures to be heard?'"

This lady is now studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons. Sister

Erbes adds that it seems to take a long time to get people interested, but here is someone at last.

Brother Milborrow had an experience which meant much to him. Let me give it in his own words:

"I called on a Mrs. — at a place where I had called in the very early spring and then a fortnight after. I had two good talks with her and told her some of our truths, including the Sabbath. I also gave her some tracts. Well, when I called last Friday she looked at me and said, 'I know you, you told me about the Sabbath and I have been keeping it ever since, although I can't get to your church, it is too far, but my husband and I keep it at home in our own way.' She does no cooking or work and she says the Lord has blessed her very much for so doing.

"She lives next door to a Baptist minister, whom she used to sit under—she has been a Baptist since about seven years old—but when she told the minister about the Sabbath he told her not to worry about that as it did not matter. She said, 'I do worry about it since that gentleman told me and the Bible says it is correct, so I am going to keep it. He doesn't speak to me now, only to pass the time of day.'"

These two good people are now studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons, and their names have been handed to Brother Horace West, who will follow up the interest.

Brother Milborrow says in his letter that he often wonders whether he is a success or a failure, but this has given him a real lift. His prayer now is that the Lord will help him to gain many more souls.

Brother Male of Watford also wrote me recently. He said:

"I am glad to be able to report that this year has been the most successful one for me in the blessed literature ministry. All glory to God who has guided and protected me during another victorious year. I have been in many tight corners and dangerous places, but out of them all has the Lord delivered His servant."

The following is one of his

many experiences: He found a village free from fog, bathed in brilliant sunshine. But fog closed in on completion of the day's work. Soon he was aware that he had lost his return ticket so he had to retrace his steps. In doing so he contacted a lady who had apostatized from the faith. The interest was rekindled and with the full approval of her husband she purchased a copy of *God's Way Out*. Still looking for his ticket he sold a copy to each of two publicans. Walking back a further mile he picked it up on a canal bank he had passed earlier in the day to call on some cottagers. With joy he was soon on the bus and although the steering became faulty, thus causing delay, he arrived home safely with a song in his heart.

Now that we have entered a new year will you pray, yes daily, that our heavenly Father will go before our colporteurs? Will you also pray that the Lord will raise up labourers to enter the field, that the sowing may be finished and the final harvest reaped, thus hastening the glorious return of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ? STANLEY COMBRIDGE, *Publishing Department Secretary, South England Conference.*

Sowing the Seed

"IN season and out of season" is the admonition of one of the great sowers of God's vineyard, and so the festive season finds us on this ever-familiar territory of the East End, as has been our custom for many years. This is certainly one of the "in" seasons, and people buy now, who would not at any other time in the year. We have an unpopular message, and we must, like an attacking army, take advantage of any circumstances that will make our task easier and more effective.

It is Christmas Sunday and copies of the *Present Truth* go readily into the homes. "God bless you," the people say in their Cockney accent, and well they might, for in this little magazine are the mighty truths of God, shining like a beacon of light amid the corruptions and deceptive doctrines and darkness of the

devil which abound in those populous areas of this mighty city.

We had one apprehensive moment as we pressed on. We came into one street, where, outside the public house, were people much the worse for drink. For a moment we thought we would skip this street, but prayed for the angel guard, and we really felt their presence as we successfully toiled on, and sold the rest of our two hundred papers and were soon on our way home to dinner.

On the Monday, Boxing morning, we remembered the fact that there had been no papers for three days. Mentioning this in our canvass we found it very effective, and God blessed us with another good morning. Oh, what a privilege it is to be a labourer together with God and His angels in this great and mighty work of the literature ministry.

JOHN OLLIVER.

Onward in Scotland

In a letter which came to hand a day or two before the end of 1948, Brother M. Roe, Publishing Secretary for Scotland writes: "I am sure you will all rejoice with me to know we have now ten full-time literature workers in Scotland, and our records will show in the region of a £1,000 increase over the previous year for this part of the field.

"To many homes here, 'the truth' has been given through our literature for the first time.

"As we look forward to 1949, with a fresh vision and hope in our hearts, we believe Christ will be with us, the Doorway to power in personal attainment in this unique service."

A VISION without a task is a dream,
A task without a vision is drudgery,
The two combined make for success.

THE smartest person is not the one who is quickest to see through a thing, but it is the one who is quickest to see a thing through.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Coming Visit of Elder Eric B. Hare

WE are delighted to announce a visit to this field of Elder Eric B. Hare from the General Conference Sabbath-school Department. Brother Hare is a man greatly loved and will bring much inspiration and blessing to our people old and young. He is well known as the author of a number of thrilling mission books and of the gripping volume, *Those Juniors*. For twenty years he was a mission director and school principal in Burma, and has twelve years of experience in young people's work in America behind him. He has made a special study of child evangelism. The children will be thrilled to hear him, for he is a champion story teller.

Our Sabbath-school officers and teachers and all interested in

Sabbath-school work and child training are in for a grand and extremely helpful time.

Commencing on March 12th at Holloway, and continuing each night until Sabbath, March 19th, Brother Hare will lead out in counsel, instruction, and demonstration for all who can attend—

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Would you thank the Lord for His saving grace and the victories He has won?

Chorus:

Then rally to the Sabbath-school and always be on time;

Your lesson learned each passing day will make you glad as you sing and pray,

Then rally to the Sabbath-school.

Would you feel secure in the truth of God and freed from the curse of sin?

Would you tread the path that your Saviour trod; would you meekly follow Him?

Would you keep in step with the church below till they reach the journey's end?

Would you see your King from the skies aglow with the heavenly host descend?

Would you bring your loved to the glory-land as the trophies of heavenly grace?

Would you see your kin from the distant strand arrayed with the royal race?

Would you find your way to the earth made new when the trump of God shall call?

And the risen saints with the remnant few shall crown Jesus Lord of all?

especially Sabbath-school workers. The following two Sabbaths, March 26th and April 2nd, and the evenings in between will be spent in North England with Rallies at Leeds and Nottingham during the week-ends. The week-end of April 9th will be spent in Wales and the Easter week-end in Scotland with a visit to Ireland in between.

Full particulars will be announced to all the churches.

Brother Hare is Australian-born and is the son of our much loved, veteran Australian minister and poet—Pastor Robert Hare.

Let us pray and plan now for a time of great blessing during Brother Hare's visit.

E. L. MINCHIN.

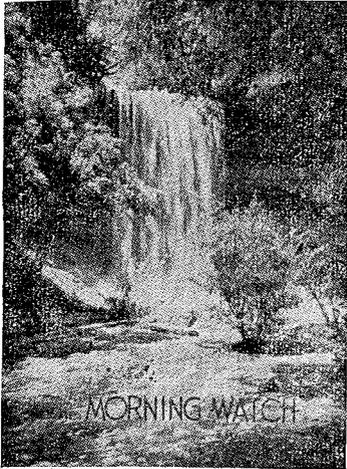
Wedding Bells

PONDER-CLARKE — On Tuesday, October 19, 1948, in the Plymouth church, Brother James Ponder and Sister Lucy J. Clarke were united in matrimony. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ponder of the Dublin church. The bride has given years of faithful service to the cause, both as a teacher and a Bible-instructor, in the home fields and in East Africa. The pupils and teachers of the Plymouth church-school attended the service as a tribute to the bride, who was formerly head-mistress of the school. The service was conducted by the writer.

The bridal party and guests later joined in the happy reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bunker, of Marsh Mills. Following their honeymoon trip, the couple have taken up residence in Plymouth, and already are contributing to the life and work of the local church. That their life together may be one of happy service for their Lord, is the sincere wish and prayer of the church in Plymouth. G. M. HYDE.

SHONE-BIERTUMPFEL. — Soft and mellow winter sunlight dissipated the November fogs and streamed through the windows of the beautiful Congregational church at Cockfosters, London, on Wednesday, November 17, 1948, as two of our splendid young people, Dr. John Shone and Joan Biertumpfel, came to the altar to pledge their troth. John is the first son of our esteemed Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Shone of Walthamstow, while Joan is the eldest daughter of Mr. and
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to rest in the glorious hope of the resurrection. Our sympathies are extended especially to her twin sister and family
V. DIEZ, Church Clerk

BROWN—The Newcastle church suffered the loss of one of its oldest members in the death of Sister Brown, at the age of eighty-seven years. Our sister accepted the truth through the labours of Pastor F. C. Bailey in Gateshead over twenty years ago, but during recent years she has been unable to meet with us. A service was conducted in the home by Brother M. Musgrave and she was laid to rest on December 4th in the Saltwell Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.
V. DIEZ, Church Clerk

MCAUGHTON—Sister Margaret McNaughton fell asleep in Christ on November 30, 1948, after many years of ill-health, which rapidly worsened during recent months. She remained a faithful Adventist to the end, having

begun her association with the remnant in 1923 under the ministry of Pastor George Hyde. She accompanied her husband as a missionary to East Africa, but soon had to return owing to a physical injury sustained by him. Her husband, mother, and sisters mourn their loss, together with the members of the Edinburgh church, of which she was a member, but not without hope in the resurrection from the dead.
JOHN H. BAYLISS.

LILLEY—The Cambridge church regrets to report the loss of another member, Sister Elizabeth Mary Lilley, who after several years of illness, passed to her rest on December 14, 1948. She became an Adventist over twenty years ago through the ministry of Pastor J. B. West, Sen., having formerly been a Roman Catholic. Owing to ill-health she had not been able to attend meetings for quite a long time, but was always pleased to see either our minister or any member of the Advent church. She was laid to rest in the Histon Road Cemetery, the service being conducted by the vicar of St. Lukes church, on December 17th. She will be greatly missed by her sister, who has done so much for her during her long illness. We pray for this sister, that she may be comforted and sustained by the great Physician and that there will be a reunion in the great day, when Jesus comes.
E. S. RULE.

BATES—It is with deep regret that we announce the death on December 15, 1948, of Mrs. A. Bates at the age of sixty-three years. Members of the Advent church in Lincoln followed her to her last resting place. We left our dear sister with the sleeping saints in the sure hope of seeing her again on the resurrection morn. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her sorrowing husband and daughter who are left to mourn their loss. We held a memorial service in our church on the Sunday evening, when Brother Rosier gave a very comforting message, pointing us to the time, soon coming, when we shall see our dear sister again.
MRS. T. FAIR, Church Clerk

Acknowledgment

THE treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe £4. 10s., from M.H.

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HAS any church any books of bricks left over for selling for building fund? Grimsby church would be grateful for them. Write: Anderson, 40 Park View, Cleethorpes

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Mrs. Biertumpfel, well-known and highly respected residents of High Barner. The church was filled to capacity with friends of both families, an evidence of the love and esteem with which these young people are held. John has had a twofold joy, first of leading Joan to a knowledge of the truth of the third angel's message, and secondly in uniting his life with hers in the service of God and their fellow-men. Pastor G. Hyde and the Rev. Cooper, pastor of the Cockfosters church, assisted the writer at the service. May the home these dear young people establish ever be a centre of love and blessing—another light along the way, pointing to the home beyond.
E. L. MINCHIN

Thanksgiving

An illness long—anointing, prayers:
Yeal' faith has brought me thro';
God humbled, proved, and healed me,
And granted strength anew;
To God, to friends and loved ones,
I sincerely say, "Thank you."
MRS. M. H. COOPER

Until the Day Break

MOSS—Our hearts were filled with sorrow as the message was brought to us of the passing of our dear Sister Lilian Moss on November 25, 1948, at the early age of twenty-eight years. Our sister had been an invalid for a number of years, but the end came more suddenly than we expected. She was the first Voice of Prophecy convert in Norwich and accepted the truth through the ministry of Pastor W. G. Nicholson. Although our sister was in failing health, she came when she possibly could to the services, it being a great joy to her especially to attend the Sabbath-school. She was an earnest seeker after truth and loved studying the Bible. She was instrumental in bringing peace and happiness to a young man, himself an invalid, who lived next door to her, and who has passed to his rest. Our sister was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery on November 30, 1948; the services in the church and afterward at the graveside were conducted by Pastor J. French. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sorrowing husband, parents, and brother. Will the MESSENGER family please pray especially for the sorrowing parents, who lost a son while a prisoner of war in Japanese hands and a daughter less than a year ago. Our sister sleeps peacefully until our blessed Lord shall awaken her to new life in Him, free from sickness, pain, and death.
G. ELLIS, Church Clerk

MADDISON—We regret to announce the passing of Sister S. Maddison on November 7, 1948. She had suffered with patience for a considerable time. For the past ten years she has met with us in Newcastle, having accepted the truth in Brighton. She will be missed especially in the Doncas society, in which she took an active interest. A number of relatives and members were present at the service in the home and at Heaton Cemetery, where we laid her

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