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"Scattered Abroad"

By W. T. BARTLETT

REPORTS from Sabbath-schools and Missionary Volunteer societies indicate what might have been expected, that the outbreak of the war has upset the usual routine in our church life. Sabbath-school membership goes down nearly 200 because in certain places many of the church-members have been evacuated. Missionary Volunteer societies find difficulty in holding usual meetings in view of the black-out and other hindrances. Night meetings have in several places been transferred to the afternoon. Prayer meetings are also interfered with. A number of our young men have been called up for national service and, if the war goes on, this will extend. So we are suffering from a kind of scattering.

Is "suffering" the right expression, or should we say "profiting"? The expression "scattering" recalls a familiar passage in Acts 8:4: "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

Providence had granted to the church at Jerusalem a considerable period in which it could consolidate itself and train for service, but the time came when scattering was the best thing that could happen. The apostles had probably warned the whole church that such persecution would certainly come, and had taken account of it in all their planning. If we now are following the apostolic

example, the more we scatter the better for the cause of truth. The members then did not regard with complacency the cessation of their ordinary meetings, and take the opportunity to devote themselves with less interruption to their personal concerns: the whole membership sprang into intense missionary activity. Everyone became a preacher. The volume of work done was greatly increased as a result of the scattering.

There was no printing press in those days. If there had been, we may be sure that the scattered members would have hailed with joy the enhanced opportunity that was placed in their hands to scatter the Word by means of the printed page.

Of course, the scattering in itself raised more or less interest. Strangers driven out of their locality by the authorities would naturally attract notice where they went. There would be a tendency, on the part of good-natured people, to pity them for the inconvenience and loss they must have sustained. Some would offer them sympathy on the unfortunate turn of affairs that had sent them out homeless travellers. But to the surprise of those who expressed condolence, these wanderers had no tale of woe; they brought not bad news, but good news; their hearts and

their mouths were full of good tidings. That is the meaning of the word "preach": it is to bear happy witness, to announce gladdening news, to evangelize. That very feature increased the interest of the public in such travellers.

We must hope and pray that every Seventh-Day Adventist who is evacuated, or conscripted, or forced to leave old employment and do some work of national importance, or even perhaps called upon to suffer much heavier loss through the incidents of war, will be a source of astonishment to all who get to know him, because wherever he goes, or whatever happens to him, he has no black, discouraged word to speak, but is entirely enthused with the glad tidings which it is his privilege to announce. Then the war, with all its inconveniences and even its vileness, will work out rather for the extension of the work of God.

We may even pray and believe that in Poland the Lord has used faithful brethren and sisters in ways that were never found possible under ordinary circumstances, and that the truth is winning trophies there during these days of blackness and horror.

People talk freely now. The ordinary reserve is broken down. Some who usually kept themselves very much to themselves now talk freely to neighbours and even strangers. What would those early Christians have made out of such conditions?

Notes from the Union President

WE have now entered upon the last few days of 1939. It has been a year of remarkable events, and we have lived through days of unusual strain. We can look back upon a year during which we can say, to the glory of God, that His people have kept calmly trustful in Him. To be sure our service has not always been just what we would have desired, but we have felt God's grace operating in our hearts, and we thank Him for all that He has done through His people.

THIS is a time to look carefully over our year's record of service, and to put right, by God's help, the things that have been unpleasant before Him. Relationships in families, in churches, and with the Lord, should be rigidly scrutinized, and we should determine to close the year at peace with God and man. If we have been unfaithful in supporting the cause we should put these matters right, as also the matter of our private debts, etc.

THE Northern European Division Committee has just met at Stanborough Park. This meeting should have been a large council meeting in Helsinki, Finland, but owing to war conditions a smaller had to be held where the largest number of members could be gathered together, and that happened to be here at Watford. No brethren were present from outside, either from America or from the Continent. The Lord was present in all the deliberations, and plans were laid for continuing the work of God as normally as possible under crisis conditions.

As far as we know, our work is still progressing in all the Baltic countries, but it seems as though we must add our dear believers in Finland to our already long prayer list. God still rules among the nations, and the wrath of man will yet bring glory to God's name.

BETWEEN 1,000 and 1,100 people were present at Pastor C. A. Reeves' opening evangelistic meeting in Chelmsford. Pastor L. G.

Hardinge has commenced new work in Taunton. A number of new campaigns in North England commence in January, as also in the missions. Black-out conditions add to the necessity of continued prayer for all these efforts to proclaim the Advent message.

THE present is a great opportunity for door-to-door witness with our small literature. We should seize the chance afforded us and seek souls by every means in our power.

WE are still able to report that our Adventist young men who

have been called before tribunals have been accorded the exemption they have asked for and none has been compelled to accept any form of service that requires work on the Sabbath. We thank God for this great liberty and consideration in times like these.

An interesting report has just reached us of a certain tribunal hearing. The presiding judge's comments indicated that the experiences of our young men during the last war had convinced authorities that Adventists were genuine in their convictions. It seems evident, also, that a record of zealous Christian service in our churches is a point in favour of applicants. H. W. LOWE.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

Prayer and Praise at Newbold

HERE at Newbold we have just passed one of the milestones in our heavenly pilgrimage, and what a blessed time it has been! Somehow in the life of a student trials and discouragement will creep in, and we all felt that a week of prayer and devotion was just what we needed. Beforehand we were told, "You personally will receive from this special week very much what you expect and plan for." Therefore, realizing our great need, we were determined to expect great things from God, and He surely did not fail us.

On the very first Friday evening, November 3rd, Pastor C. A. Reeves rather dashed some hopes by telling us that this week might be the most miserable in our experience. We wondered why this should be, but as he began to talk, very few were left in doubt. As soon as he spoke we realized that he was not going merely to satisfy our longing souls with comforting words; instead he looked straight into our eyes, and asked in tones that no one could evade, "Is prayer a force or a farce in your life?" But before he had finished all had determined to make it the former.

On Sabbath morning the mes-

sage was no less searching. "Are you relying upon your good character to gain for you eternal life?" was the question put to us. If so we were warned that we should have to reorganize our way of thinking, for our own righteousness can only be as filthy rags in the sight of God. We have only one hope—if we believe with all our heart we may receive the righteousness of Christ as our own, and then clothed in that spotless robe we may stand before God uncondemned.

In the evening we had the special privilege of attending a lantern lecture, telling what Pastor Reeves had seen when he was in Rome. As we looked at the slides showing the wealth and grandeur of that most ancient of cities, and then looked again at pictures which brought only too vividly to our minds the suffering of Christian martyrs, we felt a thrill something akin to fear pass over us, especially as we realized that Rome is again preparing to exercise the power she once had.

In the days that followed Pastor Reeves helped us to face some of the practical problems of Christian living. He told us that when he was young his great delight had been to lift up a long wooden plank and "see the squirming of

many insects beneath it, as the light struck at them." He asked us to lift the plank in our lives and to gaze upon the many unpleasant things we should probably find there. As we did so the discouragement to most of us was great. But Pastor Reeves anticipating this, was ready at any hour to meet with us personally and to help us by prayer and counsel to find a solution, and straighten out the difficulties of our experience.

In the meetings we were made to see sin in all its stark reality, and then we were pointed to the cross where Jesus died to save us. As Pastor Reeves told of these terrible sufferings some souls were moved for the first time to accept the sacrifice of Jesus as their own. Then we were led a step further and told to take a second look at the cross. We had taken the first look when we saw Christ crucified there for us, but not so many had taken a second look, in which they saw themselves nailed there, identified

with Christ in His suffering. It was this thought of a crucified self that brought the most help to many of us. When we submitted to have ourselves crucified and to allow Jesus to take full control we realized that in that experience we were dead to sin. We had found the secret of a sinless life, and by God's help we determined to keep the experience.

Surely Heaven must have rejoiced as in the closing testimony meeting one student after another testified to the glorious saving power of Christ. Not a few told how previously they had thought, or hoped, or imagined that they were saved, but that now they knew for a certainty.

Realizing that such abundant blessing comes to us when we truly seek God we have determined that in future each week shall be a week of prayer, and therefore also a week of blessing.

(MISS) M. GRAVES.

"The King of love, my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never"; and Pastor Reeves pronounced the benediction. The climax of the joy of the Harvest Festival was realized on the Sunday afternoon when the gifts were packed and delivered.

We had obtained from the relieving officer a list of names of families, to whom, it was felt, our gifts would be of real service. Kind friends were at the church arranging the things, doing their utmost to select them according to the needs of the families.

The Stanborough Press kindly loaned us their van. Brother Pearce gave his time to drive us round to distribute the gifts.

It was a pleasant experience to meet the people. Some of them were our own sick and elderly members, to whom we took flowers and fruit. We were met with gazes of astonishment when we delivered cartons of fruit and vegetables, etc., to the other families. They could hardly believe the gifts were free of any charge. However, the good things were very acceptable and were received with gladness. Several people spoke of their needs. In some cases the mainstay of the family was sick and had to go to hospital, others had just returned from hospital, but could not resume work; others were too old to work again. Some families were large and the means inadequate for their support.

It was inspiring to notice that in the midst of their trials they showed a noble and cheerful spirit. It brought blessing to our own hearts as we watched their faces light up with joy as they received the gifts. The recipients returned their deep thanks and wished our Young People's Society God's blessing.

LILIAN M. BROOKES, Y.P.S. Secretary.

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Baptism at Plymouth

On July 16, 1939, Pastor A. K. Armstrong was indeed happy to lead four of our young people through the waters of baptism. These promising young members have all passed through our church school, and we owe our

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Harvest Festival at Stanborough Park

It was very pleasing to look upon the church so beautifully arrayed in charming autumn dress; so becoming in rich colours of green, rust, and red foliage, and so appropriate for the celebration of the Harvest Festival.

It was also good to look upon all the gifts, so tastefully displayed by willing hands. Flowers, fruit, vegetables, preserves, eggs, and bread, these and other gifts were there, each bearing a silent testimony to the faithfulness and constant love of God. They stood, too, as tokens of practical love for and remembrance of those of our sick members and needy neighbours.

As we beheld these evidences of God's blessing and providing care, we were inspired to sing at our service, "Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of Harvest-Home," and to read the sixty-fifth psalm which attributes praise to

God for all His strength and power as manifest in nature, and for crowning the year with His goodness.

In his prayer Brother Clement was constrained to give thanks to the Giver of all good gifts for His mercies. He asked that we may grow in grace that our lives may yield fruit for His kingdom.

We were grateful to Mrs. Denne for her delightful contribution to this happy occasion. Her beautiful rendering of "Oh for the wings of a dove," will long be remembered.

Pastor C. A. Reeves, in his vigorous manner, gave a most interesting and inspiring address. He drew spiritual parallels from the harvest season and reminded us most solemnly that we are involved in the final harvest, the harvest of souls, at the end of the age. Now is the time to prepare, not only ourselves, but others. Being mindful of all His bounties, we sang as the closing hymn,

gratitude to its influence, which has kept them from the world and false teachings. We have great hopes in their future witness for the truth they have learned to love.

I. COOMBE, *Church Clerk.*

Dorcas Work at Plymouth

ON Wednesday evening, August 9th, a goodly number enjoyed listening to the missionary experiences of Brother R. J. Borrowdale, who is returning with his wife from furlough to his loved work in India. On this occasion opportu-

ity was taken to exhibit some seventy-nine garments, renovated and remade by Sister Stanton, our ardent Dorcas leader. Sister Stanton, however, through ill health has not been able to meet with the society for some time, yet her fingers never cease working for the cause of missions and the needy poor. At the end of a most enjoyable meeting Brother and Sister Borrowdale most gratefully accepted the exhibited garments for distribution among their people in India.

I. COOMBE,
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Baptism at Nottingham

WHILE the outward form of a religious service, without the spirit and the experience which the form professes, must ever be unacceptable to God, yet when the Lord prescribes a form, it is imperative that His instruction should be followed. Thus scriptural baptism is a burial "in the likeness" of Christ's burial, and the lifting up of the believer from the watery grave is a likeness of the resurrection of Christ.

With words similar to these, Pastor R. S. Joyce addressed the nine candidates who had expressed their desire to join fellowship with the Seventh-Day Adventist believers and had now come publicly to demonstrate their willingness to follow Jesus where-soever He should lead them.

The service was held on Sabbath, November 4th, in George Street Baptist Church, Nottingham, kindly loaned to us for this occasion by the resident minister. There was a good attendance of members and friends. The candidates, of whom there were three brethren and six sisters, were from the following churches: two from Nottingham, two from Beeston, two from Sutton-in-Ashfield, and three from Lincoln.

As these souls go to their respective churches, we wish them God's richest blessing. We are reminded of the words of Paul:

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Thus we commend them to God, knowing that they will have the continued prayer and interest of the MESSENGER family.

"Thus through the emblematic grave
The glorious suffering Saviour trod,
Thou art our Pattern, through the
wave
We follow Thee, blest Son of God."

B. F. KINMAN.

Nottingham Y.P.S. Harvest Festival

ON Sabbath, October 21st, the Nottingham young people held their harvest festival in the church hall.

It was a lovely day, and sixty-two members gathered together to render praise to the Lord of the harvest. The front of the platform and the pulpit had been tastefully decorated with red rosy apples, luscious bunches of grapes, large sheaves of wheat, and a host of other good things.

Four of the members—Sisters Stendall, Beazley, and Mutch, and Brother Kinman—formed themselves into a quartette, and gave a beautiful rendering of the cantata, "Joy in Harvest," included in which were "Jesu lover of my soul," "Sing, O heavens," and "He will sustain thee." There were two solo pieces, Mrs. Marsland's lovely soprano voice being heard

to great advantage in "Lord of Harvest," and "Praise to God."

The story introduced us to the inhabitants of the village of Sunnycroft, the central figure being old Reuben, the reaper. He had one worry only in his life, and that was what his grandchild would do when he died, for she had no one else to look after her. But was it not written in the Book of books: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain thee"?

One day Reuben encountered a cyclist whom he invited to their Thanksgiving. Although the young man refused his kindly offer, in the eventide, when the bell of the old village church summoned the people to worship, he crept silently into the hall, and listened to old Reuben's simple yet earnest sermon. That night, a change came over the cyclist, a desire for something better—and he became converted.

Time passed on, and Reuben's employer, Farmer Wilson, was in great trouble. His daughter was lying nigh unto death. Never a God-fearing man, the farmer at last besought old Reuben to pray for his daughter's recovery. To his great joy the old man's prayer was answered, and the farmer's family gave their hearts to the Lord.

The Thanksgiving that year was a special one; the farmer was bringing down a young man from London to take the service. Old Reuben—getting near the end of his days—attended, and was filled with joy and inspiration by the message that came from him. The next morning the preacher with his wife visited Reuben, and revealed himself as the young cyclist whom the old reaper had spoken to a year before. On hearing of little Annie, Reuben's grandchild, his wife and he unanimously agreed to adopt her as their own child.

As old Reuben passed away, the text of the young preacher's sermon was upon his lips: "The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works."

The offering—£1. 5s. 3d.—went to swell the Young People's Harvest Ingathering total.

NORMAN D. J. SHAW.

SCOTTISH MISSION

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Notes from the Superintendent

OUR autumn evangelistic campaigns have begun. We therefore request that our members continually remember the evangelists in prayer. The black-out, plus the constant threat of air raids, has created a new problem for our workers to combat. Brother L. D. Vince is running his meetings in the Glasgow church. The first Sunday service was well attended. Brother H. T. Johnson begins in the Dundee Y.M.C.A. on Sunday, December 10th. He is full of courage that the Lord will bless his effort. Our effort in Edinburgh began in a cinema, and on December 10th we transfer to the Y.M.C.A. This hall, situated in the centre of the city, has been hired to us at almost fifty per cent its normal charge. Already we have a good interest, and the prospects are encouraging.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

By the time this report appears, the Week of Prayer will have drawn to its close. How grateful we should be to the Lord for His sparing mercies during this past year. The readings have sounded anew the call to revival and re-dedication of life to the finishing of the task. Pastor J. M. Howard spent a very profitable week-end with us in the Mission. We are sure that the Lord has blessed the contacts he made while with us.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We are glad to note that the tithe for the Mission, in spite of the difficult times, is catching up on last year. Let us remain faithful despite the uncertain conditions of our times. Rather we ought to be more faithful as we "see the day approaching." God's people must possess the spirit that inspired the hymn of Luther:

"Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is for ever."

It was gratifying to see every church and company in the starred list of the Ingathering forces. The early start fully justified itself. Again we say, "Thank you," to all who took part.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the third quarter of this year the Mission shows a membership gain of seven. Since that date we have celebrated another baptism in Glasgow, when an additional seven were added to the church. But we must not be contented with this small increase. Shall we not each covenant with the Lord to "win one" before another Week of Prayer arrives? Should the Lord tarry and our lives be spared, each of us could plan to bring one other soul to Jesus during the coming year. This would be an evangelistic campaign "well pleasing unto the Lord." We must

"Stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on."

NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

PLEASE note again the change in the office address: 75 Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian.
J. A. McMILLAN.

Irish Mission

Notes from the Superintendent

IRELAND again has led the way in the Harvest Ingathering. The Union Committee asked us to raise £350, and we have raised so far well over £500. I wish to thank you one and all, workers and lay-members, for your co-operation. It is impossible to spell success without "U." Ireland only has two Bible-workers. Miss Kirby has done well in the Ingathering. She has all along the line carried a heavy visiting list. Miss Cluett has always rendered

yeoman service in the Ingathering, which we have greatly appreciated.

We have, however, been compelled to say "good-bye" to Miss Cluett. She has changed her name to Mrs. Zins. Brother Zins is now a naturalized British subject and both are rendering acceptable service in lonely Derry. In fact it would seem that the tide is now turning in our favour in the city of Londonderry.

BROTHER REEVE, our colporteur, continues to have success. He enjoys his work. We appreciate his labours in and out of the church. Please continue to remember Ireland, and if any of the churches across the water have any tracts in their church cupboards—please send them to us. We can use them. Tracts are very acceptable in Ireland.

E. E. CRAVEN.

Harvest Ingathering

SOMETIMES we have peculiar experiences while engaged in this good work. I called at the house of a retired army major. He spoke very sharply to the Salvation Army collector who preceded me, then he reprimanded me very severely. After a time he quieted down a little, and suggested that when I had finished the row of houses, I might call to see him again.

Very soon after that experience a lady gave me a ten-shilling note. I called upon the old major again, and he gave me two shillings.

A little later on I called upon another army pensioner living in a large mansion. He said that while the war was on, he would not subscribe to any other purpose. But when he saw my collecting card with the name of Major — upon it, he donated two shillings.

We must not think for a moment of relaxing our efforts because of the war, rather should we be more faithful and diligent than in peace time. We are assured in the *Testimonies* that we shall find favour with the people until our work is finished.

J. B. WEST.

Ministry of Literature



Colporteur A. Phillips.

Conquering in the Crisis

AT the outbreak of hostilities, many probably thought, "What will happen to our colporteurs now?" I must say that I felt a little fearful and wondered just how the people would react.

Well, the first week seemed to show in no uncertain way. I found very few who were willing to listen, and those who were interested were thinking more of the economic position—black-out material to buy, collieries working short time, evacuees to help, etc.

After a few days I thought that until people are settled down I had better get some copies of *Present Truth*, as they would be easily disposed of. However, I found after one week that I preferred the bound book, so commenced again with *Bible Certainties*, at a village named Castleside. Surely the angels were with me that morning. My first two calls were upon old gentlemen aged eighty-six and eighty-two respectively, and both ordered copies for immediate delivery. This gave me new courage to press on and I am pleased to say that with God's help I have placed sixty copies of *Bible Certainties* in that one village.

On October 23rd I received a visit from our field missionary secretary, Brother B. Belton, and with his assistance and the Lord's

blessing was enabled to receive orders for forty copies of *Bible Certainties* in four days.

I find that many people are now more willing to listen and eagerly drink in the beautiful passages found in *Bible Certainties*. What wonderful chapters for these days! "Seeking for Certainty," "Does God Care?" "None Other Name," "Time's Glorious Climax," "The New To-Morrow."

Brethren and sisters, I feel that the times now offer an unparalleled opportunity for colporteur work. Surely "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." I pray that many will respond to the call.

A. PHILLIPS.



A Veteran "Missionary Volunteer"

"BORN 18— and still going strong," might well describe our veteran Missionary Volunteer, Sister Tonks of Handsworth church, Birmingham. This "mother in Israel" started somewhere about thirty to forty years ago circulating *Present Truth* and *Good Health*, and has continued enthusiastically ever since, so far as health has permitted.

Some years ago she was taken very ill with heart trouble, her illness lasting about seven years, five years during which she was completely bedridden and was not expected to live. But "prayer was made of the church for her," and she was raised up again. Now, though over seventy years of age, she is more active than many "youngsters" in distributing *Present Truth*, realizing as she does, the seriousness of the times. She sells one hundred copies of each issue, and sometimes more by ordinary house-to-house canvassing.

She had an unusual experience recently. Calling at one house, the woman first said, "No," then suddenly: "Can you come and take a meeting for us here this evening?" Sister Tonks replied, "Well, I can get someone to come and take it

for you." There had recently been a "Brethren" tent effort lasting a month close by, and follow-up cottage meetings were being held at this house on Sunday evenings. But no one was coming on this particular Sunday. So Sister Tonks brought us word and this has resulted in Mrs. Belton and myself taking several Sunday evening meetings at this house, and establishing a very friendly contact.

This little group, comprising a widow and her two sons, and friends—one of whom came a considerable distance to hear Mrs. Belton—have expressed great pleasure and gratitude, and remarked that Sister Tonks must have been sent to them by the Lord!

It transpired that they already possessed a copy of *Bible Readings*, which I had supplied to friends of theirs in another district miles away, and this was brought down to refer to when a question about spiritualism arose. We only hope they will not be "offended" when we come to speak about the special subjects that we think of as "present truth." The "Brethren" have now tried to shut us out by booking up the Sunday evenings at this home for a long time ahead. But we have established a friendly connection, which we hope, with the Lord's help, will prove fruitful.



Sister Tonks of Handsworth, Birmingham.

Another of Sister Tonk's experiences was when calling at a house where all the lower windows were broken. In answer to her knock, a woman came to the door with her head all bandaged up. Apparently there had been a "rough house" the night before. She declined the paper, but a gruff voice from inside called out, "Go on, buy it. You can afford two pence for a book!" So the woman meekly obeyed, and Sister Tonks went away rejoicing that a "messenger of peace" had been left in that "war-torn" home. As the hymn says:

"In the homes of want and woe,
Thither let the banners go!"

T. G. BELTON.

Wedding Bells

DEWBERRY-THORNTON.—On Monday, September 4, 1939, in the Advent Tent, Clacton, Brother S. Dewbery and Sister Elsie Thornton were united in marriage. The civil ceremony followed in the office of the Registrar at Colchester.

The tent was beautifully decorated with flowers and the happy pair received many expressions of goodwill. We wish them every blessing as they journey together. J. M. HOWARD.

SAYERS-URSELL.—On Thursday, September 14, 1939, in the Seventh-Day Adventist church, Boundary Road, Walthamstow, Brother J. J. Sayers and Sister E. R. Ursell were joined in holy matrimony.

These young people have been energetic workers in the church and plan to do even more for the Lord now they are together. Their many friends wish them all happiness and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon their union.

J. M. HOWARD.

HANDYSIDES-SHACKLETON. — James Daniel Handysides and Lily May Shackleton were united in marriage at Durham Street Baptist Church, Gateshead, on Monday, November 6, 1939, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. After the reception the happy couple took train for Sheffield, their new home and field of labour. We wish Brother and Sister Handysides every blessing and abundant success as they work together in the cause of God.

J. E. BELL.

At Rest

GIBSON.—We deeply regret to announce the death on November 11, 1939, of Brother George Gibson, aged 81, after a long illness of three years, which our dear

brother bore very patiently. We laid him to rest in Mumby churchyard on November 14, 1939. Brother B. F. Kinman conducted the service. We understand that our dear brother became interested in our beloved truth in 1937 through the efforts of Pastor C. A. Reeves. When he was at Bardney in the following year he was baptized at Skegness. After taking his stand he was ever loyal to the cause he so much loved, telling all he met about the love of Jesus and of the Lord's holy Sabbath day. Our dear brother was faithful unto the end. He leaves a wife to mourn, but not for long. SYBIL BONE, Church Clerk.

EVANS.—BROTHER G. EVANS of Trimsaram, Kidwelly, passed to his rest on November 1, 1939, at the age of sixty years. Brother Evans "lived as he taught." It was on such expressions as these from neighbours and friends that Pastor F. S. Jackson, who conducted the funeral, was able to expound the blessed hope and faith of our dear brother to a large and interested congregation gathered together in the chapel of the picturesque graveyard in Gwentreath Valley, near Carmarthen, where on Sabbath, November 4th, Brother Evans was laid to rest. This testimony—"He lived as he taught"—was perhaps the best to express the faithfulness of our brother, who, in spite of an illness contracted in his work as a collier, which took such a heavy toll of his strength that he was unable to follow his employment for years, he never forgot his loyalty to God in tithing and the other calls which were made upon him. His last act was to entrust his daughter to pay into the treasury his accumulated tithe and the Ingathering money he was able to collect. His life was an inspiration to all who knew him, and the words of Pastor Jackson at the close of his sermon will long be remembered. "He has finished his course and was faithful." We have still to complete ours! Brother Evans will receive a sure reward when his change comes at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Brother Evans leaves two sons and three daughters who mourn, but are comforted with the blessed hope.

D. J. FRANCIS.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Dec. 22nd	3.52	3.48	4.06	3.40	3.59

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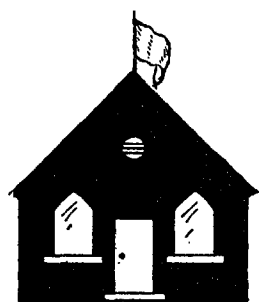
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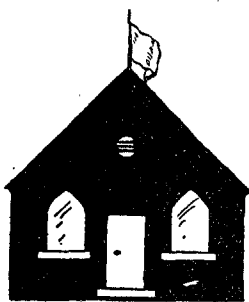
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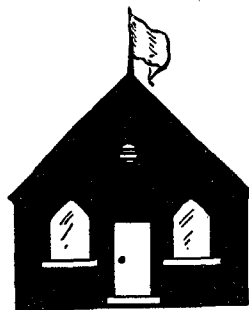
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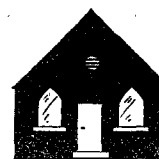
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