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## God's Gift to the Remnant Church

By W. A. SPICER

It fills the heart with awe to see in prophecy and history the rise of this Advent movement, timed exactly to the hour. It is the work of the living God before our eyes! And, timed also to the very hour, with the rise of the movement there came also the gift of the Spirit of prophecy to open to us in a special way the truths of holy Scripture, and to direct and guide us in a special way in these critical closing days.

Always, in approaching the part the Spirit of prophecy acts in our day, it is good to look, if for but a moment, to the sure foundation of this gift in holy Scripture. There is something living and vital about this Advent movement. The touch of the divine Hand appears at every turn of its story.

Our pioneers, unaided, could no more have brought out and built up such a movement than could Moses and Aaron, of themselves, have brought Israel out of Egypt and led them over the wilderness journey those forty years. When the time of the prophecy came in that ancient day, the living God set His hand to lead the movement. In order to guide it in the right way, He placed the gift of the Spirit of prophecy in the midst of it: "And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13.

That was the Lord's way of instructing and guiding an organized movement in the ancient days.

And now the time has come when the Lord has "set His hand again the second time" to lead an organized movement, this time to gather "the remnant of His people" from all "the four corners of the earth." Isa. 11:11, 12. It is a world movement, led by the living God.

And the specific prophecy of this work for the remnant church declares that the last church is to keep the commandments of God and have the Spirit of prophecy in its midst. (Rev. 12:17; 19:10.)

### THE GIFT APPEARED

As the appointed hour of the prophecy came, in 1844, this Advent movement rose. The people of the prophecy appeared, keeping "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. Soon they were armed with the full Gospel message for the judgment hour, to carry to every

tongue and people the proclamation: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." And in their midst appeared the special gift of the Spirit of prophecy, as foretold.

In 1844 the Spirit of the Lord spoke in vision to a young woman of one of the early Adventist groups in New England, giving messages to be told to the people of the Advent movement. The name of the young woman was Ellen G. Harmon (later married to James White, pioneer leader of this movement in the early years). The frail, youthful agent begged the Lord to lay the burden on someone else. "All the light I could get," she said, "was, 'Make known to others what I have revealed to you.' . . . Said the angel, 'If you deliver the messages faithfully, and endure unto the end, you shall eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the river of life.'"—*Early Writings*, pages 20, 21.

That young woman rose from prayer, accepting the burden, and for seventy years her voice was heard bearing messages in the movement, and for seventy years that pen, untrained for literary work by any institution of learning, was writing messages that insistently call us to deeper experiences in the grace of Christ and lead us wonderfully into the green pastures of Bible truth. When the call came, the chosen instrument found her hand so trembling she

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could not hold a pen steadily. "While in vision," she said many years later, "I was commanded by an angel to write the vision. I obeyed and wrote rapidly. My nerves were strengthened, and from that day to this my hand has been steady."—*Life Sketches,* page 90.

And what writings came from that pen! The writings of the youthful days show the unwavering touch of certainty. The same certainty in counsel and in writing was shown to ripe old age, when it might have been thought that years would weaken the service. As a matter of fact, we saw that gift in old age doing some of the strongest and most effective work of all Mrs. White's lifetime, meeting subtle and intricate situations that threatened peril to the cause.

#### STILL THE MESSAGES SPEAK

In that ancient movement, when "by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt," the prophet continued bearing messages by voice, and writing the instruction from God until the movement was nearing the land of Canaan. Then the Lord laid His servant away; and a little later, under the instruction written, the movement entered the land. As this Advent movement nears the end of the way, the Lord has laid away the human agent in this gift, and with the fullness of instruction in the holy Scriptures and in the printed volumes of the Spirit of prophecy, in a little while the Advent movement is to enter the heavenly Canaan.

These volumes of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy are living words written under the inspiration of the Spirit's power that worked mightily in this feeble human agent from youth to old age. They are for us—a special gift to all believers. How can any believer live in neglect of this precious instruction and expect to be kept in fullness of blessing in these testing days! The Spirit of prophecy is not something merely to be affirmed as a doctrine. It is a gift for use and service. We cannot leave these books on the shelves and get the help that is in them, any more than we can lay away perfectly good

food in the cupboard and live without feeding upon it.

#### LOOK AT THE "CONFLICT SERIES"

That is the set of volumes that covers the great controversy between good and evil from the rebellion in heaven to the end of sin and Satan, and the entry of the saints into the eternal inheritance. As we open these books, we behold as in a pageant the working out of the whole plan of redemption. There is nothing like it in modern writing. Every one of those volumes has a history too long to tell here.

*The Great Controversy* was the first of this series prepared. People of the world hear something unusual in its messages. A publisher's reader, an expert for one of the big publishers of London read this book. "Was Mrs. White an educated woman?" he asked one of our ministers. "No; she was not, as the term is commonly understood." "Well, it is a wonderful book," said the reader. "It is almost perfect in composition. I have read thousands of manuscripts, but none more beautiful than this book."

We repeat, it is a "wonderful book," thinking not of literary merit, but of the truths given there to guide our feet through the coming time of trouble, which will be a time "such as never was since there was a nation." Are our people everywhere reading it?

A woman of New England, a professed Christian, she said, had found her experience with Christ but formal and unreal. She then read *The Desire of Ages* and wrote:

"As soon as I began to read it, I felt as never before how real is the Gospel story. Where before it had seemed like ancient history, it now seemed like something happening to-day. Peace came to my troubled soul. I see in Him a living personal Saviour who is with me all the time."

When Mrs. White was writing that book under heavy pressure to reproduce the scenes that had been caused to pass before her, she wrote to a friend:

"I walk with trembling before God. I know not how to speak or trace with pen the large subjects

of the atoning sacrifice. I know not how to present subjects in the living power in which they stand before me. I tremble for fear lest I shall belittle the great plan of salvation by cheap words. I bow my soul in awe and reverence before God and say, 'Who is sufficient for these things?'"

Would there were room to tell stories of other volumes of this "Conflict Series." Each book has its history. Each bears its message. God help us to listen, not now and then merely, but day by day.

#### THEN THERE ARE THE "TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH"

They are largely messages written to persons who needed help—just the help that we all need. They were personal messages to living people, and that is why they come as living words to the heart. Besides the personal messages there is vital matter on every phase of life, and service. When nearing the close of her work on this series, Mrs. White wrote:

"I have been impressed to call upon the members of our churches to study the last two volumes of *Testimonies for the Church*. When I was writing these books, I felt the deep moving of the Spirit of God."—*Life Sketches,* page 443.

Every phase of home life, of church relationships, of service, is dealt with in just the way to help the brethren and sisters of to-day. Those last two volumes just spoken of, were the volumes left for a time by one of our ministers on his train seat while travelling in the northwest. A gentleman who had picked up the volumes in his absence and read from them said:

"I hold a chair on the faculty of a university in New York. I am continually reading books. But this is the finest literature I have ever read. Where can I get some of these books?"

Shall it ever be that while strangers from the east and west and north and south catch fleeting glimpses of these books, and recognize something unusual about them, we, the children of the kingdom, to whom they are committed, often deprive ourselves of an essential gift given to the remnant church?

## THE WHOLE SHELF OF VOLUMES

We are leaving out volumes full of treasures as rich as those in any books we have named. Look at the whole list—books for workers (and now that means every believer), books on health and temperance, on education, on every department of work among us. It is not ordinary writing. When a former queen of Rumania, before World War days, read *Ministry of Healing*, she wanted it put in the language of her country, and volunteered to write an introduction; though in the unsettled times that came, the purpose was never carried out I believe.

In the pre-revolution times in Russia one of our sisters, a woman of the nobility, in the Baltic part of Russia, had *Ministry of Healing* bound in white morocco, and presented to the czarina of Russia. Our sister had the queen's thanks later, and assurance that she was reading it. When we heard of the queen's sad death, we were glad to remember that she had read that precious volume.

We could tell of cottage homes to which these books have brought the eternal treasures of hope. "This is our Bible," said a Catholic peasant woman exultantly, bringing out *Steps to Christ* in her own language. "Lay this book on my breast in the coffin and bury it with me," said a dying Catholic man in southern Germany. The treasured book was *Christ's Object Lessons*. A West Indian man of seventy-eight years always carried the book, *Christ Our Saviour*, about with him. "When people ask me the reason," he said. "I reply: 'This book is my body-guard.' From the time I started to read it, I have been a changed man."

## THESE TREASURES ARE FOR YOU AND ME

Brethren and sisters, the writings of the Spirit of prophecy are a special gift of God to every member of the remnant church. Somehow—series by series, or one by one—nearly every believer can build up a library of these volumes. The church library surely can make provision for temporary use in cases of extreme

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## Notes from the Union President

## THE TRAGEDY OF FINLAND

We have received word that our work is greatly disorganized in Finland, and hundreds of our people have been compelled to leave their homes. Many of these people lived in a part of the country which has been utterly destroyed so that they will undoubtedly never see their homes again. It has been suggested that a collection be taken up in our churches on behalf of our people in Finland. Other unions are doing this and the British Union Committee has decided to take up such an offering on Sabbath, January 20th. Notice was sent out to all our churches in time for an announcement to be made a week ahead of this in order to obtain liberal help.

Isolated members, who are reading this notice for the first time, may have the privilege of sending their contributions to conference or mission treasurers, and we hope many of our scattered members will join us in this endeavour to help our poor, suffering members in Finland.

## 1939 INGATHERING

OUR Harvest Ingathering last year suffered certain disadvantages. In the first place the unsettlement due to the approach and advent of war was a severe handicap. Then we had changes in conference leadership, added to the fact that the home missionary secretaries were attending a Missionary Volunteer Congress in Denmark at a very vital time. Despite all these unsettlements, however, the final returns have exceeded our expectations. It looked, until recently, as though we should just about get our goal of £10,000, whereas the final figures indicate that we have raised the splendid sum of £10,695. We thank all our workers and members everywhere who have joined in this campaign on behalf of our overseas missions, and we praise God for His blessing on the efforts of His people. We are also deeply grateful for the loyalty of our members in the matter of tithes and other offerings, details of which will be published a little later.

## ANOTHER GOOD BAPTISM

WORD has just come to hand that thirty-eight members have been added as a result of the evangelistic campaign conducted in Coventry. Pastor S. G. Joyce with Sisters Ford and Buck have been much blessed of God in their work in this populous city. Further information regarding other baptisms will follow in due course, and we are inviting the continued prayerful interest of our people on behalf of this vital feature of our work.

H. W. LOWE.

## A Call for More Dorcases

"There was at Joppa a certain disciple named . . . Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did." Acts 9:36.

THE inspiration of this brief report has gone down through the ages and stimulated home missionary work of a very practical kind throughout the world. The work of these good sisters, though often unmentioned in our church paper, is duly recognized by the Lord. We would, however, like to pass on for the encouragement of others a brief report of the work of two good sisters in Weston-super-Mare.

A letter which has just come to hand tells how one of them, "though very poor herself has done great things, cutting up old garments and making a lovely supply of children's frocks, boys' suits, etc., for the evacuated children. She even made some clever stuffed animals out of odds and ends. These gifts were taken to the matron of a home, who was greatly pleased."

The work of these sisters has not only brought comfort and joy to children evacuated from the Midlands to that seaside town in the west of England, but clothing has also been sent to the poor of our own church in Nottingham through a sister there. They have also distributed clothes to other needy folk locally. This work has brought great blessing to their own souls. Are there not others who could still help in these times of distress, and by so doing bring great refreshing in their own spiritual experience?

E. R. WARLAND.

In previous years Stanborough Park had proved the most convenient location for the annual Colporteurs' Conference, but war-time conditions militated against following the usual plan this year. So on December 27th, between sixty and seventy of the colporteur family assembled in that lovely seminary of learning, Newbold College, placed at their disposal by the faculty. It proved to be one of the most helpful conferences that have as yet convened.

Many were the greetings exchanged by the brethren and sisters who had come in from the battle front in all parts of the British Union.

In many instances these gatherings are the only opportunity afforded our book-men and women to meet friends who are engaged with them in the one great common cause of spreading our truth-filled literature and diffusing light to people sitting in darkness.

These periods of retreat are not only a source of great practical assistance to the colporteurs, but they are eagerly looked forward to as a fountain of spiritual power. It must ever be born in mind that the Seventh-Day Adventist colporteur is a Gospel worker, and as such must carry a burden for souls; therefore he must be spiritually prepared to meet with love and true sympathy the people among whom he labours. And, by the way, how important it is for the colporteur to realize his conviction that the Lord has indeed called him to carry the message to his fellow-men in a sin-sick world. And so at this, as at similar institutes in past years, the colporteurs entered upon a week of re-consecration, studying afresh the underlying principles of Christian canvassing work.

Thousands of men and women representing every class of salesmanship attend salesmanship classes in the business world. Commercial travellers declare that the man who has a knowledge of the science of salesmanship knows exactly how to organize and present his sales talk so as to make it an effective approach and arouse a real interest. The worldly salesman is taught to have faith and confidence in his firm and in his

goods. So, in order to meet with success, the colporteur-evangelist is taught to have faith in his God and confidence in the book he is presenting to his prospect.

It would not be sacrilege for the colporteur to think or speak of his heavenly Father as the chief partner in his firm. Billy Bray is reputed to have told many of his infidel friends that he was working for the most important firm known to humans, "The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," and that he had great confidence in it. Well, as a partner in this same great firm the colporteur has great confidence in his heavenly Directors.

We are most fortunate every year at these gatherings in having the help of brethren from the Northern European Division who have been long in the way and whose experiences have taught them proved methods of salesmanship.

Brother L. A. Vixie was in charge of this side of the conference training this year. We are never tired of listening to our good brother, for his tuition is sound and constructive. He showed us how to spiritualize our approach to (1) secure attention, (2) arouse interest, (3) get the prospect to see his need of our literature as well as (4) create a desire on his part to investigate.

Brother Vixie emphasized that the colporteur must realize that he is meeting his prospect with the object of supplying a definite need, for people are in great need of the truths of God to-day. The opportunity for presenting our message was never greater. To achieve success, however, the canvasser himself must long and seek for power from on high, and see that he is not himself hindered by sin.

Brother Vixie occupied a period of instruction each morning of the conference and the main point of all his studies was that we should put Christ into our canvass. The danger so often, he said, is that

# The Colporteur

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A happy group of colporteurs during the conference.

## By Colporteur

we put Christ out and ourselves in.

We learned, too, that while the approach is one of the most important factors in the colporteur work, the close must be reached by the application of certain definite principles if it is to result in a successful issue. Brother Vixie was careful to point out that the chief

## The Hope

By ARTHUR

War strides to-day by Finland's lakes  
With many a treacherous blow;  
His messengers of death fly past  
With flaming darts to throw.  
The barns must flee their city homes,  
For war-planes o'er them soar;  
Loud on the frontiers of the land  
They hear the field-guns roar.

O living God! Thou Lord of hosts,  
Protect Thy Finnish folk!  
Be Thou by night their wall of fire,  
By day a screening smoke;  
Be Thou their guide o'er drifting snows,  
Their warmth in frost and cold;  
Their shelter from the blizzard's blast—  
Oh, make them brave and bold.

Remember the offering for

# ' Conference

JANUARY 4, 1940



Recent conference at Newbold College.

## J. Kinman

qualifications of the successful colporteur are that he should be a man of faith, a man of prayer, a student of the Word, and a soul-lover.

Pastor W. T. Bartlett helped us to start each day right with his wonderful studies on the sanctuary. It is a matter of regret that the whole of these cannot be fully re-

produced. He led us through the history of the sanctuary and suggested that the advent people might be called the people of the sanctuary; and further that if we were the people of the sanctuary we were also the children of the throne. If we do not enjoy the privileges of the sanctuary then the devil is cheating us out of them through our own fault. If the Israelites had lived in the wealth of that privilege they would have been the head and not the tail, and would among all the nations of the earth have been most blessed.

Brother Bartlett pointed us to the encouraging experience of Isaiah when he came to the infinitely glorious throne of God. He became aware of a sad lack in himself, and yet in mercy he was permitted to draw nigh to that throne, and, as a child of the throne, to take hold of its holiness.

Again our attention was directed to the striking picture of a beggar sitting upon a dunghill as a representative of human need (1 Sam. 2:6-8), and then to the fact that God is willing to lift such an one up on to a throne of glory.

There are two thrones, Pastor Bartlett showed us, the glorious high throne and the throne of iniquity. These two thrones will be the two contending forces. And if the devil can, he will see to it that man is not delivered from his sins. But Christ offers Himself as our Leader if we will follow Him. The people of the sanctuary must be a people of prayer and a people of praise.

So Brother Bartlett urged us to go back to our tasks as the privileged children of the throne, and people of the heavenly sanctuary.

Other helpful features of the conference were the round table talks in which many of the colporteurs exchanged views as to the best methods of salesmanship, and the symposium, in which several others were able to recount their

experiences since the outbreak of hostilities. Many of these experiences will not be easily forgotten.

The Sabbath service was taken by the Union president, Pastor H. W. Lowe, his message being an inspiration to all.

On Sunday evening, Pastor G. D. King preached in the college chapel on "Our Times and Our Message," impressing us again with the importance and urgency of our task.

Not the least in importance of the meetings was that at which Dr. Monica Druitt spoke for nearly an hour on the health of the colporteur.

Pastor W. L. Emmerson gave us a wealth of information about the pictures which adorn our books. We were put in possession of a large number of supplementary points to add to our selling talks.

Then we must not forget Brother Warren, who is always a welcome visitor to our colporteur gatherings. He gave us some encouraging figures regarding the sale of our various publications.

Thursday evening brought a fine conference to an end when Pastor J. M. Howard, the new Union field missionary secretary, preached a farewell sermon.

The next day the colporteurs dispersed, determined under God to give "full proof of their ministry" during the coming year.

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scarcity. But by sacrifice and extra effort, every believer should, if possible, have these volumes at hand for constant counsel. Jesus, walking the way to Emmaus with the two disciples, opened the Scriptures to them by the way, so that later they exclaimed to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" In these volumes of the Spirit of prophecy, which is the "testimony of Jesus," the Master, by His Spirit, still speaks to us in the way, to open the Scriptures to our understanding. We cannot afford to be negligent of these things given as special help to prepare us to stand during the coming year.

## the North

WARREN

Bright o'er the darkness now shines forth  
The great Aurora's bow,  
And signals with its moving lights  
That Thou wilt help bestow.  
For o'er the sea are kindly hearts  
Which beat with Finland's grief,  
And gifts of gold and clothes and food  
They send for her relief.

The glistening stars shine bright with hope  
In Finland's frosty sky,  
For, lo! they witness to Thy folk  
That Thou art ever nigh.  
And soon this northern night of war  
Shall change to lasting day,  
For Thou shalt come, O Prince of Peace,  
And strife shall flee away.

Finland on January 20th

## NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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### Notes from the President

THE year 1939 has gone. So far as North England is concerned it closed with a very beneficial Workers' Council. The following is an extract from a letter which is typical of many:

"I cannot find words to express to you how much I enjoyed, and benefited from, the Workers' Council. My desire is greater than ever to win souls for the kingdom. I now feel much better prepared. I pray that 1940 may be the best year so far for soul winning."

The year 1940 has arrived. So far as North England is concerned, it opens with a united band of workers consecrated to the work of God.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for the brethren He has called to lead. Brethren Bartlett and Robison from the Division and Brethren Lowe and Harker from the Union gave all the help any group of workers in council could desire. Their devotional talks were excellent and their ready counsel on all subjects was obviously sound.

### CONVENTIONS

We hope to conduct a convention in each district during 1940. As you know, the whole conference has now been divided into districts and district leaders appointed. We will give a list with the notes in the next issue.

### CAMPAIGNS

THE following evangelistic campaigns will be conducted between January and September 30th, this year:

#### FULL BUDGET

A. F. Bird	Northampton
W. J. Cannon	Rochdale (new town)
S. G. Joyce	Coventry
W. M. Lennox	Scarborough
W. R. A. Madgwick	Salford (new town)
W. Maudsley	Stockton (new town)
L. Murdoch	Hull
J. C. French	Dewsbury (new town)

#### SMALL BUDGET

D. J. Clarke	Shields
F. Edwards	Darlington

K. Elias	Stoke
D. J. Handysides	Sheffield
J. R. Lewis	Worcester
B. F. Kinman	Beeston

#### NO BUDGET

J. E. Bell	Liverpool
F. W. Coppock	Doncaster
R. A. Freeth	Leicester
H. W. McCrow	Birmingham

This means that every worker will be engaged in definite evangelistic work.

#### GOALS

JUST before the close of the Workers' Council, goals were set by the workers. We would suggest that each church board discuss the goals for the church, so that in co-operation with the ministry each one will be reached by the end of the year. If we can reach the goals before the end of the year, so much the better, for "the King's business requires haste." Goals are essential. They give our aims definiteness. If we do not have them, we work, as Paul says, "as one that beateth the air."

In *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 19, we read: "In a special sense Seventh-Day Adventists have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."

#### FINLAND

OUR hearts have been greatly touched by the suffering of our brethren and sisters in Finland. In response to Brother Lowe's appeal, let us all give generously to help them in this their hour of need. Notice that this appeal will take the place of the usual Medical Aid Offering, so it will not be an extra.

#### HARVEST INGATHERING

LET me dip into 1939 once again to tell you that we have reached our Harvest Ingathering goal and passed it by £186. We thank every member, young and old,

who has helped us to do this. Now let us pray that God will bless the money as it is used in our missions.

#### OFFERINGS

"LET us proportionate our aims to our ability to give, lest we provoke God to proportionate His blessings to our aims."

#### PRESENT CONDITIONS

WHEN present conditions occasion difficulties that loom up like Anakims, let us remember that, as the men of old, we are well able to meet them in the name of the Lord. This time has been prophesied for years. "The time is at hand when there will be sores in the world that no human balm can heal."—"Prophets and Kings," page 277. But we have been given good tidings and if we hold our peace, then, in the words of the four lepers of Samaria, "some mischief will come upon us." The servant of the Lord has said: "As you see the perils and miseries under the power of Satan, do not exhaust your God-given energies in idle lamentations, but go to work for yourself and others. I beseech you to do something for Christ, and to do it now."

#### PROSPECTS IN 1940

WE have twenty million people to warn; many honest in heart to prepare for the return of the Lord; hundreds of unentered towns and districts to enter; a warm-hearted, welcoming, hospitable people for whom to labour. The prospects are as great as our faith.

Let us pray and work with enthusiasm. I know perfectly well that enthusiasm by itself is no substitute for a first-rate functioning brain, but without enthusiasm even the first-rate brain will fail to do itself justice and the lesser intellects fade out.

Let us this year thank God for the "things unnumbered that we take of right, and value first when they are withheld," and pray that He will give us "eyes to see the unseen in the seen," and "vision of the Worker in the work," and "hearts to apprehend Him everywhere."

# IRISH MISSION

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## News from Eire

To all our believers in the British Union Conference the members in the Dublin church send hearty greetings and good wishes for the New Year. We pray that it may be the best year in the history of our movement, and that we may experience the bounteous showers of the latter rain everywhere.

We take a glance back over 1939, and praise God for His abundant blessings and mercies. In His love and grace He has given to us peace here, and a measure of prosperity, for which we are very grateful. Our country is not at war, and while we feel the influence of the blockades we have much for which to thank God.

Through the year we have had the continued loyalty and faithfulness of all our members, both young and old, and we feel that, under the blessing of God, we have come behind in no good thing.

In the Harvest Ingathering we were able to reach our goal of £200. It certainly proved difficult after the outbreak of the war, but patient plodding earned the victory. We are very grateful to our loyal band of collectors for their co-operation. This is true not only of the Harvest Ingathering but of all the other campaigns.

Our greatest joy and blessing came on Sabbath, December 19th, when two souls followed their Lord in baptism. These experiences are very precious to the saints in Dublin, for souls are hard to woo and win in this stronghold of bitterness and bigotry. The memory of that week-end will long remain with us, for we felt the power of God, and saw it at work on behalf of one of the candidates, who was experiencing much opposition.

Pastor E. E. Craven, our superintendent, was unable to be present on this occasion, for he is kept very busy with his evangelistic programme in the city of Belfast; so Pastor L. A. Watson conducted

the week-end services. On the Friday evening the young people were privileged to listen to Sister Watson, who based her remarks on Genesis 3:9. "Where art thou?" We pray that God may find us in the place where He would have us.

After the Sabbath-school on Sabbath morning, Pastor Watson invited us to a consideration of Hebrews 10:34-37, exhorting us not to cast away our confidence, for soon "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." In the afternoon, after the candidates had been examined by Pastor Watson, the writer addressed them prior to the baptism, then two souls were led through the watery grave. As the younger of the two, a girl of eighteen, was being immersed we felt our souls thrill with new courage, for in her life that day we had seen the power of God give us victory over an opposition that was very bitter and bigoted. We praise the name of the Lord for such a manifestation of His power.

We as workers face many problems which, in our own strength we are powerless to solve. Our strength is in Christ alone, for He must work for us here. At present we are contemplating the printing of a special series of tracts, eight in number, to meet the needs of the work here, and to enable us to conduct more active work among the Catholics. May we ask an interest in your prayers for this project, that the Spirit of God will guide in the choice of the material, that it may prove of real help in winning souls?

There are also three souls who are finding it hard to follow their Lord because of opposition. Two of these, one an elderly man, and the other a young lady, have been brought up Catholics, and that means they will have a tremendous struggle. Will you add these three to your prayer list, that God will give them victory?

It brings to our hearts a wonderful feeling of strength to know

that, united with our feeble efforts, are the hosts of the Lord holding up our arms in prayer. May we count on your co-operation in this matter, that God will give us the victory over the forces of evil; for it is by diligent prayer that the work of the ministry can be sustained and strengthened.

W. G. NICHOLSON.

## Wedding Bells

ELIAS-DOWIE.—Kenneth Aubrey Elias and Ann Wishart Dowie were united in marriage on December 18, 1939, at Stoke-on-Trent, where the bridegroom is at present labouring in the Advent ministry. Both bride and bridegroom, who are former students of Newbold College, hail from Scotland, the bride from Kinross and the bridegroom from Glasgow.

The wedding was witnessed by a goodly number of members and friends from the Potteries who, with a wide circle of friends in both Scotland and England, join us in wishing the happy couple a continuance of God's richest blessings.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

## Advertisements

PRINTING.—C. Russell, Newton Street, Macclesfield.

W. IDRIS OWEN, A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T., has returned to England after spending eighteen years in our French school and is giving music and French lessons in the London-Watford area. Write for prospectus, 34c High Street, Harpenden, Herts.

WANTED. Young man for farm work. No previous experience necessary but must be a strong, willing worker. Good home, good prospects. Sabbath privileges. Write: D. Dowell, Firs Farm, Norton Subcourse, nr. Norwich.

WANTED by young lady, aged 25, domestic work with Sabbath privileges. Apply: J.H.P., 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

WANTED.—House-parlourmaid, middle-aged preferred. Cook kept. Salary. £40 a year. Sabbath privileges. Write: Mrs. W. J. Powell, Fyfield House, nr. Marlborough, Wilts.

YOUNG man (unmarried) seeks situation, preferably clerical. Business lost as result of accident. Whole or part time. Good scholar. Write: W. Long, 78 Queen Victoria Street, York.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

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	Lon'n	Nor'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel'n
Jan. 26th	4.37	4.35	4.50	4.31	4.48
Feb. 2nd	4.50	4.48	5.02	4.46	5.02

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# WORLD-WIDE ADVENT MISSIONS APPEAL 1939



South England	£4,804	12	1
North England	3,586	18	8
Wales	1,066	0	10
Scotland	662	5	6
Ireland	575	0	1
<b>British Union</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

The best back page news of this issue of the *Messenger* is the final Harvest Ingathering figures for 1939. Everybody will be glad to know that in spite of the difficulties encountered during the campaign, we have achieved all our objectives. The Union once more has gone far beyond the £10,000 mark. In the case of some of the fields, notably the missions—Wales, Scotland and Ireland—the overflow is amazingly high. Ireland has an increase of 42 per cent and Wales and Scotland each 15 per cent.

To all who have helped to bring about these good results we extend a hearty "Thank you!" and to our Father in heaven we ascribe all praise and honour.

J. Harker.

## Pastor H. Walter Armstrong

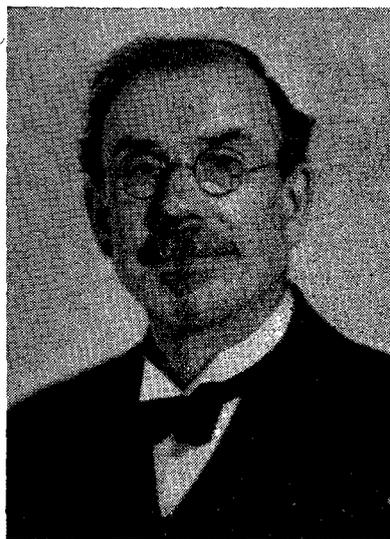
PASTOR H. WALTER ARMSTRONG fell asleep in Christ after a brief illness on December 22, 1939. He was interred in the North Watford Cemetery after a service at Stanborough Park, attended by a large number of mourners representing the family, the fellow-workers, and the churches for which Brother Armstrong had laboured. Two weeks before his death our brother was taking an active part in the Week of Prayer services.

Walter Armstrong was well known to our British membership, and those who did not know him personally, knew him through some member of his family. His connection with the work went back farther than that of any other living labourer in this field. For some thirty-three years he was associated with the publishing house, first at Grimsby, then at Holloway, and later at Watford. He could remember Sister White's visit to England and her preaching at Ulceby, the village in North Lincolnshire in which he was born, and where his father, Edward Armstrong accepted the truth for himself and his household. Walter was ordained to the ministry in 1920, and made the fourth son of Edward Armstrong who served in the ministry. Walter followed in the same good way, and in his family circle of three children could count three ministers, one his own son, and two his sons-in-law, E. Craven and H. W. Lowe. For almost twenty years Walter served

as a pastor in various churches, being everywhere loved and trusted as a faithful and devoted shepherd.

We laid him to rest in a sure and blessed hope of coming re-union. The service was conducted by W. H. Meredith and the writer.

W. T. BARTLETT.



The late Pastor H. W. Armstrong, who was one of the earliest Adventists in the British Union.

BECK.—The Watford Town church has suffered a severe loss through the death of our dear Sister Beck, who passed away December 10, 1939, at the age of eighty-two years. Sister Beck was a faithful member and a real pillar in the church. From the time she accepted the truth in 1912 she always carried more than her share of work. The last eleven years of her life have been years of suffering but without complaint. Our sympathy and prayers go out to those who mourn, and especially to the husband and faithful daughter, Mabel, who gave her best for Mother. We laid our dear one to rest in the Watford Cemetery assured that she will hear her Master's voice in the first resurrection.

E. ASHTON.

GOULD.—Sister Fanny Gould, passed away on November 27, 1939, at the age of seventy-one years, after lying in hospital for twelve months. She was laid to rest by her sorrowing husband and relatives in the Coventry Cemetery, the following Sabbath. Pastor Phillips, from Newbold College, conducted the funeral service. Sister Gould, was baptized by Pastor W. H. Meredith in February, 1913. She had ever since met with the Coventry church in worship. We look to Jesus and the resurrection morn, when He will give eternal life to His own.

Miss H. M. PEART, Church Clerk.

"Soon shall the trumpet of God  
Give out the welcome sound  
That shakes thy silent chamber walls,  
And breaks the turf-sealed ground.

"Ye dwellers in the dust,  
Awake! come forth and sing;  
Sharp has your frost of winter been,  
But bright shall be your spring.

"Twas sown in weakness here,  
'Twill then be raised in power;  
That which was sown an earthly  
seed,  
Shall rise a heavenly flower!"