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COLPORTEUR SABBATH

It is good to know that throughout the world field a special day has been set aside for our churchmembers everywhere to consider the blessings and privileges that come to one who is willing to take part in the scattering of our truth-filled literature.

One of the most important dates in the church calendar is Sabbath, December 2nd, which is known as "Colporteur Sabbath." A special programme has been arranged and the importance of our Literature Ministry will be presented before our people.

Throughout the years many of our people have found their way into the Advent message through the medium of the printed page. It has been a very effective method of winning souls. The Publishing Department firmly believe that the scattering of the printed page is one of the mightiest, most profitable, and most economical means that God has placed in the remnant church for warning the people of His soon coming.

The great challenge of the hour is for many more of our members "to come over and help us" in this divinely appointed ministry. Young men and young women are

By A. W. Cook

needed to give their full time to this work. Many of our sisters in the churches can do a most effective work by going from door to door with our publications. A wonderful experience is promised to all those who will take hold of this work in the spirit of the Master.

May I suggest that if we are not able to engage in the work full time, would we not be willing to give some of our time and thus become an Auxiliary Colporteur? The time to sow the precious Gospel seed is now. Great changes are taking place throughout the world and it may be our last opportunity to help in the scattering

A New Year's Task

FOR Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the New Year to place the precious light of present truth before the people. . . . A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitations to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?
—E. G. White.

of the printed pages of truth.

The Lord is calling for volunteers. Who will be willing to become God's helping hand in the finishing of a mighty task? Millions have yet to be warned and the hour is late. The practical results of the past should encourage us all to press forward in faith knowing that largely through this chosen medium—literature evangelism—the work of God will be finished.

We thank God for the courageous men and women already in the field. Precious souls are continually coming into the remnant church as a direct result of their ministry. The Publishing Department is anxious and willing to train and encourage you in this good work. During the hours of the special "Colporteur Sabbath," December 2nd, will you not make the distribution of our literature a subject of special prayer and also respond to the call to take a more active part in winning souls for the glory of God's coming kingdom? May God richly bless your whole-hearted consecration in unselfish service for others, and make you a mighty winner of souls in these closing hours of probation.

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Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 4.15 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 15th, at 11.15 p.m.
"LIVING AMID THE ATOMS"

How it Happened in the Philippines

THE Philippines were under Spanish rule for over three hundred years. Catholicism came to the islands with the invaders and has had a dominating influence ever since. Throughout this entire period the Bible was a forbidden book, and it was not until after the close of the Spanish-American war, when the Philippines came under American control that Bible societies were given freedom to work. In 1889 two British and Foreign Bible Society colporteurs in the Philippines were poisoned in their hotel. One of them died, and the other recovered and was banished.

In spite of the fanatical opposition of the Catholic church, Bibles were distributed throughout the islands. In Vigan, Northern Luzon, in 1914, twenty-five hundred Bibles were publicly burned. In the 1930's the same thing happened in Zamboanga City on the island of Mindanao.

As in so many other places, a colporteur pioneered our work in the Philippines. An Australian, Brother R. A. Caldwell, went there in 1905 and sold thousands of our message-filled books in English, Spanish, and also in Tagalog.

In 1906, Elder and Mrs. J. L. McElhany began work among the English-speaking people of the islands. Because of health problems they were forced to leave. Elder and Mrs. L. V. Finster came to the field in 1908, and were the first to work for the native people. Elder Finster early set up a small printing press, and thousands of pages of literature were produced and sold. Elder and Mrs. E. M. Adams joined them in 1912 and have been connected with the work there until the present time.

The first church was organized in 1911 near Manila with eighteen members. Since 1912, Elder and Mrs. Adams have seen the work grow from around one hundred members to thirty-five thousand. In reporting at the General Conference, Elder Adams stated that during the three years, 1947, 1948, and 1949, 10,667 were baptized,

and that during the first six months of 1950, 2,640 were added to the church by baptism. Thus 13,307 precious souls were won in three and a half years. God is doing a marvellous work in these islands.

In spite of the success that has attended our work, there is still much unentered territory. The 500,000 Mohammedans in the islands have resisted all efforts to Christianize them. In 1918 Miss Garcessa, the school nurse of the Mindanao Academy, was made the leader of a group of ingatherers. They were assigned to work in Moroland among the Mohammedans. She began to treat minor ailments, and the impression made opened the way for her to see the governor. He very graciously gave a donation equivalent to about £38 and provided them with police protection. Finally the governor offered a building for clinic work. This offer was accepted and to-day we have the Lakeside Clinic at Dansalan with Dr. R. T. Santos in charge. Thus another stronghold of the enemy has been entered.

From the very beginning of our work, the laymen of the Philippines have had a large share in the proclamation of the message. Eternity alone will reveal fully what they have done. The Philippines have already sent out several missionaries to the territories near by. Recently a young couple were sent to North Borneo to connect with the Sabah Training School.

Through the years a strong evangelistic programme has been carried on throughout the islands with outstanding success, but no large efforts have been conducted in the major cities of the archipelago. The time has come when the cities of the Philippines must be warned. The plan is to have at Manila what is to be known as an evangelistic centre. Here national evangelists will be trained for city evangelism, and later will be sent out to the cities of this island field. This building will not only be a place in which to train national evangelists, but will also provide much-needed facilities

where conferences and general meetings can be held. This centre is one of the projects for the coming thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering. May the Lord bless you as you give toward this worthy project.

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President's Notes

It was my privilege to conduct a baptism at Folkestone on Sabbath, October 21st. I was happy to baptize a sister who came into the truth through the radio ministry and the Voice of Prophecy. Brother E. Bell has given faithful attention to this interest and shared the joy of the baptism.

SHALL we all take on our hearts the responsibility of praying continuously for the efforts that are in progress? The evangelists need our prayerful support, that they may preach the Word with saving results. The Bible instructors need our prayers, that during the wintry months ahead they may be blessed with good health and may be encouraged in spirit as they see souls accepting the message with all readiness of mind.

Here is a list of the campaigns, with the evangelist and his team of workers, so that you may mention them specifically before the throne of grace:

Pastor G. R. Bell, assisted by R. E. Graham, Miss A. Ashley and Miss N. Roe, conducting an effort in Swindon.

Pastor R. H. Bainbridge, assisted by Dennis Hall and Miss E. P. Dyer in Weston-super-Mare.

Pastor T. J. Bradley with a team consisting of J. C. French, K. Gammon, Misses V. M. Warren, K. Mahon, V. Howard, and S. Herrington, at Chiswick.

Pastor D. A. Conroy, assisted by Misses E. Donaldson and P. Nippress, at Bexhill-on-Sea.

Pastor E. Cox, assisted by Miss A. A. Ruddick, at Merton, London, S.W.

Brother B. W. Dougherty, assisted by D. Chesters, at Bedford.

Brother W. H. Frazer at Lewis-ham.

Pastor F. L. Stokes, assisted by Miss B. Trimmer, at Bourne-mouth.

Brother A. J. Timothy at High Wycombe.

OTHER workers are moving soon to new locations, and will be planning progressive campaigns for the coming year.

LET us move forward unitedly for the finishing of the work in the South England Conference. As ministers and members we have a great task entrusted to us, but One invested with all power in heaven and earth has promised, as we undertake the work: "I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world."

IN Bristol, the churchmembers have been crowded together for some time. A plot of ground has been purchased in East Bristol upon which it is planned to erect a new church. It is hoped that this new church property will also accommodate a church school as well as serving the members living on the east side of the city.

It is gratifying to see that, despite a decrease of the tithes for the month of October, the overall figure for the ten months of the year reveals a substantial increase. As we near the end of the year, let us all maintain our loyalty to the cause of God in tithes and offerings. Loyalty to God in material things is one factor by which our spiritual development may be measured. The Lord promises to pour out His blessings on those who are faithful to His claims. May we all retain our covenant relations with the Lord in both the material and the spiritual. J. A. MCMILLAN.

Baptism at Folkestone

A RECENT baptism at the Folkestone church was the outcome of another of God's mysterious ways in calling one to Himself.

Some time ago the lady candidate was tuning in on the radio to "Mrs. Dale's Diary," when, as

she turned the knob, she heard: "Coming again, Jesus is coming again."

She was arrested at once by the words, for, for many years, she had been interested in the Lord's return, but had received no clear teaching. So she decided to hear what was said. She was definitely held by the message, and after listening to the invitation of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course, she straightway sent for the papers.

She studied with eager interest week after week, and accepted without reserve what she felt was God's message from His Word.

After finishing the first course and receiving her certificate, without hesitation she gladly went on with the second half, finding that as the phases of divine truth were presented, her whole life was being changed by the revelation.

When a little later the Folkestone minister, Mr. E. Bell visited her, he found an eager and alert seeker after truth, and he gladly gave more help in the knowledge of the kingdom of God.

Before long, this Voice of Prophecy student greatly desired to follow Christ in baptism, and with joy, Pastor J. A. McMillan led her through the waters. Today she stands as one of the remnant church.

We pray for the continual blessing of God on the Voice of Prophecy services and courses, as the third angel's message wings its way through the air.

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

Holloway Church Breaks Its Own Record

AT our recent Union Conference one could not fail to notice the great clock-face over the platform with its hands pointing to two minutes to twelve. Did we all drink in its spiritual meaning? It was most certainly meant to warn each one that the day of reckoning is at hand and that we must be up and doing the work of giving the final message to a fast crumbling world.

In many lands to-day there is no freedom to spread the Gospel message through the printed page. We are privileged in having every

opportunity to utilize this wonderful means. Are we then taking full advantage of these last hours of this world's history to give to the masses of people in our land a message of hope and security, of peace and joy in the Gospel?

We are happy to say that here in the Holloway church in North London a wonderful spirit of service is revealing itself in the busy activities of our large literature band. The youngest in the band is fourteen years old and the oldest is turned seventy years.

How many homes have been visited week by week by this band at Holloway during the past ten months of this year of 1950? Here are their achievements: Hours of working, 5,973; amount of sales, £1,061. 19s. 8d; number of magazines and *Bedtime Stories* circulated, 40,190; number in band, 35.

Besides all this, 911 articles of clothing have been distributed and a considerable amount has been collected for the Evangelistic Box Fund.

What might be accomplished if all were to follow the example of the North London Auxiliary Band and organize small bands of missionary workers to circulate our literature and solicit students for the Voice of Prophecy courses.

Brethren and sisters, let us think of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary to-day as He looks with sadness and longing upon the lost of earth, and co-operate with Him in seeking the responsive of heart through the instrumentality, of this last glorious message.

H. G. CRUTTWELL.

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M.V. Youth Rally and North England Campers' Reunion at Birmingham

HAVE you ever been to M.V. Camp? Then we wish you to ac-

cept this announcement as an invitation to attend the special Rally and Campers' Reunion Tea and Social to be held at: The Friends Institute, 249 Warwick Road, Greet, Birmingham, on December 29th and 30th. Pastor E. H. Foster will be our guest speaker. The last Sabbath afternoon of the year will be devoted to a Festival of Music. The main item will be the rendering of "The Nazarene" by the Handsworth church M.V. Choir.

Entrance to the Reunion Tea and Social on the Saturday evening will be by ticket. Tickets are available without charge to all campers past and present and to their non-camping friends of camp-age. Application should be made to: Pastor V. H. Cooper, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

An accommodation committee has been elected and requests for accommodation on the Friday and Saturday nights should be sent to the chairman: Pastor J. Clifford, 7 Dulvern Grove, Yarningale Road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

VICTOR H. COOPER.

Blackpool Harvest Festival

How each one of us looked forward to the harvest festival which was to be held in our church in Blackpool! This was certainly a special occasion, as it was the first of its kind to be held in our little building. Anyhow each member responded to the call to show thanks to the Lord in a practical way. The gifts which were brought were indeed a worthy token of the gratitude each felt in his heart toward the Giver of "every good and perfect gift." As we gathered together on this occasion to worship God, and as we saw these fruits of the earth displayed before us, we truly felt in our hearts the thankfulness which was expressed in the hymns we sang.

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank
the Lord,
For all His love.

Pastor Bevan appropriately spoke on the subject of "The River of God," using Psalm sixty-five as the basic passage. He showed how God is constantly pouring out His blessings upon us, a subject which was indeed an interesting climax to this occasion.

The proceeds from our harvest festival went toward the church building fund and many of the gifts were distributed among the sick and needy.

H. M. THOMSON.

Sunday-School Harvest Festival at Hull

THE Hull Sunday-school celebrated its second anniversary with a harvest festival service on Sunday, October 8th.

The service commenced at 2.45 p.m., with a few moments of silent prayer, then, as the children, whose ages ranged from four to fourteen years, approached with their gifts of fruit, etc., Mrs. McCrow quoted the well-known words of Jesus, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." The gifts were placed on the table, to remain there during the service.

Brother Reynolds, who cares for the older boys, then announced the opening hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come." A number of churchmembers were present, and all joined fervently in the opening hymn.

Brother Cowley led in prayer, after which musical items were given by the children. The Scripture reading was taken by one of the older boys, after which Sister Laybourne, the assistant superintendent, sang a solo entitled, "The King's Business."

Pastor McCrow gave a short address to the children, emphasizing the importance of pruning and cultivation in the production of fruit. In the same way, our lives need pruning and cultivating, if we are to produce good fruit.

It was pleasing to see a number of the parents of the scholars present with us. At the close of the service, the children, accompanied

by their parents, and led by the superintendent and teachers, carried their gifts to the inmates of a home for aged people. The children were shown into the dining room, where the people were at tea. The children sang, "Jesus Loves Me," the old people joining in the chorus. The matron thanked the children for thinking of the old people in the home. So ended a happy harvest festival.

MISS G. WETHERALL,
Superintendent.

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North Ireland Workers Meet

AS the Israelites of old at the Lord's command attended holy convocations for the partaking of spiritual food, so the Northern Ireland workers and their wives gathered to feed upon the Living Bread at a workers' session held in Florenceville church, Belfast, on October 19th.

This season of divine instruction, inspirational reports, and uplifting testimonies gave each one present a strong faith in the calling wherein we are called.

Pastor A. J. Mustard, president of the Irish Missions read from Holy Writ, the words found in Isaiah fifty-two as a command to each worker: "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord."

With the invocation of divine blessing upon the meeting, given by Brother Ernest Logan, the nearness of the "Great Evangelist" was felt.

What comfort and assurance for each labourer in this part of the Master's vineyard were found in the words of the text where Pastor John Lewis brought to our notice: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Such assurance was a means of fortifying each one for the seemingly insuperable tasks ahead.

A comprehensive report on recent work in the Northern Irish Mission was given by the president, and special attention was given to the prospect of evangelizing the large Roman Catholic population in this land. The Christian Culture Course, designed specially for those of the Catholic faith, presents a great possibility of bringing this wonderful message to those who as yet sit in darkness.

Unless the Holy Spirit is the motivating power in each worker's life, how fruitless all efforts will be. Pastor John Handysides led his fellow-labourers' thoughts in a new search for the mighty power of the indwelling Christ.

He showed the futility of the Gospel ministry without this power, yet the immeasurable resources of Omnipotence which can be each worker's possession by the constant abiding of the Holy Spirit.

Such a wonderful challenge to search for a greater spiritual experience led each one present to rise in reconsecration seeking renewed strength to testify to the goodness of the Lord.

As the meeting dispersed, each worker was determined to leave behind all doubts, and to press on to greater strength, taking with him the assurance: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

AUDREY LOGAN.

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President's Notes

WE have been greatly encouraged during the past three weeks to see the fresh work beginning in our autumn campaigns. Although on the whole the average attendances are small, an aggregate of around 550 weekly throughout the Mission, there is an extraordinarily high interest, in some cases amounting to almost one hundred per cent.

DECEMBER 1, 1950

WHILE in Shotton recently I came across this quotation in one of the local North Wales papers: "The evangelistic meetings organized by 'The Bible Speaks' Campaign continue to attract ever-increasing attendances. The meetings are held in the Liberal Rooms, Victoria Road, Shotton, on Sunday evenings, commencing at 7.45 p.m., after the usual church services are over. They are conducted by Mr. Charles Cooke of Swansea." The interesting feature of the paper announcement is that no one knows who put it in! We would like to thank the person responsible for the free advertisement. As we are writing this article, word has just come from Brother Cooke: "I thought you would like to know we had our best service last night. The hall was full and everyone went away actually expressing their great pleasure in the service. It was thrilling to have a full hall and naturally it was good for me to feel that I had a good audience to whom to preach the message."

WE ask our membership to continue to pray for our young evangelists: C. L. W. Cooke, G. Emm, J. Freeman, H. Humphries, C. W. Knowlson, and H. Logan.

As previously intimated in the MESSENGER, our Cardiff Campaign will not commence till 1951. We trust, however, that the New Year will see it well commenced. Remember this work in your daily prayers. It will be the realization of a very long cherished desire on the part of our whole Welsh membership.

It is with deep regret that we announce the deaths of Sister Ruth Williams of Rhos, and Sister E. Day of Croesycelliog, Newport, Mon. We extend to their sorrowing relatives the sympathy of their many friends throughout the Welsh Mission. Obituaries will appear later in the MESSENGER.

DURING the recent Week of Prayer it was my privilege to see a large number of our membership and we ask our friends who may read this issue of the MESSENGER to remember us all that the blessings of this week may extend until the next. J. M. HOWARD.

Stanboroughs Secondary School

Principal: A. J. Woodfield, B.A.

First Term, 1950-51

THE first term of the year is now well advanced, and already preparations for term examinations are being made. There has been an atmosphere of quiet and a determination to do better than before among the pupils. It is good to see them all looking so smart in their school uniform, a goal we have at last realized after the discontinuance of uniform during the war.

There has been some reorganization of our prefect system this term, which has already made for a marked improvement in the general conduct of the school. These older pupils, under the popular leadership of Peter Read and Valmae Minchin, have undertaken their duties in a serious and efficient manner, which has greatly helped and encouraged the teaching staff, and set a high example for those who will follow on.

We are seeking to improve the work and instruction of this school by God's help in every possible way. It is our earnest desire to fit boys and girls for a worthy place in God's great scheme of things, and to this end we make the instruction as broad as we can. Brother R. W. Luxton has introduced courses in book-binding and technical drawing for the boys, while Miss M. Smith is doing good work with the girls in needlework. However, the older girls' progress is seriously impeded by our lack of equipment, especially of sewing machines, of which the school does not possess a single one. If any of our well-wishers would like to make a helpful and practical contribution to the good work of the school in the form of a sewing machine, either hand, treadle, or even electric (!), we should be most grateful.

We earnestly desire your prayers and support. The work

with young is one needing consecration, understanding, and enthusiasm. It is our earnest desire to do the Lord's work in this important sphere to the best of our ability, and held up by your prayerful loyalty we can go forward with courage and faith in the Lord. A. J. WOODFIELD.

Wedding Bells

ROBSON-OGLE — We are happy to announce the marriage of two of our Newcastle young people, Mr. Colin Robson, and Miss Doris Ogle on September 7, 1950, at the Osborne Road Baptist church, Newcastle

A good company of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony performed by Pastor V Cooper, and assisted by Pastor S. H. Parkin.

The reception was held in the Baptist church hall, where many guests assembled to wish the happy couple God's blessing in their united lives.

CHURCH CLERK.

SPITTLES-REEVE. — Brother Barrington Spittles was united in marriage with Sister Joan Reeve at the Baptist church, Chelmsford, on October 6, 1950. A large company of relatives and friends was present for this happy occasion. The service was conducted by the writer

Brother and Sister Spittles are Voice of Prophecy readers who were recently baptized in our church at Southend, and are members of the Chelmsford church. Our earnest desire is that these two young people, united in faith and heart, may receive a large measure of God's blessing and care in the years to come

L. E. A. LANE.

WEST-EDE. — A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, October 10, 1950, when Sister Jean Ede and Brother H. West were united in marriage. The service was witnessed by a good number of friends and members of the church.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Sister Mary Burr from the College. The groom's brother acted as best man. The service was conducted by Pastor T. J. Bradley.

The bride was a very active member of the Croydon church and was Sabbath-school secretary for some time. The groom was also connected with the church, working along with Pastor Bradley in his efforts at Croydon and Wimbledon. We wish Brother and Sister West every happiness in their united lives.

ELIZABETH GOLDER,
Church Clerk.

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HARRISON.—It is with much sorrow that we send in this belated announcement of the death of Sister Anne Harrison, a faithful member for over twenty-seven years in the Worcester church. She fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-seven years and was laid quietly to rest in Astwood burial ground on December 31, 1949. For several years prior to her death she was unable to attend church owing to ill-health and age, but we are glad that to the end she had confidence in her Lord, the "Resurrection and the Life."

D. J. HANDYSIDES

BARRIE—On the sunlit hillside of Dundee's Balgay Cemetery we laid our sister, Helen B. Barrie, to rest, on Thursday, September 7, 1950. She awaits the life-giving call of the Master she lovingly served in the Advent cause for thirty-three years. Her steadfast faith, ready witness, sound counsel, and warm hospitality helped many in life, and in death remain an inspiring example and memory. Sister Barrie's home was often open as a place of worship for the company of believers. The darkness of blindness settled on our sister during the last two of her eighty-nine years, and feebleness confined her to her bed. It was then, when she most missed fellowship and study, that her store of memorized Scripture and hymns kept her faith and hope bright. Until the end she expressed her readiness to meet her Lord. Pastor D. Morrison spoke the comfort of Scripture to assembled relatives and friends, and the writer conducted the committal at the graveside.

VICTOR H. HALL

LYONS.—It is with regret we announce the death of yet another member of the Southend church, Sister Rose Lyons, aged seventy years passed away on Sunday, September 24, 1950. Since 1918, Sister Lyons has been a very faithful member of the church, attending meetings regularly, even though for a period she was unable to walk, being crippled with arthritis. During this period, thanks to the never-failing devotion and care of her daughter Josephine, she was wheeled to church every week. Our sister was laid to rest in Sutton Cemetery on Thursday September 28th, after Pastor L. E. A. Lane had spoken words of comfort to relatives and friends, in the Southend church. We extend our deepest sympathies to the husband and three daughters and all who mourn the loss of their loved one. CHURCH CLERK

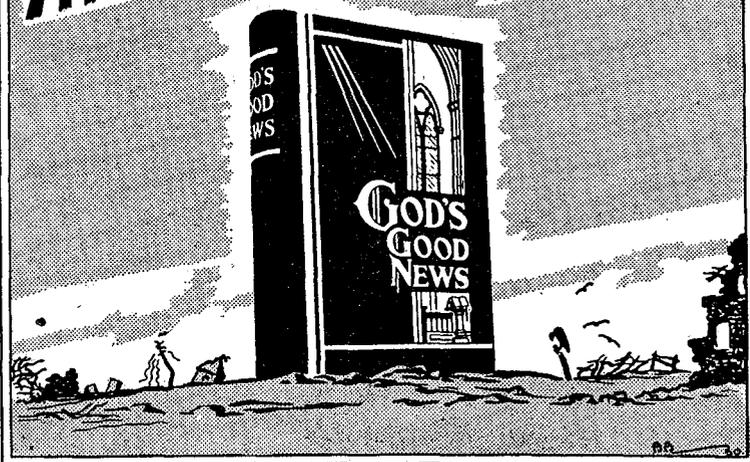
HOPE-JOHNSTONE.—Mrs Hope Johnstone of the Iford church (formerly of the Forest Gate church) died on October 25, 1950, and was laid to rest in the City of London Cemetery on October 30th. Mrs. Hope-Johnstone had reached the ripe age of eighty-four years, fifty of which she had spent as a member of the Advent fellowship. It was in the year 1900 that she began to rejoice in the Advent faith through the ministry of the late Pastor Harry Champness at a tent mission conducted on the Wanstead Flats, London. Mrs. Hope-Johnstone not only adorned the church, but served loyally and faithfully both in and out of office. Her life was lived unselfishly and was an encouragement and inspiration to so many. By her passing a lamp has gone out that brightened homes and hearts wherever she went. But we shall see her again when the shadows flee away and the jewels of the Lord are called to have an "abundant entrance" into the everlasting kingdom.

S. G. HYDE.

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REDFERN.—We very much regret to record that the Hastings church has been bereaved again of one of its members, Charles Reginald Redfern, at the age of sixty-eight years. Brother Redfern became interested in the first effort of Pastor D. Conroy, and was baptized on July 24, 1948. Unfortunately, our brother endured great suffering, which often prevented him from attending services. He was laid to rest in the Hastings Borough Cemetery on Monday, October 16, 1950, when Pastor Conroy officiated. A number of churchmembers attended; also a very interested friend who has been most kind to our brother in his illness. W. T. DABSON.

Church Address

WILL visitors to the Edgware church kindly note that on and after November 25th the place of meeting will be: Memorial Hall, Stanmore Broadway, Stanmore, Middx. Sabbath-school, 10.30 a.m.; Divine service, 11.30 a.m.

A. R. ANDERSON.

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Pastor David Morrison

PASTOR DAVID MORRISON was given man's allotted span of years; but death came suddenly at the threshold of his West Newport, Fife, home on Monday, November 6, 1950. Relatives, friends, and neighbours gathered there on the Thursday afternoon to pay their last respects. Pastor J. H. Bayliss spoke comfortingly to those present.

God was too wise to err, he said. He had a plan for every life. For Pastor Morrison that plan was at an end. Now he rested. Jesus declared, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." There was the comfort of the sustaining grace of Jesus. There was also the comfort of the hope beyond. Both were unseen; both were real. Soon the "blessed hope" would be a glorious fact. The bereaved were commended to this hope, to rest in it, to cherish it.

Pastor T. S. Brash prayed and we softly sang "Asleep in Jesus," and took the winding road under a wintry sky to the peaceful Vicarsford Cemetery. As Pastor K. Lacey conducted the committal, and loving hands lowered our brother gently to rest, our thoughts echoed those words: "The burden-bearers among us are falling in death. . . . Who will fill their places?"

Who indeed can? Forty-eight years ago David Morrison, of the warship H.M.S. *Terrible* was baptized with twelve of his colleagues in the China Sea at Hong Kong by Elder J. N. Anderson. He was bought out of the Navy and the Advent hope stirred him to preach at once in his home town of Stranraer. He prepared for the ministry at Stanborough Missionary College, and in 1907 assisted Pastor Miller in Dundee, and later Pastor Bacon

in Glasgow. Falkirk, Cupar, and Greenock were also his places of labour. His call to South England in 1913 took him to Portsmouth, Exeter, and Plymouth. His next field was Wales, where he preached in Wellington, Porth, Newport, and Hereford. The building of the Newport church was under his care. South England claimed his services once more at Plymouth, and then at Bristol, where he founded another church building. From there to the capital, where he endeared himself to the churches in Walthamstow, North London, and Croydon. He was like the apostle, "in journeyings often," for North England next welcomed him successively to Chesterfield, Newcastle, and North and South Shields. Finally he returned to his native Scotland in 1935. He was pastor at Glasgow and Aberdeen before he came again to Dundee, his last charge.

The year 1946 saw the end of Pastor Morrison's denominational service, but not his ministry. The Dundee members loved his visits and profited by his discourses. The Scottish Mission Advisory Committee valued his counsel. We all respected him for his humility, his kindness, his experience. We miss him deeply.

Our sympathy is now with our courageous Sister Morrison. As partners, she and her husband liberally dipped comfort for others from the well of their love and experience. May God make that well to overflow as she drinks alone.

Over the distant, gentle hills of Fife the sun broke through the heavy clouds that burial day. Surely the light of God's resurrection day already begins to brighten the horizon just beyond earth's sorrow. Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come. VICTOR H. HALL.

HE LIVED FOR GOD

Written in memory of our much beloved and highly esteemed Pastor D. Morrison, who died November 6, 1950.

He lived a life of usefulness;
Love reigned within his heart;
His words expressed such tenderness;
He played a noble part.

No task to him was ever hard,
Each eagerly performed;
His fellowmen he truly loved,
Not one he ever spurned.

The Master's footsteps he did mark,
With gracious, heavenly bearing,
A faithful shepherd to his flock;
A man of God's own choosing.

How hard to part with such a friend
In a world of sin and sorrow,

When mankind's need for lives so kind
Soars greater on each morrow.

But God knows best; He plans the course

Of every living creature;
Whate'er His wisdom may devise,
'Tis right; He knows the future.

So e'en though death do us divide,
And sorrow cloud our view;
The "blessed hope" doth peace provide,
And strengthens us anew.

We know that in God's own good time,
His saints shall be united
Around the great white Heavenly
Throne,
And never more be parted.

N. S. BRANIFF,
Dundee.