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The Realities of Our Religion

By G. D. King

THESE are days when hazy theorizing is apt to displace clear, direct thinking, and in no field is this more tempting than in the field of religion. It is to be feared that this hazy theorizing invades our own ranks, and thereby weakens our witness and wastes our work. For this reason, if for none other, it is well for us at times to give consideration to the realities of our religion.

The recent membership returns for the year 1949 indicate that the Lord blessed the witness of His church in the British Union with a fruitage of over 400 new believers added by baptism and vote. Unfortunately, however, this encouraging fruitage was considerably offset by the regrettable loss by apostasy of 120. That indeed is a tragic reality, and a fact which should stir our souls, humble our spirits, and lead us to prayer and more efficient service.

As we give consideration to the realities of our religion, it may be profitable to do so under three heads:

1. Our Truth
2. Our Time
3. Our Task

1. OUR TRUTH

The basic bulwark against apostasy is a clear, compelling conviction that the truth which we hold is indeed the truth as it is in Jesus. When we lose that conviction we are on the slippery road to apostasy. The great men of God have been men who were deeply conscious of God's revela-

tion of truth. Men like Elijah, Isaiah, and Paul were possessed of a compelling conviction of truth as received from God. Paul enunciates this conviction in 1 Thessalonians 2:2. It was such a conviction as this that gave our church its birth. Men like James White, Joseph Bates, Elders Loughborough and Haskell were possessed of a burning conviction that God had revealed to them His truth for their day and generation.

Some years ago, writing in the *Review and Herald*, Elder Wilcox said:

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lead Seventh-Day Adventists to compromise their position upon the message for this day and generation. As never before we need to emphasize the great fundamental principles which have brought us into being. . . . Only as we preserve our distinctive character, only as we give faithfully, fearlessly, and uncompromisingly the Gospel message committed to us can we expect to receive God's blessing."

It might be well for us, as we consider this subject, to ask and answer the question, "What are the great fundamentals of our message?" They might be stated as follows:

1. *The Reality of God* as taught by the truth of the sanctuary, emphasizing a personal judgment.

2. *The Sovereignty or Creatorship of God* as taught by the truth of the Sabbath, emphasizing personal obedience.

3. *The Certainty of God* as taught by our prophetic interpretation and the second coming of Jesus Christ, emphasizing personal preparation.

4. *The Leadership of God* as taught by the truth of the Spirit of prophecy, emphasizing personal responsibility.

These are the great truths which constitute "our truth" and it is well for us in these days of hazy thinking to concentrate our minds and our hearts more effectively and efficiently upon these great truths of our message and of the Word of God. It should be remembered that it is upon these

points of truth that the apostate world has made its greatest and most effective attack.

2. OUR TIME

It should be borne in mind that God's revelation of truth has always been "present truth." God's truth is truth for the current time, meeting a present need. Again, Elijah, Isaiah, and Paul were made custodians of a message for their own time, as well as bearing a prophetic message for the future. They were men who knew the times, the seasons, and the signs. We see in our time a fulfilment of God's prophetic Word. Since the Advent message began, that has been so, but at no time in the history of our movement has this been so clear as it is to-day. The events in our world should stab our spirits broad awake to the realization that God's prophetic Word, is fast being fulfilled, and the blue-print of God's programme is almost completed. Such texts as 2 Timothy 3:1 and Luke 21:26 take on a new meaning in the light of the release of atomic energy and the invention of the hydrogen bomb. These texts which may have become almost hackneyed to us are now pregnant with powerful fulfilment. We can begin to understand what the apostle Peter meant when he said; "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."

Speaking many years ago, the Spirit of prophecy gave us this word:

"The signs of the times are ominous. . . . Who can read the future? Where is security? There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly. Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen." —*"The Desire of Ages,"* pages 635, 636.

How true are those words in the light of the present events, emphasizing to us again that the message we bear is a message for our time.

3. OUR TASK

It is impossible for us to contemplate our truth and our time without facing the challenge of our task. We clearly understand from the Scripture that the Ad-

vent message and movement is possessed of a prophetic foundation, as it is also possessed of a prophetic future. The fulfilment of that prophetic future becomes our task, to be completed in our time. The scriptural foundation of this prophetic future is well known to every Adventist. (Rev. 14:6, 7; Rev. 18:1, 2; Matt. 24:14.) As never before these familiar texts should burn themselves into our consciousness, as we realize that the time is ripe for the finishing of the work of God in all the earth. It is encouraging, and also challenging, for us to know that leading churchmen of other denominations are aware of the challenge of this hour:

"The underlying need of the hour is for the cleansing fire and bracing challenge of a vital religion," says Dr. Parkes Cadman.

"The world is ripe for a great reaffirmation of vital Christianity, and nothing is more needed than the impact of Christ on the moral and spiritual chaos of these days," asserts Dr. Short.

Just before he died, Dr. Hutton, the well-known editor of the *British Weekly* wrote: "There must be many who will agree with me that the kind of revival which we need supremely is a revival of the ten commandments."

We have surely come to a time in the history of our work, when a new urgency must possess us as we relate ourselves to the finishing of the work of God in our own territory. "The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 27.) "Listlessness and inefficiency are not piety, but when we realize that we are working for God, we shall have a higher sense than we have

ever had before of the sacredness of spiritual service. This realization will put life and vigilance and persevering energy into the discharge of every duty."

Let us, however, not be hazy in our conceptions of what it means to be concerned with the finishing of the work of God. This is not merely a collective responsibility which is borne by the church as a whole, but it is a personal responsibility which should affect us each one in our own spiritual and practical experience. The great challenge of God to His people is contained in His own Word, when He said, "Ye are My witnesses." The challenge of the task is a personal one, addressed to every individual believer.

"It is those who are not engaged in this unselfish labour who have a sickly experience, and become worn out with struggling, doubting, murmuring, sinning and repenting, until they lose all sense as to what constitutes genuine religion. They feel that they cannot go back to the world, and so they hang on the skirts of Zion, having petty jealousies, envyings, disappointments, and remorse. They are full of fault-finding, and feed upon the mistakes and errors of their brethren. They have only a hopeless, faithless, sunless experience in their religious life." — *"Review and Herald,"* September 2, 1890.

So we need to be prepared to face the realities of our religion, realizing that God has called us to His truth for this time in order that we might be participants in the finishing of the task. "Those who are watching for the Lord, are purifying their souls by obedience to the truth. With vigilant watching they combine earnest working." — *"The Desire of Ages,"* page 634.

Mid-Century Field Adventure

By J. A. McMillan

AROUND the world field in this mid-century year, the call is sounding for a grand offensive on the part of our entire membership to visit the homes of their friends and neighbours in a great missionary crusade. Years

ago the Lord declared: "House-to-house labourers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth." — *"Gospel Workers,"* page 72.

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At a meeting of the Union Committee on Tuesday, January 10th, it was voted that we adopt the following plans:

1. That in the British Isles, 1950 be designated as "Mid-Century Home Evangelism year," and that it be made a year of unprecedented revival of missionary activity, during which every member shall seek to renew and deepen his own personal relationship with God, and during which the entire church, all conference workers and laymen together, shall, under God, engage in concerted soul-winning efforts unparalleled since Pentecost.

2. That in this Union-wide missionary endeavour, emphasis be laid upon personal visitation of neighbours "by bringing the truth into their houses, praying with them, and opening to them the Scriptures."—*E. G. White in "Review and Herald," December 8, 1885.*

3. That three Sabbaths of the year be designated as special days for carrying forward this home visitation wherein we shall set as our goal to reach at least 60,000 homes each day, the dates being March 4th, June 3rd, and October 7th.

4. That we encourage the continuation of this visitation programme at other times, making such visitation a part of every missionary convention held throughout the year, endeavouring, under God, eventually to reach every home in the country.

To give practical effect to these recommendations should be the plan of every worker, and the prayerful co-operation of every member. The first of these special days coincides with the launching of the Missions Extension Campaign. A special *Present Truth* is being printed to assist the members in this project. Let us devote the morning of Sunday, March 5th, to the distribution of this excellent paper. For Sabbath afternoon visiting we have a Voice of Prophecy enrolment card in two colours. We also have a special letter of introduction which could be used effectively to develop the interest of the people.

"Operation Doorbell" should activate every Adventist through-

out this year. Ponder the following striking statements from the Lord's messenger:

"Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 14.*

"Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 123.*

"Carry the Word of God to every man's door." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 388.*

Keep the door bells ringing,
O banish all your fears!
Keep the door bells ringing,
It's music in God's ears

"Our Saviour went from house to house." —*"Gospel Workers," page 188.*

Keep the door bells ringing,
This is the Gospel way;
Keep the door bells ringing,
This is God's work to-day.

"Visit every family in the neighbourhood." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 296.*

Keep the door bells ringing,
Let's reach each human soul;
Keep the door bells ringing,
Make this your highest goal.

"House to house labourers are needed." —*"Christian Service," page 114.*

Keep the door bells ringing,
It's God's mid-century year;
Keep the door bells ringing,
There are millions who will hear.

—*Adlai A. Esteb*

If every member will undertake this plan with prayerful enthusiasm we will no longer need to plead for the outpouring of the Spirit, we shall experience and enjoy it to the full. Let us recapture the adventurous spirit of the apostolic church, for we read of the believers that "they, continuing daily with one accord . . . from house to house . . . praising God, and having favour with all the people," not only kept their own faith alive and glowing, but "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:46, 47.

"This house-to-house labour,

searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the most essential work that can be done." —*"Evangelism," page 431.*

"The Lord is willing to do a great work for all who truly believe in Him. If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, . . . we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. . . . Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted and many souls will be added to the church." —*"Testimonies," Vol. 8, page 246.*

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President's Notes

THE reports for 1949 are now fully prepared. We rejoice to say it has been the best of the four past years. There were 283 additions to the church of which 216 were by baptism and vote. This figure too is the best during this period. We regret that 75 deaths occurred and doubly regret that there were 28 apostasies. We hope that some of these can be reclaimed for the Lord. Our membership in the conference stood at 3,547 at the end of the year.

In the present year I have had the pleasure of visiting and taking part in the campaigns now in progress at Norwich, Bristol, Plymouth, and Tooting, and in each place there are prospects of good baptisms. The campaigns have reached the point when close, prayerful work is needed to bring people to a decision for the truth. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all for the success of the present work.

As the opportunities for service come to us this year, especially in the distribution and sale of literature, may the Lord stir us all up to do our best, for time is short. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

£76,000!

No mean sum! And what does it represent? In tangible terms the liberality, loyalty, and service of the remnant church in the South England Conference, from all sources, during 1949. Actually, as far as the available records go, £75,770. 10s. 9d. as compared with £74,699. 3s. 0d. during 1948.

In anticipation of the detailed tabulars to follow, roughly analysed, the figures are made up as follows:

Tithe: £44,071. 15s. 11d., an increase of £1,075 over 1948.

General Mission Offerings: (S.S., M.V., etc.) £8,860, besides £355 Special mission offerings, such as for leper work, etc., and £394 for Famine Relief—in all £9,609.

For Home Missions: (a) Voice of Prophecy, £359; Good Samaritan Fund, £51; Medical Aid Fund, £206; Students' Aid Fund, £229; Evangelistic Gifts, £119; Evangelistic Box (1d. a week) Fund, £308; MESSENGER Fund, £141—Total: £1,413. (b) *Local Church Expense Offerings*: £4,387.

Sum total of loyalty and liberality, £59,481.

Service through the Ingathering Campaign £16,289.

Grand Total £75,770.

The round figures in the title are more than justified by some items not included, such as young people's local offerings, Dorcas society income, and home missionary literature sales.

One feels greatly honoured in having been the custodian or medium of passing on the majority of this truly wonderful sum, representing the devotion of the members, old and young, to God's last-day work in this corner of the great world-wide field; also, in reflecting on the happy contacts with faithful church treasurers, isolated members, and Ingathering local agents during another year of God's sparing mercies.

While doing its appointed work on earth, may these means be credited in the heavenly ledgers, to render everlasting returns, with interest, to all whose loyalty, liberality, and service have made this earthly record

possible. Surely these faithful souls have had a parallel experience with that of Jacob in his reaction to the dream of the heavenly ladder, as presented by the servant of the Lord:

"Jacob felt that God had claims upon him which he must acknowledge, and that the special tokens of divine favour granted him demanded a return. So does every blessing bestowed upon us call for a response to the Author of all our mercies. The Christian should often review his past life, and recall with gratitude the precious deliverances that God has wrought for him, supporting him in trial, opening ways before him when all seemed dark and forbidding, refreshing him when ready to faint. He should recog-

nize all of them as evidences of the watchcare of heavenly angels. In view of these innumerable blessings he should often ask, with subdued and grateful heart, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?'—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 187.

J. H. PARKIN.

Bristol Y.P. Rally

WITH what feelings of eager anticipation the young people's leaders from the South-west of England, gathered together for their convention on the evening of January 27th in the Bristol church. There were just ten delegates, some from quite near: Miss C. Clifford, of Bath; Miss E. P. Dyer, of Weston-Super-Mare; from Croscombe, Mr. R. Nash; and Mr. R. E. Graham representing Bristol. Others came from further afield: Mr. W. Harvey from Cheltenham; Mrs. F. Cumings from Exeter; Mr. W. Barber from sunny Bournemouth; Mrs. Ponder from Plymouth; Miss D. Hearne from Torquay; and Miss I. Welch from the naval town of Portsmouth. But whichever city we had come from, and whatever the size of the society we represented, all were eager to be inspired—waiting with empty notebooks and sharpened pencils for the information and help we knew we should receive.

Pastor E. L. Minchin, our Union young people's leader spoke to us on the Friday evening, when many local church-members and youth had gathered with us to worship. "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile," was the instruction of the greatest Youth Leader this earth has ever known, to His disciples. "And . . . [they] told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." This was the reason we had gathered together, to sit at the feet of Jesus and talk over with Him and one another better methods of service. "It is not what we want to do for God, but what God wants to do for us." "He estimates men by their purity of motive, and how much of Jesus they reflect, and with how much of His spirit they perform the least duty." Reminded of the three perils to all

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leaders—a lost vision; formalism; and worldly compromise—we were indeed humbled that God had called and chosen us as leaders, and inwardly resolved to do our part by remaining faithful.

Pastor W. W. Armstrong gave us an address on “The privilege and responsibility of youth leadership in this crisis hour.” “Neither a ‘pressed man,’ nor a ‘pressing man,’ is good for leadership.” Like Paul, we must realize our own unworthiness, putting the grace of Jesus first, which alone can make us into His pattern. Like Jonathan’s armour-bearer, the world is full of people who are willing to do what they can, and follow when they are shown the way. What the world needs then is Jonathans, who, discerning God’s will, have the courage of their convictions, and by faith go forward putting them into practice.

One of the highlights of the week-end was the “Brains Trust Discussion.” “Life with a Capital ‘L’!” was the theme which covered a multitude of questions, sent in and freely discussed. “What is the difference between listening to a thrilling play on the wireless and going to see one acted?” The old question of being “unequally yoked together,” brought out the fact, in the summing up of the chairman, Pastor C. R. Bonney, that this can apply to two young people in the church, as well as one in and one outside. The big problem of our youth in secular schools—these are just three of the many modern problems faced by our young people to-day. After the discussions all came away knowing that God’s standards have not been lowered, and even in our pleasures we are to do all things for His glory and the good of others.

Pastor H. T. Johnson passed on many useful hints in the dealing with “Those Juniors.” Attention traps; soul-winning devices; hobbies; hikes; and a uniform—it made us long to be young again! The value of the reading course was pointed out; working bands inside the societies; vocational honours; Master Comrade Clubs—but most important—organization. “Every society is a

training ground for that vast army of youth, which is to finish the work of the Gospel in all the world.”

Interspersed with the talks, discussions, and leaflets were quizzes, better impressing the facts on our minds.

Inspired? Indeed we were, beyond all measure! Helped? Beyond all expectations! Now we, like Jonathan of old, must go forth with the courage of our convictions, and put into practice the valuable help we all received.

Thank you to our leaders for making this week-end possible, and thank You to the greatest Master Comrade of all.

NEINA ROE.

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Sheffield church provided a restricted but intimate setting for our Home Missions Rally. Pastor J. A. McMillan and Pastor E. R. Warland had set the trumpet to the lips, and from the district around came the response. A coach-load came from Barnsley, seventeen miles away, and another group from Rotherham, nearly ten miles away. Chesterfield sent a contingent twelve miles, while faithful followers in Killamarsh came nearly ten. The membership of sprawling “Steelpolis” gathered to offer welcome. So it really was a rally.

Immediately we sensed the peculiar blessing of encouragement and revival which always attends a gathering of this sort. Good-will and Christian love were the tenor for the whole day, so what could be more appropriate than the Sabbath-school lesson’s reminder that God is “Our Father”? Instinctively we felt the reality of our family ties, but we knew that we had met to be renewed in our family duties. We listened—flanked, fronted, and followed by charts and slogans which caught the straying eye and mind, and returned them to the purposes of the day.

Following the dedication of little Robert Andrew Larson by Pastor Warland, Pastor McMillan reviewed the progress of our Voice of Prophecy activity in the British Isles. Already a tried and tested soul-winning agency, should we not use it more energetically to extend the family of God? Should not “Each One Reach One”? Crystallizing these sentiments came the invitation to distribute cards on Sunday morning. The Sheffield youth group undertook to distribute by personal calls at least 500 cards.

In the afternoon, Pastor Warland turned the “drowsy hour” into a vigorous expedition into the Scriptures. We shall remember Solomon’s four little things, “exceeding wise,” which teach us lessons of service. Then came testimonies under the guidance of Sister Watson, our much respected Bible instructor. Our veteran elder, Brother H. Casson spoke of his increasing con-

fidence in the message. Brother Pinnington from Barnsley, a successful recent recruit to colporteur evangelism, told of outstanding experiences in Wombwell, Yorkshire. Sister Watson recalled the remarkable possibilities which lie in tract distribution.

When darkness had fallen, and tea was over, the hall filled again for the viewing of the Voice of Prophecy film. Excellent reproduction brought us into intimate contact with "the voice," Pastor H. M. S. Richards, and with the King's Heralds. We were rightly stirred by the consecrated efficiency of this grand factor in our world evangelism. Thus the rally ended—but, of course, there was still Sunday morning and the cards!

R. A. VINCE.

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President's Notes

It was a great joy to me to see so many at the Shrewsbury Literature and Voice of Prophecy Rally. In spite of the bitter weather and the fact that our Rhyl friends had to travel sixty miles over the mountains, the rally was well attended. A full report of this meeting will appear shortly.

A LARGE number of our friends in South Wales gathered last Sabbath, February 11th, in the Emmanuel Church, Newport, to listen to Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick and Brother E. H. Foster of Newbold. The weather was tempestuous, but the day was enjoyed by all. In the evening coloured slides of our various colleges were shown, and it was particularly interesting to note that so far all I have asked have a marked preference for Newbold! The evening ended with a very happy social gathering.

THE year-end report is just to hand, and we thank all for the splendid co-operation which made such a report possible. Our gains for the year were sixty-six. Our losses, mainly by death, were twenty. This gives us a net increase of forty-six, the highest net increase Wales has ever had in one year. Our total membership is now 469. I am sure our Mission goal of 500 by December, 1950, will be reached by the autumn!

THE tithe for 1949 is almost £300 in advance of the previous year. The offerings are up £735.

BROTHER Lacey tells me that our literature sales have never been higher and we have already made a further good gain during the first few weeks of this year. We pray that we may go forward from increase to increase until this active Mission field becomes a fully-fledged conference!

CONGRATULATIONS to Brother and Sister J. Freeman on the arrival of Kathrine Llyn.

IT is not too early to prepare for the Missions' Extension Campaign—the first missionary campaign of the year. We hope that the Mission will reach its highest achievement in contributing to this fund for new work in new fields. J. M. HOWARD.

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President's Notes

RECENTLY the Mission Advisory Committee convened, to review the activities of 1949 and to plan for the current year. We are happy to relate a story of continued progress. It is always gratifying to learn of souls being added to the church. Our net increase for 1949 was 41, augmenting the total for the Mission to 319. The faithfulness of our believers is reflected in

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an increase of £353 in tithes and offerings over the previous year, and the energetic labours of our colporteur brethren have accounted for an increase of £3,608 in literature sales over 1948. These facts greatly cheer our hearts.

IN our forward look we are constrained to plan faced with the challenge of about forty townships with a population of over 10,000 people, and vast rural areas in the highlands and islands which remain to be evangelized with the third angel's message. In order to meet this unfinished task, we soon hope to have our first tracts in Gaelic covering our entire message. Our publishing department are planning to send colporteurs to the islands with these tracts and our standard books and magazines early in the spring. Further, we hope, by the autumn of this year, to have five strong evangelistic campaigns in operation.

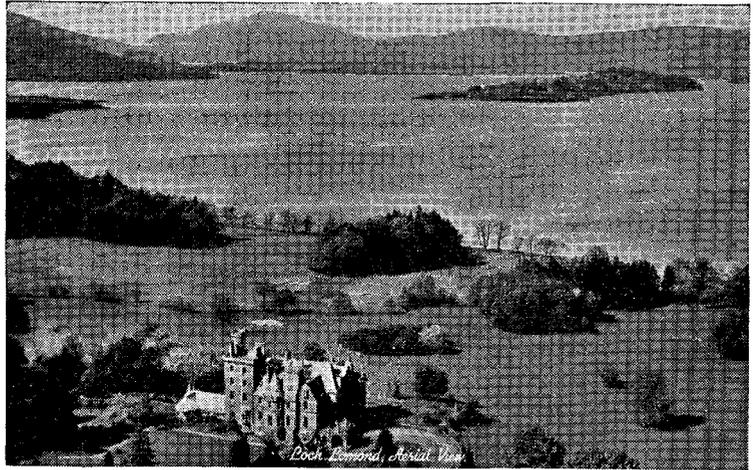
THE two campaigns, in Glasgow and Edinburgh, which commenced in the autumn, have shown an encouraging and stable attendance for several months. The testing features of our message are about to be presented to the interested people, and we are confident that a good harvest will be reaped as the year advances.

IN Dundee, a good foundation is being laid for the public evangelistic campaign. Nearly 1,000 names have been received through literature and Voice of Prophecy promotion.

THE Easter M.V. Camp will again be held at the Loch Lomond Hostel, from April 6th to 10th. We cordially invite all enthusiastic youth in the British Isles to avail themselves of the blessings of this most inspiring gathering. Pastor E. L. Minchin is in charge and is again planning an excellent programme. An article featuring the camp particulars will be found in these columns.

WE solicit the continued intercessions of our believers for the superintending guidance and

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Aerial view of Loch Lomond Hostel and lake. Doesn't it make you want to be there?

power of the Spirit of God over all the activities of the Mission.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

Bonnie Loch Lomond Again!

ANOTHER inspirational Easter Missionary Volunteer Camp by Loch Lomond is being planned.

The Scottish youth are coming in full force and send a cordial invitation to their fellow Missionary Volunteers in Great Britain to join them. There will be four wonderful days, packed full of inspiration, happiness, and Christian fellowship in the romantic setting of famous Loch Lomond. The proprietors of the great Youth Hostel cordially welcome the Advent youth back again. The cost will be 35s. for the full period, which includes 10s. registration fee.

All applications, with the registration fee, should be made to the British Union Missionary Volunteer Department. Full particulars will be forwarded to all who apply. E. L. MINCHIN.

Congratulations!

MISS BERYL BELTON, who is on the staff of the Stanboroughs Secondary School, received her M.A. degree at Cambridge, on Friday, February 10th. ED.

Until the Day Break

LIVSEY.—It is with regret that the Rochdale church records the loss of its oldest member, Mrs. Kate Livsey, who fell asleep on December 27, 1949, at the age of eighty-five years. Sister Livsey was baptized by Pastor J. C. French in 1942 and dearly loved the Advent fellowship. She was laid to rest in Rochdale Cemetery by Pastor K. A. Elias who conducted the funeral service in the presence of churchmembers. She rests in the blessed hope of the first resurrection.

E. BENNETT, Church Clerk.

RUSHDEN.—As the old year closed, the Blackpool church lost one of its most aged and yet most faithful members. Brother Rushden had suffered illness for some months and finally passed to his rest on December 31, 1949. He was baptized, together with his wife, on July 23, 1948. To his dear wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy. The last rites were conducted by Pastor W. Maudsley and our brother was laid to his rest in the Layton Cemetery, where he awaits the Master's call. A. NORMAN.

CLARK.—On Tuesday, January 10, 1950, Sister E. Clark of the Newcastle church was laid to rest in the Blaydon Cemetery. Our sister was over seventy years of age when she accepted the truth in 1938. For some years she had been unable to meet with us, but right up to the end of her life she was buoyed up with the "blessed hope," and we look forward to meeting her again in the earth made new. Brother S. H. Parkin spoke words of comfort to the relatives and conducted the funeral service.

V. DIETZ, Church Clerk.

MARRINER.—The Watford Town church suffered loss when Sister L. M. Marriner passed quietly to her rest on January 2, 1950, at the age of seventy-nine years. She accepted the message through the influence of Sister Webb twenty-nine years ago, and was baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith. She was a faithful member of the church, and to the last, kept her faith strong in God and in the message which she loved. She leaves a son and daughter to mourn their loss, but in the glorious

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hope of a soon resurrection and grand reunion. The service was conducted in the Stanborough Park church by the writer, and our sister was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await the call to a better life.

A. K. ARMSTRONG

GIRDLESTONE.—Sister Ellen Louisa Girdlestone fell asleep in Jesus in her eighty-third year, on January 15, 1950. Through the ministry of Pastor J. H. Bayliss, Sister Girdlestone was baptized in July, 1944, and became a member of the Southend church. Although a faithful member, our sister was unable to meet with us for some time owing to ill health. On Thursday, January 19th, our sister was laid to rest in the Sutton Cemetery, to await her Lord's return. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all relatives and friends. CHURCH CLERK.

HOBSON.—We regret to report the death of Sister E. A. Hobson who passed away on Monday, January 23, 1950, in her eighty-fourth year. She was in her place at the church on the previous Sabbath apparently in her usual good health and spirits, but was overcome by a seizure on Monday morning and died the same evening without regaining consciousness. Sister Hobson accepted the truth through the labours of Pastor R. A. Anderson in West London and was baptized in 1933. Her acceptance of the truth meant, for her, the giving up of many friends and things which the world holds dear but, having put her hand to the plough, she never looked back. The call to rest found her still a loyal member of the church. She was laid to rest at the County Crematorium in Brighton on January 27th in the presence of relatives and members of the Hove church. She rests from the turmoil of this world, and we sorrow not as those who have no hope. R. T. BOLTON.

PARRY.—The Stanborough Park church and the Male Voice Choir together suffered loss in the passing of Brother Parry on January 28, 1950, aged fifty-

nine years. Sister Parry and her mother accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor A. S. Rodd in Liverpool twenty-five years ago. Our late Brother Parry, after resigning his position in order to keep the Sabbath, was baptized in 1928. He was the only one to accept the message during that particular campaign, but proved worthy of all the effort made in bringing him into the cause. He worked as a colporteur in Liverpool for about seven years, then came to Watford, where his two sons became nurses in the sanitarium. Brother Parry himself became night attendant, and remained such for thirteen years. He was also a member of the Male Choir and rendered faithful service there for several years. The choir rendered appropriate music at the funeral service and Brother G. E. Adair gave tribute to the loyalty and devotion of our brother. Pastor E. B. Rudge spoke words of comfort and encouragement, and directed all minds to that glad day of reunion. There are left behind Sister Parry, with two sons and one daughter and other relatives to mourn their loss, yet in the glorious hope of a resurrection to eternal life. We laid our brother to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await the call of the Master.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

SISTER M. PARRY and family thank most warmly the many friends who have written to them in the sudden and heart-breaking loss of their dear one. The kind and loving sympathy has comforted and upheld them and they are deeply grateful.

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