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Lights in the "Black-Out"

By J. I. ROBISON

IN these strange days of war, when evening comes, darkness closes in on the nation like a thick shroud. We grope about in the darkened streets, stumbling over kerbs, and with furtive flashes from our torches we pick our uncertain way into the blackness of night with a strange feeling of apprehension. We are not afraid of the dark, but in our hearts we know that this darkness is symbolic of the gloom and night that has settled upon the world in this hour of trouble. We feel that the light of civilization and all it stands for is being blacked out by the greed and ambition of men and by the demons of war.

The houses seem full of gloom and emptiness as they stand out against the blackened sky until we see a little ray of light shining from the corner of a shaded window. Then we realize that behind the curtain and shutter there is light and peace. We are glad to know that although out in the street darkness reigns, light is still shining in the homes and lives of men. And this, too, is symbolic. We know that "darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people," but the light of God's Word is still shining in thousands of hearts. Sometimes, I fear, the light is not seen by the world because the black-out of sin and unbelief in the hearts of His professed children has so curtailed the light that only a little ray can be seen from the corner

of the window as it were. And so in darkness the world must still grope on in the night, stumbling over the kerb-stones of doubt and bumping into the light-standards that have ceased to shine.

Dear friends, have you drawn down the curtains across the windows of your life, and has the light of God's love been darkened from those around you in this black hour? The Lord has given us the "sure word of prophecy," which is "a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn." We have come to the darkest hour of this world's history, just before the dawn. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Rom. 13:12.

This is no time to allow the light shining from God's Word to be blacked out. No, we must let the light shine. Christ has said, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14. We are to be light-bearers in this dark hour. There is wonderful light shining from the Word of God, but it can only illuminate the path of lost men as we raise the standard bearing the light of truth in every corner of the nation.

Those of us who have seen the light have rejoiced as its rays have brightened our pathway. But

with this joy comes also a heavy responsibility. The Lord expects us to impart to others the light He has given to us. Thousands around us are in darkness. We need to tear down the shutters of fear and uncertainty and let the light shine. Where the darkness is most intense the light should shine the brightest. Even a little light shines brightly when all around is dark. So as true torch-bearers may the light of truth be held high in this dark hour! We should be men and women of faith and courage, ready to proclaim the truth of the third angel's message that has been made known to us.

And how shall we shine? We should be scattering tens of thousands of our truth-filled tracts, papers, and books. Every page will be a flash of light in the darkness. We should try to find openings for Bible studies in the homes of our neighbours and open to them the Word of God. We should grasp every opportunity to flash a ray of light to assist some lost traveller on toward home.

And above all, we should show forth in our own lives the healing power of the light that has saved us from sin. Only thus can we shine as lights in the world.

It is not only by preaching the truth, not only by distributing literature, that we are to witness for God. Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced

in favour of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling. Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. Men will believe not what the minister

preaches, but what the church lives. Too often the influence of the sermon preached from the pulpit is counteracted by the sermon preached in the lives of those who claim to be advocates of truth."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 21.*

saving activities through the New Year. Funds for literature supplies (such as the distribution of the pocket edition of *Steps to Christ* in camps, ships, barracks), and for public evangelistic campaigns are urgently required. Perhaps many among us would do well to bring out our bank books to "brighten up the black-out"! At any rate, let us pray and give, that more souls may come into the blessed truth during 1940 than in any previous year.

H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

THE END OF THE YEAR

WE now say good-bye to another year. Judged by international events 1939 takes its place among the worst in history. It leaves us in the midst of a new and terrible kind of struggle—the psychological war. A war of nerves, of hideous visions and nightmare events. We could go on with the awful description, but it would help us not at all. Better were it to think not of world politics, but of eternal realities.

The end of this year throws us forward to the borderland of the eternal kingdom. The story of our lives has been faithfully recorded and sent forward for judgment. So long as forgiveness is available through grace, this record need not indelibly represent the failures of 1939. The end of the year should find us seeking God for the righting of all wrongs and the renewal of victory over sin, weakness, failure.

The times call mightily for complete surrender to God and obedience to His truth. There are signs of a deeper earnestness among us. The indifferent and the backslider are showing a desire to return to the fold of truth. For all this we should praise God.

A NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEE

BROTHER BANNISTER of Granose Foods Ltd., and Sister Bannister, have accepted a call to join the Kenya Union. Brother Bannister will become secretary-treasurer and departmental secretary in this large field. We wish them both a fruitful service for God in needy Africa. It is a cause for satisfaction that we can send one more recruit from our institutions to the missions. Brother Bannister has been years at our food factory.

BROTHER A. W. LETEBRIDGE, of the Transportation office, will be

welcomed as he joins the staff of our Granose factory. The work in the Transportation department has been greatly reduced by war conditions.

EVANGELISM AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

OUR evangelists face new problems to-day. The "black-out" makes people more "stay-at-home" than ever, which tends to reveal itself in smaller congregations in some cases. Our workers need prayerful support in order that they may know how to advertise, how to brighten their meetings, how, in some cases, to shorten their sermons without losing power in presentation, how to win people more quickly for truth.

LIGHTEN WITH LITERATURE

WE should seize upon the present emergency to get literature into every home. We can "brighten up the black-out" for many a seeking soul in this way. An abundance of suitable small literature is available. The "rays of light" must go into every home in the land. The publishing house supplies good literature, God sends His good Spirit in blessing. Will you supply the willing energy and time to distribute the truth-filled pages?

THE NEEDS OF 1940

WE are having difficulty to secure adequate funds for our soul-

Spirit of Prophecy Reading Plan

THE march of time is swift and bewildering. The indications are more than ominous. They are amazingly in tune with the prophecies of God's Word. They leave no doubt as to the veracity of the truth we have so long proclaimed. Who doubts now must be almost beyond conviction.

But perhaps many in the church stand amazed as they watch the rush of nations, the outburst of passion, the perfidy of men. Some maybe are waiting for this to happen and that, according to their conception of prophecy yet to be fulfilled. One of the facts we face to-day is that peace has vanished faster than we had imagined. Are we waiting for other events and thereby setting a longer time than is left to us? That is dangerous.

We need to acquaint ourselves with the outline of events foretold by the Lord's servant. No better outline is found than that in *Great Controversy*, especially the closing chapters. An easy reading outline is suggested to cover this book in a year.

The plan will be published here each month and will involve the reading of less than an average of

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two pages daily. Surely all could accomplish this without effort. God has much inspiration for us in these pages and we need to fortify our minds and spirits by this information in the trying times in which we live.

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H. W. LOWE.

A Sacred Responsibility

An Appeal for a Faithful Tithe

UNDOUBTEDLY you have read articles in our church papers and tracts entitled, "I Paid My Tithe, and —!" If you are and have been a faithful tithe-payer for some time, you have no doubt had similar experiences. It would be splendid if all our members could enjoy to the fullest extent the blessings promised by the Lord in Malachi 3. It is not a question whether we can afford to pay tithe or not; it is rather whether we can afford not to pay it.

From an action adopted by the General Conference in session we quote the following:

"Every Seventh-Day Adventist believes that the third angel's message of Revelation fourteen must go 'to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people' in the whole world, and that we are the people raised up by God to give this message in this generation. We are under solemn obligation to finish the work which was so auspiciously begun by our pioneers. There is no stopping place. As we are told in the Spirit of prophecy, 'Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. . . . Our burden for the "regions beyond" can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord,' (*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 29). We must advance year by year till the work is finished.

"To complete this task we must have more and more spiritual power, and we must have increasing funds to send more labourers into the field to reap earth's last harvest of souls.

"Seventh-Day Adventists are a liberal people. It is marvellous in the eyes of others to see a people who are so few in number, and with so limited resources, make such large gifts to religious work. Such loyalty and devotion to God's work is greatly appreciated by those who have been chosen to lead.

"The many evidences of the near coming of our Lord, the conditions that exist in the world, and the marvellous opportunities for soul-winning which are far beyond our present ability to compass, call for a deeper consecration on the part of workers and people, and a determined effort

to husband all the resources God has given us for a mighty forward movement. Far greater things can be done than have yet been accomplished, if every Seventh-Day Adventist will do his best.

"We have been told through the Spirit of prophecy that if all our people would pay a faithful tithe there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. Conference presidents have been admonished 'to see that the elders and deacons of churches do their work in the churches by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury,' and elders of churches are admonished to 'labour from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse.' (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 305-306.) As a people we should understand that as the Lord has reserved to Himself the Sabbath as holy time, so has He reserved to Himself one-tenth of our increase as holy. And as we have found delight in observing the Sabbath, so we should take delight in returning to God that portion of our untithed possessions and increase which is His own."

It was voted that every Seventh-Day Adventist throughout the world be encouraged to enter into a covenant with God annually to pay promptly an honest tithe into the church treasury, and to do this where possible weekly or monthly. Pastors and elders are encouraged to make efforts to help those who are not faithful to see their privilege and responsibility in regularly paying a full tithe into the treasury of the Lord.

At a recent Winter Council the following action was adopted, which we quote in part:

"That our conferences arrange to keep track of the percentage of churchmembers who are paying tithes, aiming to increase this percentage quarter by quarter and looking forward to reaching the goal of 100 per cent of the members of the church being faithful in this respect.

"That conference and church treasurers pay special attention to the writing of appreciative letters to members sending in tithe monies, and that in other ways they endeavour to keep an encouraging personal touch with our members throughout the field."

Here is a fruitful field of labour for our church officers and especially for the treasurers. Faithful records should be kept of all who render to God His own and of those who do not. These records are not for everyone to peruse; they are not for inquisitive eyes, but they are to serve a valuable and indispensable purpose.

Those who are negligent should be visited and prayed with. They should be shown that they cannot afford to lose the spiritual and temporal blessing promised. They should be shown that as they render to God tithes and offerings, they are not really giving anything to God. The tithe is the Lord's, it is not a gift on our part. The tithe is holy, and God warns us to distinguish between the holy and the common. (Lev. 10:10; Ezek. 22:25, 26, 31.) Faithfulness in tithe-paying reflects our true relationship to God.

We believe that much can be done to increase our tithe receipts by increasing the number of those who pay a faithful tithe. Let church officers feel a personal responsibility to encourage everyone in this respect. Let them write encouragingly to those who pay in tithe money by post, and let us not feel that records kept are useless and a waste of time. Church elders and pastors should feel that they have not done their full duty unless they vigilantly watch over every member of the flock.

During the past year or so, our tithes have increased considerably, and the number of tithe-paying members also has materially increased. The per cent of tithe-paying members in our home unions has increased during the past two years by about ten per cent. In some fields it is now as high as ninety-eight per cent. In most fields, however, there is a definite need of improvement and we are glad that those in charge are discharging their duty faithfully in nearly every case.

E. R. COLSON.

WELSH MISSION

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Notes from the Superintendent

ANOTHER year nearly passed—a memorable year indeed. We shall not easily forget 1939. But, apart from the fears and alarms of war, what has the year 1939 meant to you in your spiritual life and in the personal sphere of "progressive sanctification"? Now is the time for reflections and to prepare the spiritual balance-sheet. One thing is certain; the Lord has blessed us in a wonderful way, and I feel sure that we all will finish the year sounding a note of thanksgiving. And in answer to the old-time question: "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" shall we say, "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee"? If every member of our Welsh Mission fellowship ends the year on this note, then 1940 will be a banner year in the life and work of the church. May it be so.

Our conference workers, and the members of our Advisory Committee, join with me in passing on to you sincere greetings and good wishes for a happy and blessed New Year. Our prayer is that in spite of adversities the New Year will be the best yet so far as the work of our Lord is concerned.

SINCE writing our last notes we have had a baptism in Cardiff, the first fruits of the work begun this year. We expect others to follow in the near future. The Cardiff district will be the richer by twelve new members.

LAST year everybody responded to our appeal to bring in to the treasury the Lord's tithe on the last Sabbath of the year. Only by so doing can our busy treasurers send in their reports in good time. And I know you all want Wales to show a good gain in tithe this year. Also the Sabbath-school

offering—let us have a record Thirteenth Sabbath offering, for we may not have the opportunity of doing all we would like to do in the difficult days ahead. We do thank all those who render willingly and generously to the Lord. They are blessed and so are many who hear of Jesus and His love through their beneficence.

Good news came this week (December 12th) from Wrexham where Pastor H. K. Munson and Miss M. Mason are breaking new ground. At an afternoon service, 570 came to hear the message of God's messenger. We shall pray, I know, that this splendid beginning may augur well for the future of the work in Wrexham.

PASTOR F. S. JACKSON has a good interest in Swansea, too, and we are hoping that that town will see some good acquisitions to the Advent fellowship as the result of this campaign.

Two of our young men have been before the tribunal. Brother T. Elliott, whose case received so much publicity, was exempted so long as he continued in his First Aid Post, and Brother David Phelps's case was adjourned for seven months while he obtained his B.A. degree at Cardiff university. Judge Davies and his colleagues on the tribunal showed the utmost kindness and sympathy, fully appreciating the position taken by our young men in carrying out their principle of rendering allegiance both to God and Cæsar.

Our Barry church was recently "licensed for marriages" in preparation for the marriage of two of the young people, Miss Evelyn Fairfax on November 1st and Miss Betty Paulden on December 26th.

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AN APPEAL

from

Lincoln, Neb.

As representatives of this second advent movement assembled in Autumn Council, we express our profound conviction that we have now reached a most critical period in human history. The closing scenes of the last days, so clearly portrayed in the prophetic word, are now being enacted before our eyes.

"Never since the creation of the world were such important interests at stake as now depend upon the action of men who believe and are giving the last message of warning to the world."—"Life Sketches," page 246.

"To sleep now is a fearful crime. The Lord is coming. We are appointed to prepare the way for His coming by acting our part to prepare a people to stand in that great day. Is there one Christian whose pulse does not beat with quickened action as he anticipates the great events already opening before us? We hear the footsteps of an approaching God to punish the world for their iniquity."—"Special Testimonies for Ministerial Workers," No. 11, page 29.

For years the merciful hand of our heavenly Father has held in check the winds of strife. Thus has been accorded us a time of comparative peace in which to preach the everlasting Gospel message. Have these precious moments, however, been employed in kindling our tapers from the divine altar? Are our lamps filled with the golden oil, and are they sending forth strong, pure, clear rays of heavenly light upon the pathway of sinners?

Believing with all our hearts that "the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," and that to-day we stand on the verge of eternity and that as watchmen upon the walls of Zion it is our solemn duty to be always ready, with our lamps trimmed and burning, we earnestly dedicate ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, to the high and holy work of making ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Inasmuch as it is God's desire "to perfect His household through the perfection of His ministers," ("Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 151),

WE CALL UPON OUR BRETHREN IN THE MINISTRY to join in whole-hearted consecration to God, pledging themselves anew to a closer fellowship with the Lord.

WE CALL UPON OUR BELIEVERS everywhere to unite with our ministry in this holy covenant; to shun all worldliness, even the very appear-

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ance of evil, and to yield themselves wholly and unreservedly to God.

WE APPEAL TO THE PARENTS in our churches to give prayerful thought and earnest effort to the spiritual interests of their children. When in that great day the question is put to the parents, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" what will be the response? Let all redouble their efforts on behalf of their children, resting neither day nor night, wrestling with God in prayer, ever remembering the precious promise of the Lord, "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:25.

WE APPEAL TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH to give anew their hearts and to dedicate all their powers to Jesus their Saviour. We entreat them to think soberly and seriously of the truth in the following inspired statement:

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 269.

We know that the time has come for a mighty revelation of God's power through His commandment-keeping people.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children."—"The Great Controversy," page 464.

"Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, page 19.

Finally, in this last hour, before the Judge of all the earth shall arise and pronounce the sentence that will seal the eternal destiny of every soul, we appeal to all our fellow-workers, to our believers, also to our children and youth, to unite in crowning Jesus Lord of all; thus shall we all be ready to welcome our Lord and Master at His glorious appearing.

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THE Cardiff Church Building Fund has now reached the sum of approximately £730. Two years ago, we made a special appeal for gifts toward our headquarters church at the annual meeting. A number of pledges then made have not been redeemed. May we remind our friends, whose pledges remain unfulfilled, that we would appreciate hearing from them, for we do want to hurry and reach the £1,000 mark at an early date. After forty years of labour in a beautiful and large city like Cardiff, we have not a house of prayer. We feel confident that the work will materially improve with the acquisition of a representative place of worship. Gifts toward this urgent project will be gratefully received from any friends of our Mission. S. G. HYDE.

South England Conference

Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Portsmouth

For the first time in the history of the Portsmouth church, Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Sabbath and Sunday, October 7th to 8th. A good attendance in a tastefully decorated church, evidenced the interest created. Appropriate sermons were delivered by the pastor and elder, with harvest hymns chosen for the occasion.

We very much appreciated the kind and generous gifts of fruit and flowers from churchmembers which gifts were at the close distributed among our sick ones and poor folk known to us.

The season was a bright and happy one, and as we surveyed the tokens of love and loyalty of our faithful members we were reminded that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above." We have every reason to be grateful to the Lord of the harvest for His gracious and bountiful mercies. W. C. HOWARD.

Changes of Address

THE Bath church now meets at 12b George Street, Bath.

The Wolverhampton church meets in the Y.M.C.A., St. Marys Schools, Stafford Street, Wolverhampton.

Annual Legal Meetings

British Advent Missions Ltd. Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of British Advent Missions Limited will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 10.00 a.m., at the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, A. CAREY, *Secretary*.

Granose Foods Ltd. Forty-Second Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Granose Foods Limited will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 11.00 a.m., in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, JOHN RIGBY, *Secretary*.

Good Health Association Ltd. Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Constituency of the Good Health Association Limited will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 12 noon, in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. H. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

The Stanborough Press Ltd. Forty-Sixth Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Stanborough Press Limited will be held in the offices of the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts, on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 2.30 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, A. WARREN, *Secretary*.

Ministry of Literature

Suggestive Canvass for Services "Steps to Christ"

Good morning! As a means of encouragement for all who are serving in the war an excellent message of inspiration and good cheer has been prepared. (Now produce book.)

As you see, it will fit the pocket quite nicely, and we suggest it can be sent out with your next letter or parcel—it will surely be appreciated.

Would you prefer yours in khaki, navy, or air force colour? (Display the three kinds.)

This is a Christian work we are doing, of course, so we believe you will like to co-operate.

How much are they?

Only sixpence each, or eighteenpence the set.

Thank you.

Be ready to turn to appropriate chapters or statements. "God's Love for Man," "A Knowledge of God," and "What to do with Doubt" are especially appealing. Be courageous, enthusiastic, and courteous, and know how to smile.

B. BELTON.

"Friendly Talks on Vital Topics"

UNTIL our life here is over we shall not know the great work which, under God's blessing, has been and is being accomplished through our books and magazines. Away in the little island of Barbados a book written by Brother W. T. Bartlett was put into my hands. Little did the giver know what effect the reading of that book would have upon my life.

I was in Barbados for my health and had entered a very pretty little sanitarium kept by a Dr. and Mrs. Cave, of whom I knew little except the fact that they "kept Saturday for Sunday," as I heard it expressed. Soon after my arrival the little native maid lent me a book to read, the title of which was: *Friendly Talks on Vital Topics*. I read this through twice, and then

said to Mrs. Cave, "Why, this book answers many questions which have puzzled me for years!"

We studied together and I accepted joyfully God's message of reform. Before leaving the sanitarium, Sister Cave said to me: "Consider well the step you contemplate taking, for you will find that your relatives and friends will not be pleased. Uniting with God's remnant people will bring great changes into your life." A year later, being in Boston, U.S.A., I attended Elder E. L. Cardey's effort held in the Tremont Temple. On May 12, 1917, I was baptized and have never regretted the step, though, as Sister Cave said, it has brought changes into my life, and relations and friends do not understand my step.

Our dear Saviour does indeed keep His promise and give brothers and sisters, houses and lands, to those who leave all to follow Him. I find it such a joy to be united with His true followers who take as their rule, "The Bible and the Bible only." May I in my turn be used to bring this joy to many others.

LOUISA HOGAN.

After Many Days

"Good evening," he replied, shaking hands rather nervously after the benediction.

"Have you enjoyed the service?"

"Yes, my doctor sent me along," and then—it came in short, staccato rushes: "We've got a book at home—father's a minister—bought it, must be fifteen years ago, from a—from a—"

"Colporteur," I suggested smiling.

"That's right—big green book—these charts you used reminded me of the pictures in it. Father never looked at it. Now what was its name, Daniel's something."

"*Daniel and the Revelation*, would it be?"

"Yes, that was the name. I will

send home for it to-night. Amazing how I was led here."

Studies followed. Point after point was accepted and to-day, in spite of opposition and difficulty, that young man is keeping Sabbath and looking forward with us to the coming of the Saviour.

Long years ago some colporteur, tired perhaps, and lonely, passed through that village; called at the vicarage and then moved on. Just one more order; one more seed scattered; little hope of fruitage; little cause for rejoicing.

But, "In the Lord," says Paul, "you may be sure your labour is never thrown away." 1 Cor. 15: 59, (Moffatt). Fifteen years later that long-forgotten seed sprang to life and saved a soul.

So whether it be "big book" or "small" magazine, let us not grow weary, but work on and know that God gives the increase.

L. W. NORMINGTON.

"Where Do You Preach?"

A SHORT time ago I was called to the home of a relative, whose husband had died suddenly. During my stay a local minister's wife called to sympathize, and during her talk said she believed the dear departed could look down from heaven and see his sorrowing family, and turning to me said, "Don't you think so?" Thus challenged I could not keep silent; so I told her the Bible taught that the dead were asleep until Jesus comes. I asked for a Bible and read Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10, then 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 2 Timothy 4:8, and John 14:1-3.

She was amazed at my humble attempt to show what the Bible teaches concerning those who are parted from us by death. She said she had never before heard what I had told her, and asked quite seriously, "Where do you preach?"

We often feel that our knowledge of the Scriptures is not what it ought to be, but if we make good use of what we do know God will bless it and those we come in contact with will be as amazed as those who listened to the unlearned Galileans in days gone by. JUST A CHURCHMEMBER.

"Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll"

Book 3

Book 3 contains the Sabbath-school lessons for the cradle roll and young kindergarten classes for 1940. The author, Rosamond D. Ginther, has written the lessons in a simple way, well adapted to the small child. Every teacher of little children should have Book 3 of *Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll*.

The volume covers the life of Christ from His birth through childhood, youth, and early ministry. When a lesson is too difficult for the mind of the child to comprehend, a nature story has been substituted. Many finger-plays also add interest, and will be helpful in carrying out the Sabbath-school programme.

The book is well illustrated with some beautifully coloured full-page pictures; it is attractively bound in green cloth, stamped in gold on the back, and has a lovely baby picture on the cover.

FOR MOTHERS

Mothers of small children will appreciate these stories on the life of Christ; they may be used as bedtime stories as well as a help in teaching the Sabbath-school lessons at home.

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TRUE character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within. If we wish to direct others in the path of righteousness, the principles of righteousness must be enshrined in our own hearts. Our profession of faith may proclaim the theory of religion, but it is our practical piety that holds forth the Word of truth. The consistent life, the holy conversation, the unswerving integrity, the active, benevolent spirit, the godly example—these are the mediums through which light is conveyed to the world.—*"The Desire of Ages,"* page 307.

At Rest

LACEY.—The Parkfield Street Manchester church has lost by death two of its old members. Mrs. Nita Lacey fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-one on October 15, 1939, and was laid to rest in the Manchester Southern Cemetery on October 18th. Sister Lacey had suffered much during the last two years. Her husband, Mr. Thomas Lacey, himself in poor health, grieved considerably. On November 22nd, at the age of sixty-eight, he passed away quite unexpectedly and was buried on November 25th. Our brother and sister accepted the Advent message many years ago in Wigan and were baptized by Pastor S. G. Haughey, then president of the North England Conference. They rest from their labours in sure and certain hope of a joyous resurrection. To their sorrowing relatives we extend our deepest sympathies.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

NUTLEY.—Hubert Nutley, aged twenty-four years, fell asleep five days after an operation in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. He accepted the message under the labours of Pastor A. J. Mustard and Miss W. Buckle, and was baptized last June. In those few short months he endeared himself to us all by his quiet, unassuming manner. He was elected assistant leader of the Young People's Society, and so witnessed for his Lord in the church, at home, and at work. "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thess. 4:14.

HARPER.—The members of the Welsh Mission will mourn the loss of Sister Harper of Llanelly who passed to her rest on November 8th, after a protracted illness of three years or more, during which time she was confined to her bed. Sister Harper associated with the Advent movement thirty-five years ago during a tent campaign conducted by Pastors W. H. Meredith and W. E. Read at Newport, Mon. Our sister was a faithful, active member of the Newport church for many years. For the past twenty years or more she has borne her testimony as a member of the remnant people at Llanelly. She was faithful to the last, expressing her confidence and expectation to all who visited her. She leaves a husband, two daughters, and one son to mourn their loss, beside several grandchildren. It was the privilege of the writer to speak words of comfort and help to the family and friends at the funeral service which was conducted by Pastor F. S. Jackson and the writer.

F. E. POWELL.

DULY.—It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Sister Mrs. Duly, at the age of eighty-seven. Our sister learned of the truth several years ago through her brother, Alfred Jefferies of Romford. It was the writer's privilege to extend to her and her daughter, Miss A. Duly, the right hand of fellowship at Harlesden last May. Although Sister Duly was unable on account of her infirmities to attend the church services at Harlesden, yet she was a faithful and true member. Whenever we visited her she was always bright and cheerful, though often in pain. She is greatly missed by her brother, her son, and her three daughters, who mourn, though not without hope. The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, November 21st, by Brother R. H. Smith of Hove, and our sister lies in the Hove Cemetery, awaiting the call of the Life-Giver.

F. A. SPEARING.

TREMBLETT.—Sister Mrs. Tremblett, of the Cardiff church, after many years of patient languishing, passed to her rest on November 16th, and was laid to rest on November 20th. Sister Tremblett accepted the message in the days of Pastor Dorland's ministry in Cardiff, some twelve years ago. She was a lovable soul and grateful for all that was done for her. Although in her ninetieth year, she retained her faculties to the last and rejoiced in the blessed hope

and the prospects of the eternal day. For her there will be an "abundant entrance into the kingdom."

S. G. HYDE.

HILL.—Brother Solomon Hill passed to his rest on November 23, 1939. He was seventy-two years of age. His last illness was brief but severe. It is felt that the shock of finding his wife affected by seizure contributed to his end. Brother Hill has been staunch for the truth through the years. He accepted the message about thirty years ago. Although isolated he did his best always to witness for the truth. He was laid to rest at his own request at St. Johns, Pemberton.

W. J. CANNON.

VINCE.—On Friday, November 24, 1939, we laid to rest, at the Southend Cemetery, our beloved brother, Arthur Vince, at the good age of seventy-seven. Brother Vince was a faithful adherent to the Advent cause for thirty years, and, as treasurer and elder, served the Southend church with faithful devotion. He was beloved and respected by all who knew him. His home became the home of the early Seventh-Day Adventist church in Southend, where the servants of God were always welcomed and cheerfully entertained. He passed away suddenly while, on Sunday, November 19th, he sat at the table doing his work as treasurer. He died in the service of his Master whom he loved so well. He leaves a loving, devoted wife after fifty-five years of companionship together, one son, two daughters, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, all sorrowing the loss of their dear one, yet rejoicing in the knowledge that he sleeps in Jesus and awaits the call of the Saviour. The church at Southend will miss the presence, service, and counsel of their beloved elder, but relatives and churchmembers, in their sorrow, know that at the resurrection of the just there will be a grand reunion of all the faithful. Our brother rests from his labours and from the turmoil and distress before us. A service was conducted by the writer and Brother Wilmhurst in the Southend church in the presence of a large number of friends. To the sorrowing ones we tender our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the God of all comfort will give them His own consolation.

W. H. MEREDITH.

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