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“THIS IS THE VICTORY”

“Jesus answering saith unto them, Have the faith of God.” Mark 11:22, margin.

This was the great need of the church in its infancy two thousand years ago. It is equally her need to-day as she stands on the threshold of a completed task.

What a challenge! The world was never so rationalistic as to-day, the church universal never so unbelieving. “This is the victory that overcometh . . . even our faith.”

What an opportunity for the man of faith! Surrounded by unbelief, living in a generation equally as faithless and perverse as the generation of our Lord, yet having the unusual privilege of witnessing for Him at this momentous hour.

The cause of unbelief is apparent everywhere. The germ has attacked every walk of life. Even the church is not immune.

An investigation of the leading religious colleges of the United States was made some time ago and Professor J. H. Lenva found that less than 22 per cent of the professors believed in the existence of God. Think of it! Over 78 per cent of the teaching staff unbelievers!

No wonder we read in the *Pictorial Review* that “the church is now as truly the church of the world as formerly she was the church of the living God. The church is not gaining the whole world—the world is gaining the whole church.”

There are many reasons why the world has lost faith in God,

By J. M. Howard

but the most prominent one is because the world has lost faith in the church. We can trace many other causes for this condition as we glance through the history of the church as portrayed in the Bible.

Amos the prophet brings to light one of these causes when he says of the professed people of God: “O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the shekel great and falsifying the balances by deceit?” Amos 8:4, 5. Here is reported

a condition in the church of Sabbath breaking and covetousness with fraud.

Isaiah reports many of the ministers of the church as blind, ignorant, dumb, and asleep. (Isa. 56:10, 11.)

Ezekiel takes up the story of the flock of God being fleeced instead of fed. (Ezek. 34:2-6.)

Thus the frailties of the church are recorded through its history until we are shown the church to-day in all its self-satisfaction, lukewarmness, and nakedness as pictured by the apostle John in Revelation 3:14-21.

Is it any wonder that the world has lost faith in the face of such a betrayal by the church. Thus the people of God, His mouth-piece on earth, His trumpet to a perishing world, becomes muted, “dumb dogs” that “cannot bark.”

Now, what does God do with this hampered and hampering instrument? “I will get Me unto the great men,” He says, “and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of their God.” “Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number. . . . Behold, I will plead with thee. . . . Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? . . . only return, . . . for I am merciful, saith the Lord. . . . Turn, O backsliding children; . . . for I am married unto you . . . and I will give you pastors according to Mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah, chapters 2 to 5.)

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The great cardinal truths of justification, purification, a n d sanctification are made possible by faith. It is given by the Spirit and leads to salvation. It operates by love. It produces peace, joy, and hope. It excludes boasting. It performs miracles and it overcomes the world.

Medical Work and the Message

By Dr. A. H. Williams

VERY briefly, let us indicate the aspect of "the message" we have in mind. We cannot do better than quote a few passages of Scripture for this purpose.

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come."

Just what is included in medical work will be suggested as we proceed.

It is common knowledge among us that our pioneers were led to emphasize the importance of healthful living. Conditions prevailing around them cried out for reform: so one of the earliest phases of medical work associated with this movement, consisted of simple, direct education in matters pertaining to habits of eating, drinking, dress, and general living.

It will help us appreciate the urgency of the need for that educative work if we pause to consider evidence of the extent

All through the ages the Lord has had a faithful remnant, and when He comes there will still be those who with simple faith keep the loud cry ringing down Time's aisles. This is the victory which is drawing worldlings from the world and reaching hearts here in Britain as elsewhere. A year of victory is behind us, another year before and even beyond that, still victory, until the gates open and defeats can come no more. Let us each one make sure to-day that we will pass through the pearly gates, not as culprits barely pardoned, but as conquerors in Christ's name. (*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, page 125.)

of changes that have taken place in this country in the comparatively recent past. It is easy to make the mistake of assuming that as things are with us to-day, so they always were, here and everywhere else. Conditions and progress are not uniform throughout the world.

It is almost startling to read in the *British Medical Journal* that, whereas in 1945 in England and Wales the average expectation of life at birth (males) was 62.6 years (females, 68.6 years), in the decade 1891-1901 it was only 44.1 years (females, 47.8 years).

Clearly, therefore, in public health, personal hygiene, habits of living, medical knowledge and practice, and other factors contributing to health and longevity, profound changes have taken place. As Professor Charles Singer phrases it: "Medicine is now [1950] indeed a science, which it was not in 1850."

Health reform was an urgent need a hundred years ago. While much still remains to be done, even in the most enlightened countries, let us thank God for the progress made, but still press on where need exists. Health reform is still an urgent need; but the background changes, and with it, in some respects, the emphasis needed.

Prominent in the health teach-

ing of our pioneers was counsel against a blind faith in drugs as a means of healing. In a recent article Sir Henry Dale has written:

"Their reputation [the old medical remedies] in the majority of cases was based on practical experience and tradition, or even on vague general impression. 'I don't pretend to explain it, but I have seen it do good,' was the familiar reply to the student inquisitive concerning the reason for a prescription."

Now, by contrast, medical diagnosis is based on profound research in pathology, anatomy, physiology, and kindred departments of science; while therapeutics, the science of healing, derives from like accurate knowledge of pharmacology, chemotherapy, immunology, and so forth.

Keeping abreast of this advance, our movement was led to establish a modern medical school where the science of medicine could be studied in a Christian atmosphere. To-day the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda is recognized throughout the world as a first-class medical school. In countries not served thereby, increasing numbers of our young people are receiving modern medical education so as to contribute, through healing service, to the progress of the message.

Adventists do not have a system of medicine all their own. True enough, for example, we emphasize and practice physiotherapy as a feature of our medical work; but we must recognize and acknowledge the valuable development and practice of it by modern scientific medicine. We must also beware lest we apply it blindly in a manner every bit as reprehensible as the old-time blind faith in drugs. Massage, hydrotherapy, and allied treatments can kill if unwisely administered. Therapies of many and often fantastic kinds are advertised and practised; but treatment is not right and proper merely because it is drugless.

Why should we, as a church, concern ourselves with medical work at all? The kindly comment of a recent patient at the Stan-

boroughs serves to reply. "Elsewhere," he said, "I have found scientific treatment and efficiency; but it needs more than that. Here at the Hydro I find them combined with Christian kindness."

Ill health is not wholly a matter of physical factors. The modern psychiatric concept of psychosomatic disease suggests a general recognition in the medical profession that disease often has other than physical causes, which call for other than purely physical treatment. Christian medical service has long recognized that, over and above the contribution science can make to healing, there is need for the aid of the Spirit of God, as truly to-day as when the Master healed the sick in Galilee.

To us, medical work is an opportunity of helping others; and it is justified as a part of the church's activities, to the extent that it is practised in that spirit. In its practice we must avail ourselves of all the true knowledge that scientific research has developed. We certainly cannot, for example, afford to ignore insulin, sulphonamides, or penicillin, because they were unknown to our pioneers, any more than for the same reason we would refuse to employ radio as a means of proclaiming the Gospel.

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Progress at Edmonton

THE year 1949 is one of happy memories for the members of the Edmonton church, for God has seen fit to increase numbers and activities in that corner of His vineyard. The first project we would like to mention is the Sunday-school which commenced on February 13th. There is an average of eighty children attending on Sunday afternoons.

These were at first very difficult to manage, as they had previously received very little religious instruction. Now they are showing much more interest and better behaviour. Some of the parents have already expressed the wish to attend the church, as they feel that their children are receiving correct religious instruction. Surely this is a sign that God will use little children in the last days to tell of a soon-coming Saviour.

Under the labours of Pastor Bell, Brother Andrew Farthing, and Miss Ashley, together with the co-operation of the church-members, a company has been formed at Enfield.

At Edmonton we have been privileged to have built a baptistery. This was done under the direction of Pastor Bell. Some voluntary labour was put in by Brother Pearce and the young people.

June 19th was a day of rejoicing, for this was the date of the first baptism to take place at the Edmonton church. Pastor Bell officiated. We were also privileged to have with us Pastor W. W. Armstrong, president of the South England Conference, who gave an inspiring address. Nine names were added to our church roll.

Yet another day of rejoicing was not far ahead, for on September 10th another baptism took place at Edmonton. Pastor Bell officiated and eight more names were added. Another project recently entered upon is the women's meeting and Dorcas work combined. A short service is held on Tuesday afternoons. Immediately after, work such as knitting, etc., is given out. Then light refreshments are provided and so ends a happy afternoon together. This brings the ladies closer together in fellowship, and at the same time they feel by their labour and means they are contributing to the relief of the sick and needy.

Now a word for our young people. We have a fine band of young people here in Edmonton and we are proud of them. Owing to campaign work, etc., Pastor Bell is now unable to continue the Sunday-night meetings, so the

young people have taken over. These meetings have become very interesting. But this is not the limit to their activities. They have been distributing tracts and literature in the district. May God bless them. We thank God for the increase in numbers and activities and all the blessings God has bestowed upon us during 1949 and pray that the Edmonton church may be a light set upon a hill and that yet even more souls may be won for the kingdom of God in this little corner of His vineyard.

N. YOUNG,
Church Clerk.

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Edmonton Young People Busy

WE work on Sunday mornings, distributing Voice of Prophecy pamphlets and *Present Truth*, and have covered territory to within a seven-mile radius of Edmonton. My brother and I also carry leaflets with us, and as opportunity presents itself on our round of work, we invite whom we can to listen to our Luxembourg broadcast.

Our Sunday-school is going from strength to strength in numbers, the present average attendance being eighty-five. Of this total there are about seventy-nine between five and thirteen years of age; the others are under five. All of our own young people are teachers, and also several of our older members, there being every Sunday afternoon about twelve teachers present.

On Thursday evening, January 26th, we had a bumper party for them all. Each child who had been regular in attendance received a prize and there were eighty-five prizes, so the attendance at Sunday-school can be judged from that. All the prizes were in the form of religious books or puzzles. The children sat down to a first-rate tea, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves afterward with the entertainment provided by Pastor G. R. Bell and the grown-ups. We were pleased to see a number of the parents present, and to hear that the Sunday-school was appreciated.

Our Sunday evening services are well attended, there being an average of thirty-five present each week. The young men of Edmonton take these services, and we have been well pleased to see non-Adventists among those present.

On Monday evenings we young men get together in the church. Under the leadership of Pastor Bell, the young men built the baptistery here. On Tuesday the same thing happens—we go to the church for a chat and do any odd jobs. Wednesday, the prayer meeting night, is always the time for our young people, both girls and boys, to meet. Throughout the past six or seven years the young people have kept up faithful attendance, hardly missing a single meeting. On that evening singing items and other things necessary for the Sabbath services are gone through.

Thursday is free and then on Friday evening we visit the house of one or another, and either practise for Sabbath, or have Bible games. This is how we occupy our winter evenings.

In the summer it has been our practice to get out as much as possible, very often with our amplifier, and we have had some good open-air meetings.

The Sabbath with us is, of course, as with our other churches, but during the hours between morning and afternoon attendance at church we have our tract band to attend to. Our method is to knock at a house and give a tract stating that we will call again for it and give another. We have distributed during a year approximately 5,000, and the majority receiving tracts have had a renewal.

The M.V. meetings on Sabbath afternoons, have, during the past year averaged forty-five in attendance, and the meetings have certainly been appreciated. To this must be added our Prayer Band, which is always well attended. If there is no church activity or a social on Saturday evening we again go visiting, and now that a few of our young people are married we have a good time and a good tea as well in their homes. This is the one night when we stay out a little later.

We, the young people of the

Edmonton church, thoroughly enjoy each others company. We have no dull evenings through the week as we are trying to get the most out of the Christian life. We trust and pray that in the days ahead we shall, through our witness, go from strength to strength in the service of God and our fellow-men. We hope that in our daily contact our conduct will bring many more young (and not so young) to the Edmonton baptistery.

ALBERT DUST.

West London Sunshine Band

THIS band was formed over a year ago by the young people's society, and is helped by church-members from Ealing, Richmond, and Wembley.

A small choir was formed, led by Brother R. G. Parr, and every Saturday evening for many weeks before Christmas was spent in very enjoyable practices.

At last the time came to give our first programme, which was at the M.C.C. Old People's Home, Norwood Hall, Southall. We had visited here on two previous occasions, and were again accorded a very warm welcome.

The programme was relayed from the hall of this fine old English building to many of the wards upstairs by means of an amplifier, the work of our very zealous leader, Brother Parr.

The chorus of the hymn: "Always cheerful" opened our programme, which was later given to four other old people's homes belonging to the Middlesex County Council, and to the Surrey County Council.

The programme was divided into two parts, the first part being of a lighter nature and the second containing more of the Christmas hymns, and of a more serious appeal.

By means of two announcers, scriptures were introduced half-way through the programme, read by different voices, relating briefly the Old Testament prophecies of Christ's first advent and their fulfilment, and those in the New Testament telling that "Jesus is coming again."

A monologue entitled: "The Touch of the Master's Hand" was

ably rendered by our leader, and a delightful solo by Sister Janine Harrison was greatly appreciated by all.

Many of the old folk shed tears as they listened to the invitation extended in that grand old hymn, "Shall we gather at the river," which was sung by the male quartette.

Present Truth and other literature was given to each one after the programme, and a fair time was spent talking with them. It stirred our hearts to learn how much the programme was enjoyed and appreciated, especially when letters were received from three of the homes written by those in charge. Surely the words of the Lord will not return unto Him void.

The programme was given to over 200 old people, besides staff at the five homes visited.

We invite the prayers of the whole MESSENGER family upon this form of Christian service and missionary activity, especially as we begin our Easter programme which we plan to be on a bigger scale.

AUDREY WITTS,
Secretary.

Auxiliary Colporteurs in North London

WHEN we look back and remember how we received the message through the efforts of someone chosen of God as a channel, we realize the responsibility which is ours of spreading the Gospel to others, who also are in need of spiritual blessings and so we hearken and respond to that heavenly calling: "Feed My sheep."

We are happy to report another excellent year of service by the North London Auxiliary Colporteurs' Band during 1949. Here are the details of our endeavour:

No. of hours worked	5,174
Articles of clothing distributed	1,086
Magazines and periodicals sold	39,812
<i>Bedtime Stories</i> and large books	845
Collecting for Evangelistic Fund Box	£3 19s. 5d
Value of literature sold	£1,116. 4s. 1d.

Now if every member of the Advent church were to take part

in this kind of work, what a transformation there would be in our land. Surely our Lord would come all the quicker.

The writer has experienced many joys and blessings in placing the Word of God in the homes. He has seen the eagerness of people to take the books and papers which will lead them in the way of life, and he counts it a blessing and a great privilege to share these experiences as leader of a band of young people who have worked for years past, Sunday by Sunday, in the East End of London.

We thank Pastor G. R. Bell for his support and encouraging words, and Brother Milner, the secretary of our band, for his ready co-operation. We also thank The Stanborough Press and their workers for good literature promptly dispatched to us. Best of all, many thanks to all thirty members of this fine band who have co-operated at all times and have helped to make it a success. May each one be blessed with that constant spirit that will urge them to be of still greater service to God during the year 1950.

H. G. CRUTTWELL.



Croydon Dorcas Needs

THE members of the Croydon church would be very grateful for gifts of material and oddments of wool for their Dorcas work. Anyone able to send a parcel should address it: c/o Mrs. T. Bradley, 306 Whitehorse Lane, S. Norwood, S.E.25.

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West Riding Youth Rally

SABBATH, January 28th marked a special date in the history of the Leeds church, for on that day the members of our young people's societies, and older members, too, from the West Riding towns of Yorkshire were present for a Youth Rally organized for that area.

Our activities began at 10 a.m. when the Leeds superintendent opened Sabbath - school. The various items in the programme were rendered by representatives from the different churches. Pastor R. A. Vince led our thoughts in the study of the lesson, giving us a fresh vision of the majesty and splendour of our heavenly Father's home.

One attribute which we all desire as Christians is that power in our lives, which Christ manifested, and Pastor Handysides, the first of two speakers in the preaching service revealed the secret of "Power" in the words of the apostle Paul, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

But all spiritual growth is bought with a "price," and this was the subject Pastor B. F. Kinman brought to our notice. The "Price of Power" is plainly shown to us by our Master when He says: "Follow Me," for such a command demands that we forsake all. Only in the realization of these two facts can we hope for the mighty power Christ promises.

During the lunch hour hot drinks were provided. This period afforded many friends the pleasurable experience of conversing with those of "like precious faith."

A bright song service introduced the afternoon programme, an unusual feature of which was the singing in the Ibo language of West Africa of the hymn "What can take away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus," by nine-year old Margaret Walton, daughter of Missionary Bernard Walton, both of whom we were pleased to welcome to our midst.

The subject chosen for our discussion period was, "How can we best help each other in this area?" and the youth leaders and others gave excellent suggestions. One was that district meetings such as this one should convene once a quarter, so affording the young people Christian fellowship.

The decision that a "News Sheet" be printed monthly giving record of all young people's society activities brought great approval, and there was a demand for mid-week young people's

meetings at which various hobbies and activities could be carried out.

The screening of the beautiful sanctuary film, "The Cross and its Shadow" brought the Sabbath to a close.

But the day of fellowship had not finished, for in the school-rooms adjoining the church a scrumptious tea was prepared for all, followed by an excellent social evening.

It was with regret, yet with gratitude to all who had laboured so untiringly to make such a day possible, that at 9 p.m. we brought the West Riding Youth Rally to a close, each person agreeing it was a day long to be remembered in the minds of our Yorkshire members.

AUDREY TRAFFORD.



Northants Literature Convention

ALTHOUGH Sabbath, February 11th, was wet, windy, and wild, there was a good response to the Publishing Department's invitation to the Northants members to meet in the Kettering church for a literature convention.

The visiting brethren were Pastor W. L. Emmerson, editor of *Present Truth*, and Brother W. C. McLeod, Publishing Department Secretary of the North England Conference. The Well-ingtonborough and Rushden groups were almost fully represented. Members from Northampton and Peterborough were also there.

Following a bright Sabbath-school, in which Brother Emmerson gave a literature-flavoured missions appeal, and in which Brother McLeod led us profitably in the lesson study, we were all inspired by Pastor Emmerson's morning sermon on "Sowing Light." Strange as it may seem, physical light is literally sown, we learned, and the true light of the Advent message must be and will be sown by the faithful believers of the Northants district.

In the afternoon Brother McLeod led us in the study of God's Word and then came personal testimonies from those who had been influenced by our literature in their initial contacts with the Advent movement. This went on until almost sunset when Pastor Emmerson brought the sacred

hours to a close with a brief but appropriate Bible message.

On Sunday morning two groups went out to sow the light that Brother Emmerson had carried in his bag from Watford. Brother and Sister McLeod joined some of the Wellingborough believers in Irchester, a village which has already yielded souls to the remnant church. In an hour and a half they sold fifty shillings' worth of *Good News* and our periodicals *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. The light was readily received, and the light-bearers greatly encouraged. Pastor Emmerson and the Kettering group disposed of 110 copies of our timely magazines and periodicals. We trust the seed thus sown in both places will manifest fruit in the harvest.

T. H. FIELDING.

A Happy Sunday Morning

WE certainly had a happy and profitable time together in our literature band at Kettering on Sunday, February 12th, and thank God that the weather was favourable for us doing His work.

He greatly blessed us all in the sale of our periodicals, and I trust that many souls will have been uplifted, comforted, and inspired by the beautiful messages contained in the magazines.

Really I feel there is a stupendous task ahead, in getting our truth-filled magazines into the homes of the people, yet if all the able-bodied members would "arise, and shine," I am sure much could be done in this old land of ours.

To be sure there is no time for physical or mental laziness in the lives of any of God's people today. We all need to ask ourselves the question, "What have I done for God?" For our encouragement we have the words of Paul: "Reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark." That is the secret of all true achievement.

MRS. D. SLOW.

Coventry's New Church Opening

THE new Coventry church building will be opened on Sab-

bath, March 25th, and all friends and members from far and near are cordially invited to share the rejoicing of the Coventry members on that date. We have waited thirty years for this event. Further particulars will be announced later.

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Shrewsbury Literature and V.O.P. Rally

GOD surely kept His appointment with His people on Sabbath February 28th at Shrewsbury as over forty members and friends, twenty-six travelling by coach, from North Wales, met together, for a spiritual feast of good things.

Following the Sabbath-school conducted by Brother Kinnersley, our attention was focused on the Literature Ministry and the Voice of Prophecy work. This was not merely an encouraging report of the work that has been done or a survey of the plans for the future made by our leaders, but rather an awakening of each member to the "sense of our responsibility in this mid-century year," as Pastor J. A. McMillan expressed it. Was it true that we were sleeping, lukewarm, self-satisfied with our past achievements? Were we content to stand "gazing up into heaven" while souls around were perishing for the want of our helping hand to guide their steps and their vision to the One who dwells in the heavens? Our hearts were stirred to put into action the practical advice, in the form of "operation doorbell," given to us by Pastor McMillan so that some word of ours could be used by God to add souls to His kingdom.

After enjoying the refreshments so kindly provided by the Shrewsbury members, we assembled for further blessing. Brother A. Lacey inspired us to add to our missionary endeavours, particularly the circulation of *Present Truth* to regular readers es-

pecially, as this was the most productive source for baptisms in the Voice of Prophecy work. Pastor J. M. Howard contributed personal experiences which were encouraging and as we listened we forgot the labours of "operation doorbell" and instead thought of the joy that will be ours when we stand, not alone, but with precious souls for the Master.

One of our junior members had evidently caught the main thought of the day, for when the returning coach had difficulty in passing another vehicle in a narrow road, he exclaimed, "Let's start singing again so that they will know we are Seventh-Day Adventists!"

To bring the day's activities to a close all were thrilled to see the film showing the extent of the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School work in America. We look forward to the day when the work here will have similarly grown. A collection was taken to help in a further step toward this aim.

God has an appointment with His people very soon at the greatest of feasts. May not one of us disappoint Him. Meantime we will be waiting and watching—yes, and also working!

M. J. COOPER.

Called to Malamulo

CARDIFF churchmembers were thrilled a few weeks ago to learn that Nursing Sister Mary V. Ford had accepted a call from the General Conference Foreign Missions Board to join the Medical Staff of our Malamulo Leper Hospital in Nyassaland, Rhodesia, South Africa.

Sister Ford lived at Pontypridd and has been a highly esteemed member with us in Cardiff for some twenty years. Until but a few days before her departure for South Africa she had served with distinction as theatre and ward sister at Pontypridd Cottage Hospital.

The Sabbath service on January 28th last was given over to an expression of appreciation of Sister Ford by Pastor Jackson, various members and friends joining in heartfelt testimony to the gracious Christian personality and

nursing skill of our beloved sister in the faith. Truly our loss will be Africa's gain. It is worthy of note that the late revered Pastor Gilbert Lewis who gave his life for the evangelizing of Africa's peoples first introduced Sister Ford to the Mission Board. The fruitage of that introduction is seen in this call to our sister.

Sister Ford sailed for Nyassaland via Capetown on the S.S. Pretoria Castle which left Southampton on February 2nd. A final

prayer and farewell service was held in the Cardiff church the evening before our sister embarked, when a beautiful bag was presented to her as a token of our sincere love and high esteem. We were most happy to welcome Miss Ford's brother, Mr. I. W. Ford, and several of her relatives at both of these services. Our prayers and love will follow Nursing Sister Mary V. Ford in her great work of mercy on behalf of Africa's lepers. F. S. JACKSON.

Until the Day Break

KEARY --Mrs Keary, a member of the Walthamstow church since February, 1922, fell asleep in Jesus on December 14, 1949, and was laid to rest in the Loughton Cemetery to await the call of our Lord. Our sympathy goes out to her family in their great loss
E. A. O-BROWN, *Church Clerk.*

DOBSON --Sister Annic Dobson, late of Ashwood, Kingswinford, passed away on January 22, 1950, at Oxhill, Warwick. She accepted the truth as the result of a tent effort conducted by Brother Altman in Leeds in 1906, and

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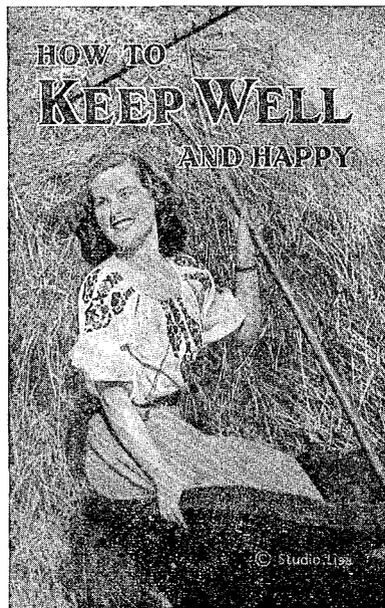
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was among the first members in that city. Sister Dobson moved to Scarborough and began to spread the message she loved by means of literature until a company was gathered out who met in her home for many years. We laid her to rest on January 25th in the family grave near her old home at Middleton, Leeds. She rests from her labours but her works do follow her. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. L. Murdoch and the other daughters. They mourn a faithful and consecrated mother. The service was conducted by the writer. O. M. DORLAND.

PEARCE—The family have lost a faithful husband and loving father in the death of Mr. Pearce who passed away on January 30, 1950, at the age of eighty-one years. Shortly before his death he became blind and was removed to hospital. Sister Pearce is one of our faithful members of the Stanborough Park church and accepted the truth some forty-six years ago. There are also left five sons and two daughters. Horace is a missionary in Nigeria. We extend to these dear ones our Christian sympathy in the time of their loss, and pray that the love of God may comfort their hearts in this time of sorrow. The glad day of the resurrection will soon dawn. Pastor W. H. Meredith and the writer conducted the service, and our brother was laid to rest in the North Watford cemetery to await the call.

A. K. ARMSTRONG

MRS. PEARCE and family wish to express their appreciation to the kind friends who sent letters of sympathy and floral gifts in their recent bereavement.

CRICK.—On February 1, 1950, Brother Ernest C. Crick died in Paddington, London, at the age of seventy-two years. He had lived a colourful life and was a much travelled man. He first contacted the message in Australia, where he was privileged to see and chat with Sister E. G. White. Our brother was born in Paris and educated in France and Germany. He was a linguist and during the first world war was head of the Intelligence Service in Germany. After the war he further contacted our people and finally became a member in one of our Belgian churches. With the opening of the second world war and the encroachment of the Germans into Belgium he was advised by the British to leave all his material possessions and flee to England as he was first on Hitler's list of people in Belgium for destruction. The writer contacted him in London through the British Legion and many happy hours were spent together. Finally our brother, who was a philatelist of no mean merit, married and settled in London. His sudden death was a great sorrow to his beloved wife and a shock to his friends. We laid him to rest in the Paddington, Mill Hill Cemetery on February 9th, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. We extend to his wife and all his friends our deepest sympathy. J. M. HOWARD.

BRITTON.—The church in Wales suffered the loss of one of its pioneers in the death of Brother Isaac Britton on February 2, 1950. The late Brother John Thomas of Cardiff brought him into the truth over forty years ago. Brother Britton was eighty-six years old when he died, and the last twenty-eight years of his life he was an invalid following an accident in a mine. In spite of his crippled condition our brother would often be seen with his crutches circulating *Present Truth* and

Good Health. His heart was always filled with love for God's people and on one occasion, after a special appeal for the starving in Germany, after the first world war, he returned home and sold his only possessions, his chickens, that he might do his part to help the need of others. His wife faithfully cared for him through the years, and she and the two sons with a host of relatives and friends mourn the loss of one dearly loved. We laid him to rest on February 6th in the cemetery of Risca at the foot of the hills he so dearly loved. He awaits the call of the Life-giver on that resurrection morn. J. M. HOWARD.



S.O.S. FOR TRACTS

The Voice of Prophecy could use effectively, clean copies of the three tracts entitled:

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WORKMAN—The Gloucester church has suffered a loss in the death of Sister A. G. Workman, who passed away on February 3, 1950, at the age of seventy-six years. She accepted the message through the efforts of Pastor J. G. Bevan, who pioneered the work in Gloucester during the years 1932-35. Sister Workman had been a faithful member for seventeen years, and although living a good distance away from Gloucester, attended the meetings whenever she could. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but even in our sorrow we rejoice to know that if we remain faithful we shall see her again on that resurrection morning. She was laid to rest on February 6th at Mitcheldean in the presence of relatives and many friends. At the graveside Brother E. D. Syme spoke of the hope which she cherished that Christ would soon return and receive her unto Himself. We extend our Christian sympathy to her husband, son, and daughters, who mourn their loss.

CHURCH CLERK

FLINT.—Sister Grace Flint, a charter member of the Colchester church, passed away with tragic suddenness on February 8, 1950, aged fifty-eight years. Our

sister had been taken to hospital following an accident. Sister Flint accepted the truth during the ministry of Pastor J. M. Howard, and was baptized on July 24, 1938. We in the Colchester church have lost a sister who was indeed faithful to her calling. She had been a diligent treasurer since the church was organized just over ten years ago. We have a glimpse of the Lord's guiding hand when we recall that just a month ago Sister Flint resigned her office so that a younger member could carry on. It was on Monday, February 13th, we laid our sister to rest in the Colchester Cemetery. Brother A. G. Tapping conducted a brief but beautiful service in the church, leaving a comforting message with us all. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing husband, daughters, and son, praying that God will continue to sustain them in their hour of need until the day break.

SYLVIA EVERS, Church Clerk

Can You Find This?

PASTOR Bradley has requested us to inquire whether readers of the *Messenger* would help to find a brown limp leather *Advent Hymnal* belonging to his wife.

These music editions are irreplaceable, and, since private inquiries have not located this Hymnal it is desired to enlarge the circle of inquiry.

This lost Hymnal is an anniversary gift and is inscribed inside "To Olive from Tom." There are also other evidences and bookmarks to indicate its Australian origin.

Should this straying volume be located its home address is 306 Whitehorse Lane, South Norwood, London, S.E.25. Thank you in anticipation.

Acknowledgment

THE editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the Lord's tithe, £1 from E.F.J.

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