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"And It Came To Pass"

By H. W. LOWE

How frequently this expression occurs in the Scriptures. It is not merely a prosaic repetition. Almost always it has some reference to events connected with fulfilling prophecy. When the shepherds had heard the message of the departed angels it was not curiosity that took them to Bethlehem to verify things. (Luke 2:15.) It was the unfolding of God's predetermined plan. (Micah 5:2.) When the Master went through the cities and villages "preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God" (Luke 8:1), the Spirit of prophecy through Isaiah was receiving its justification. (Isa. 61:1-3.) When Jesus needed passage by boat to the other side of the lake, meeting and rebuking the storm *en route*, events were merely falling into their allotted place in God's great prophetic outline of Messiah's work. Yet in each of these instances the predisposing circumstances are referred to with the simple statement, "It came to pass." Looking back on them as history we can see the guiding hand of God, and the fact that prophecy was so remarkably fulfilled becomes a source of strength to our faith.

The Spirit of prophecy, as we see it in the light of the troubles of these times, is being remarkably fulfilled, and we should take courage from the fact that the word of the living God is to be fulfilled to the uttermost. We deplore the dreadful happenings, but we cannot ignore the fact that nation was to rise against nation, that treachery was to

abound, that selfishness and cruelty were to arise—all according to the prophetic Word. (Matt. 24:7, 10; 2 Tim. 3:1-4.)

That Word has never indicated that there would be no dangers for the saints of God. The greatest of all dangers are not physical but spiritual.

THE DANGERS OF UNBELIEF

Contrary to some ideas, calamities do not always bring spiritual revival. Europe gives no evidence of religious revivals to-day, except in insignificant proportions. Rather we find that the cruelties, invasions, and the apparent triumph of evil, have produced an indifference and unbelief that should call the church mightily to prayer. Truly the faith of many is waxing cold.

Let us beware lest unbelief steal

Did You Forget

June 1st—Week of Sacrifice?
There is still time to assist the
cause by giving the equivalent
of one week's salary as a special
offering this month.

with a chill terror into our own hearts. That it may easily do so is evident from Paul's words: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Heb. 3:12.

Unbelief leads to prayerlessness. True prayer and unbelief are never found together. "There needs to be among us a great deal more of prayer, and much less of unbelief." —"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 107.

Unbelief in days like these leads to panic. True faith is assured of God's presence at all times and in all places. If the days to come should involve personal danger, we show our faith by taking all proper precautions for ourselves and families, and beyond that by remaining calmly confident in God. In times of peril a true child of God ought to be a powerful inspiration to the world around him. He may not believe in taking human life, but he does not fear to risk himself in saving life, if need arises.

However dark the days, we must trust in God. "Trust all on the promises of the Lord. Trust God in darkness. That is the time to have faith."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, page 167.

Unbelief leads to discouraging, pessimistic talk, whereas we should, as we have been told by Sister White, talk courage and faith. God is never surprised by events, and what comes to-pass is all foreknown by Him. We must abide in God, who yet will save His church and establish His kingdom according to "the immutability of His counsel."

Notes from the Union President

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE

THROUGHOUT the years there has been a gap in our denominational educational system in this country. Little or no provision has been made for children between church school and college age. In other words, we have not offered Matriculation work, except that two years ago we started such secondary school work, in a limited way, at Newbold. Steps have now been taken to remedy this situation by offering secondary school work at Stanborough Park. Full details will be announced in due course. The plan includes some provision for boarding children whose parents may be prepared to send them to headquarters. We are asking our members prayerfully to consider this matter, in the light of our need, to raise a small capital fund with which to provide certain equipment and other necessities. There could hardly be any better investment at a time like this.

WAR CONDITIONS

WE may expect a worsening of war conditions in the near future, and it doubtless will be necessary to bring some adaptability to bear on these conditions, if we are to continue our general church work. If, for example, air raids should become frequent, ministers and leaders should know beforehand just what they are going to do in a moment of emergency. It may be necessary to close meetings with a dignified benediction in order to allow such members as desire to seek shelter. It would be better to think out all the details of these things beforehand rather than to be thrown into confusion at the last moment. This adaptability will apply to the conditions under which our Ingathering and other campaign work must be done at the present time. Meeting conditions in this way should be looked upon rather as a determination to continue God's work and not an acceptance of defeat brought about by adverse conditions.

CAMPAIGN WORK

JUNE is the month during which we take up our Week of Sacrifice offering and also do our Ingathering for missions. If every Adventist were to take part in the

Week of Sacrifice plan we might all have an excellent reply to certain objections which the public may raise just now. It would be very effective to say that as a people we are all giving one week's salary in order to support our missions under crisis conditions, and in addition we are giving a certain amount of our time voluntarily for solicitation. The two things seem to go admirably together. If only we were all practising the Week of Sacrifice plan! May the times call us to a deeper loyalty in these things.

GENERAL

BROTHER A. G. RODGERS has accepted a call to connect with the Arabic Union as secretary-treasurer, and plans to leave as early as possible with his family for the Near East. Our prayers and good wishes for happiness and success go with them.

MILITARY SERVICE MATTERS

MEN of military age should know that, where they need assistance before tribunals, they should make such application for counsel in good time. Where the assistance of a minister is required no minister

should go before the tribunal unless he has first of all talked with the applicant concerned as to his convictions.

If the convictions of the applicant differ from those of the official Seventh-Day Adventist Church pronouncement on our relationship to war, he should make that clear to the tribunal. We have had a case of a man who informed the tribunal that he was a Seventh-Day Adventist and then expounded views in which this church does not believe, and the result was very unfortunate comment from the court.

This church believes that as Christians we should seek not to take human life, and that we should be faithful to our convictions regarding the observance of the Sabbath, but outside these two points we should do all we can to help the Government. We believe definitely in helping the wounded, the distressed, and would do all in our power to help the community in case of air raids, etc.

It is true that as a church we grant a man liberty of conscience so that he may differ from these views, and if he differs he is not automatically disfellowshipped. Workers and officers should observe this last statement carefully. H. W. LOWE.

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Notes from the President

BAPTISMS

OUR first baptisms of the year have been held during the month of May. In spite of adverse conditions the cause of God continues to make progress and converts are being won who are giving God their supreme loyalty.

Chelmsford.—A new group of baptized believers has now been gathered out in this old city. Pastor C. A. Reeves baptized twenty candidates, the majority of whom were from the Chelmsford campaign. The service was conducted in our Walthamstow church on Monday, May 20th. It was a joy to see a goodly number of men taking their stand for the truth. A fuller report

of this service appears on page 3.

Bristol.—On Sabbath, May 25th, Pastor O. M. Dorland baptized nine more candidates and welcomed them into the fellowship of the Bristol church. Thus twenty have been baptized at Bristol by Pastor Dorland since September. We rejoice with the Bristol church over these new additions.

Wimbledon.—Brother A. C. Vine had the happy experience of his first baptism as a worker in this field on Sunday, May 5th, when four were led through the waters. Three of these candidates were brethren who are taking a loyal stand for the message.

Remember these new Adventists in

your prayers, and as you think of them remember the many others throughout our conference who are now making their decision for truth. It is confidently expected that several other baptisms will be held in the near future.

Our evangelists and Bible-workers are standing by their arduous tasks loyally, and God is blessing their efforts in difficult times.

HARVEST INGATHERING

THIS surely is the "campaign that knows no crisis." The response from our churches as the campaign begins is heartening. Now is the time when we must all do our part. The help of every one is essential to victory. Conference workers, church officers, and loyal members will now rally to the call and reveal what can be done in *one month*. Our hearts are set on £2,000 for missions in June. Do your part cheerfully and well.

G. D. KING.

Baptism at Bristol

ON Sabbath morning, May 25th, in the Bristol church a further baptism was held. This fruit was largely due to the seed sowing of our members. One was an additional result of last winter's lay effort by Brother Evans, our valued treasurer, and others through the literature ministry and Bible studies of Brethren Nicholls, Dean, and Conroy, one of our elders.

We were pleased to have Pastor G. D. King with us when these nine members were received into the fellowship of the church.

On the same Sabbath thirteen interested people attended our afternoon meeting and thirty on the Sunday night. This interest gives us good prospects of another baptism before the close of the year.

O. M. DORLAND.

First-Fruits from Chelmsford

AN impressive service of baptism was conducted by Pastor C. A. Reeves on Monday evening, May 20th, when twenty candidates followed their Lord. Nine of them were men. We were happy to have Pastor G. D. King present at this first ingathering of souls from this year's campaigns. We thank the Walthamstow members for again

granting us the use of their church. Now we look forward to the organization of a strong church at Chelmsford in the near future.

Before the end of July there should be a goodly number ready for baptism from our Brentwood cam-

paign. A second harvest from Chelmsford will also be ready to go forward with them. Pray that these newly-won souls may be worthy representatives of God's message in these testing times.

JOHN WEST.

FLASHES

From the Home Front

The Secondary Hall

How true this term is—in many more ways than one! Evangelist has learned, however, to take this as a necessary evil. He makes the best of this handicap—as he does of all others.

For nine weeks his services have been cradled in a luxurious cinema. He has had the help of choir and

organist. His advertising has been the best he knew how to put out with the money at his disposal. The interest in the programmes and the "glamour" of his cinema has helped to make it less difficult to gather a crowd.

And now, suddenly, as a bolt from the blue, his congregation is introduced to a secondary hall. It may be a school hall or a club. It has a piano (have you heard them?) and folding chairs and many other adjuncts (Evangelist has learned by bitter experience to accept them as necessary, although they aren't really!). The glamour of the big meetings is gone. The choir cannot be continued. With the help of a solo or quartette, and a not too clean wooden stage, Evangelist has to carry on with his hardest job—pressing home the great testing truths which make this God's last movement.

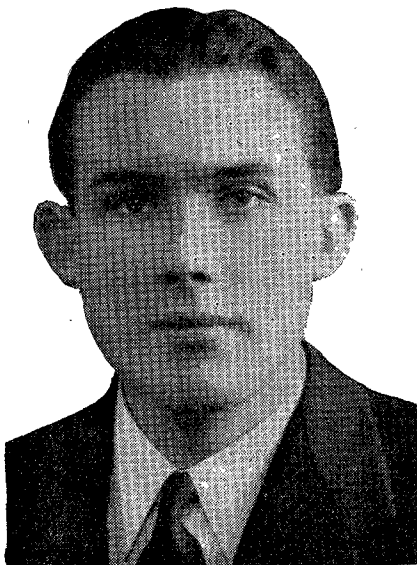
Why is this, you ask.

Let me tell you. It is not because Evangelist cannot continue with his great thrilling meetings. It is not because the people refuse to come to big gatherings—the reason is that those cost money—big money—to run. Evangelist has spent all his budget, except a pound or two, in the first two months. The bald truth is that he cannot afford to continue as he longs to—and as he would if he had the means.

And so he and Bible-worker plod on. She tries by personal appeal to make up what the pull of the big crowds can no longer accomplish. Through months of solid visiting her efforts put the plaster around the bricks of truth that Evangelist has tried to lay. Thus the temple of God's Holy Spirit is built of living stones.

LESLIE HARDINGE.

(Next time: "Preparing for the Baptism.")



R. A. VINCE

Another of our younger unordained evangelists.

District Leader—Gloucester and Cheltenham.

Present Campaign—Cheltenham. The home of a small company of Adventists which it is hoped will be built into a strong church. Full church organization is the ambition of workers and members.

Attendances at public meetings have been good under black-out conditions. The active interest at present reported is forty-five. Twelve at least are attending Sabbath meetings. A strong young people's work is being built up with many non-members attending—the largest reported in the conference. Pray for this work in Cheltenham.

Associate worker—Miss M. M. John

Graduation at Newbold

By A. J. RAITT

GRADUATION week-end at Newbold is a joyful occasion which we would like to be able to share with all our members. Between fifty and sixty guests spent the week-end at the College. All, we believe, experienced a real blessing and returned to their home churches inspired with new courage and enthusiasm. Most of them were close friends of the graduates. In fact, the surest way of getting the urge to come to Newbold for a graduation week-end is to be a friend of a graduate. So parents, send your children to Newbold, help them till graduation time comes, then we are sure to be able to welcome you when you come to see their triumph.

After a strenuous week of examinations the students saw the approach of the Sabbath, May 10th, with double joy. Nine students had completed their course at the College, and all the examinations were over. True, the thought that as soon as the week-end had gone most would have to leave Newbold was inclined to obtrude itself and cause a sudden tremor, for long weeks of strenuous canvassing lay ahead, and many farewells remained to be said. However, a vigorous mental rally could dispel sad forebodings, for brightly shone the sun, blue was the sky, and friends were all around.

The opening service, conducted by Pastor O. M. Dorland, was one of consecration. At the close of his address the nine graduates expressed their gratitude to God for His leading through their school careers and reconsecrated themselves to the work to which

they had been called. Assuming the honourable motto and title of "Slaves of Christ," they declared their readiness to go forth in the strength of the Lord "to proclaim liberty."

SABBATH SERVICES

After Sabbath-school the next morning, Pastor A. J. Mustard gave a straight message to the graduates and all present to preach faithfully and in its fullness the truth committed to this people. Here were no frills or high-sounding phrases to flatter the ear and still the conscience, but deep, heart-searching truths, presented with conviction, and containing a challenge not to be gainsaid. When the message of the Lord is thus delivered, hearts are always quickened.

One of the most interesting of the week-end meetings is undoubtedly that held on the Saturday evening and known as "Class Night." On this occasion the graduates present a programme setting forth in some detail their feelings and plans as they come to the close of their school life. Mottoes and aims which till then may have remained somewhat obscure to the uninitiated are then set

forth with all the wealth of meaning they convey to the class. Thus it was that this year we learnt just why the graduates had chosen to style themselves "Slaves of Christ," and what liberty it was they intended to proclaim. May God keep them all true to the purpose which now possesses them.

Then Sunday dawned bright and clear as to weather, but with the angry war clouds piling up on the political horizon. Many were the queries as to whether many visitors would be able to come to the afternoon meeting to witness the presentation of the diplomas. We felt the most we could expect under the circumstances was a crowd of between four and five hundred. By the time the meeting began, however, nearly eight hundred were present. We feel sure they were glad they had not let themselves easily be turned aside from coming, for the programme was worth coming a long way to hear.

GRADUATION ADDRESS

Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick presented the graduation address and hearts thrilled at his words. For the first time for many years there were included among the graduates four who received diplomas for the completion of the Teachers' Course. In addition there were three Ministerial



The faculty and students of N

Course graduates and four graduates from the Bible-workers' Course.

Pastor H. W. Lowe commented on the fact that the gymnasium where the meeting was being held had been renovated as a result of the liberality of those present at the Graduation Exercises in 1939. There was a generous response to his appeal for help to enable more students to get to school in order to profit by the material advantages which had already been won for them. This appeal is still open and addressed to all who sense their responsibility to help in the preparing of young men and women for the Master's service.

Thus another school year has ended. Begun in trepidation, but in faith, it has been richly blessed of God and will go down as one of the best in the history of our educational work at Newbold. Difficult days lie ahead, but by God's grace we will be more faithful than ever to the sacred trust of caring for the education of the Advent youth in this field. Praise God for all His goodness. To all whose prayers and gifts have been bestowed upon the College in the past, we say: "Thank you." May God richly honour your faithfulness and endue with power the young men and women you have helped to send forth.

To Proclaim Liberty

Graduation Address by W. R. A. MADGWICK

COLLEGE Graduation has always been an outstanding event in the Adventist annual calendar. But in recent years, since the removal of the College northward to Newbold, it has developed into a social function of no mean importance.

Although the pleasure of seeing one another and of enjoying the scenic beauty of Newbold has tempted us to gather here, we have come primarily to show our deep interest in the many activities of Newbold College. We have come to rejoice with the Principal and his efficient staff in the spiritual and scholastic attainments of the students for whom they have laboured so faithfully. We have come to rejoice especially with you, Graduates, in the honours being bestowed upon you for the successful completion of your collegiate courses. I am sure you are being stirred by the significance and the circumstances of the occasion. With thankful hearts you pause to look back upon the road along which God has graciously led you. With earnest prayers and sincere vows you turn to face the journey now lying before you.

On such an occasion and with such thoughts passing through your

minds, it will be impossible for you to exclude the contemplation of the ominous events of our time.

We are living in no ordinary days. Innumerable men and women in every land are yearning for peace, and yet others are being filled with a rising tide of anger, hatred, and bitterness. The hearts of many are being softened into repentance before God, while the hearts of many more are being calloused into impenetrable indifference. Civilization has ascended to its proudest heights and yet at the same time the barbarities of man have descended to their foulest depths. Strange, powerful, and conflicting forces are contending for supremacy in this troubled world. Above, around, and among the strife of man the supernatural forces of good and evil are manoeuvring for the great and final battle of the day of the Lord.

YOUR AIM AND MOTTO

This is the time in which, and the world into which, God has called you, Graduates, to labour for Him. Far from being dismayed you have decided to enter upon your mission with zeal and courage. For your Aim, and for the Motto to sustain

you in that Aim, you have wisely turned to the unflinching pages of Holy Writ. You have taken one brief but pregnant phrase from the inspired words of Isaiah 61:1 to express the objective in all your labours, "To proclaim liberty." You have turned to the writings of the apostle Paul and selected a motto based on his clear, convincing declaration of Christian liberty, "Slaves of Christ."



Newbold Missionary College, 1939-40.

To proclaim liberty! True liberty—not the false ensnaring freedom of lawless licence, but the real freedom which enables one to know, believe, and do what is right. What a thrill that word liberty gives to the human heart! It suggests the breaking of cruel chains and the bursting asunder of grievous bonds, the end of imprisonment and the overthrow of tyranny, the removal of oppression and the restoration of the legitimate rights of man. What scenes those phrases conjure up before our mind's eye! The heart-rending strivings of individuals, communities, and nations to obtain or maintain freedom.

The pages of history are replete with the stories of such struggles, some of them pathetically futile, and some of them excitingly victorious. Follow with me through the fascinating chapters of early medieval history and then pause to think of the thrilling emancipation from ecclesiastical bondage which took place in Germany in the sixteenth century. Follow with me again through the succeeding chapters and then stop to think of the political emancipation of the great French nation at the end of the eighteenth century. Turn the pages of our history books once more and consider the social emancipation of human slaves in the nineteenth century. What factors favoured these bursts for freedom? The realization of the state of enslavement, the vision of a better future state, and the grasping of the power to bring about the needed and desired change. These are the factors which must guide you in your work for freedom.

YOUR TASK

And what exactly is this task which you as Christian workers have chosen to do? In what direction lies your path of duty in the proclamation of liberty? Is it for you to challenge ideological thralldom, of whatever form it may take? No. Your task is far greater than that! Is it for you to throw down the gauntlet to political tyranny, national or international? No. Your fight will bring you against a greater foe! Is it for you to seek to overcome social injustice wherever you may find it? No. Your mission will take you to a far greater field of service than that!

Present-day ideological, political,

and social evils, terrible as they are, are but the symptoms of the grave malady of sin. You have elected to deal with that malady and its cause. It is for you, then, to wage war in the strength of God against the originator of evil, against the author of every kind of oppression. It is for you to enter the very stronghold of sin and proclaim liberty to the bond-servants of the devil.

In this great struggle against the spiritual forces of evil, you, Graduates, will be following in the footsteps of your Lord and Master Jesus Christ. He commenced His public ministry by quoting the very words which you have selected as your Aim, "To proclaim liberty!" He did not conceive it His duty to overthrow ecclesiastical authority, or to whip up political frenzy against the Romans, or to concern Himself exclusively with social reforms. His mission was greater than that. It was against the originator of all trouble. He saw man's pitiable bondage; He endeavoured to awaken a desire for spiritual liberty; He sought to bring man into touch with the liberating power of God.

Many rejected Christ's declaration of their spiritual enslavement, and so scornfully refused to be set at liberty. But many received His message and praised God from the depths of their heart for a happy release from sin. The same experiences will come to you, Graduates, as you proclaim your message of liberty. Be assured that a rich measure of success awaits you, provided you have experienced, as Jesus Christ did, a personal triumph over the evil one.

May God give you wisdom, grace, and strength. May God be with you for evermore and bless you abundantly in all your undertakings for Him.

Newbold College Student Evangelistic Fund

DESIRE to do the will of God is an important qualification for the task of bringing before the people the message for these days. But desire, standing alone, achieves nothing. Followed by action, who can estimate the results?

A desire to do more active work for the Lord, even while in training for the Master's service, had been felt by many at the College, but along what lines could we work?

The matter constantly arises, missionary work needs money with which to commence activities, and if any one is short of money it is the average missionary student. Brother H. Vigors sensed this difficulty, and took it upon himself to present this problem to friends outside the student body, and according to his faith the response came.

The various bands soon became active. The postman was kept busy collecting and delivering letters, copies of *Present Truth*, and tracts. Sabbath afternoons saw young people, eager to tell of a Saviour's love, visiting homes in the surrounding villages. Definite results have been seen from this work which was conducted in an orderly, systematic way. Several have been convinced of the truth of the Sabbath. Interest in the mission field is also maintained. The work of the Prayer Band should also be mentioned. Never before has the Sabbath-morning prayer band enjoyed such a large and constant attendance. One week-day morning it was called together at 6.15 a.m. Special prayer was to be made on behalf of a lady whom a student first interested while out in the canvassing field last summer. The needs of this soul had been further met by the Correspondence Band, and she had come to that place where she must decide. Prayer was offered. The answer came. The following day a letter was received saying that she had decided to throw in her lot with God's people.

On the evening of Friday, May 3rd, a service for the dedication of the Student Evangelistic Fund was held. Special musical items were enjoyed and our Principal offered the dedicatory prayer. We were privileged to have Pastor W. L. Emerson with us to give the address. Basing his theme upon 2 Cor. 5:18 he pointed out the three golden links in God's wonderful plan of salvation: "All things are of God," "Reconciled by Jesus Christ," and "Given unto us the ministry of reconciliation." Then directing our attention particularly to the last link in the chain he set before us the prime essential of successful ministry for God.

We all left the Friday evening meeting conscious that the Spirit of God had been with us and feeling greatly blessed. But another feast was in store for us on the Sabbath

morning, when Pastor Emmerson preached from 1 Kings 22:3, "Are you aware that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us? Yet here we sit still, instead of taking it over from the king of Arum!" (Moffatt's translation.) The spiritual application was indeed wonderful and inspired all to allow the enemy to hold no longer

the Ramoth-gileads of experience and service which are rightly ours.

We would like to thank all kind friends who have supported the Student Evangelistic Fund, and believe that in so doing they have supported a good cause the results of which only heaven can reveal.

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Notes from the President

"THIS is the hour for Adventists," said a business man who had studied our literature on the prophecies. It certainly is the hour for special opportunity for every member of the church; the hour for a much broader field of witnessing for our beliefs by our words and by a wider circulation of our literature.

STUDENTS

THE students this week sold £60. 6s. 10d. worth of literature and took orders for a further £52. 6s. worth of bound books in this conference. Please pray for their success.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

DID you remember to give your Week of Sacrifice offering last week-end? If not, there is still time. Give it to the treasurer as soon as you can this month.

HARVEST INGATHERING

HAVE the tidings about a short Ingathering Campaign aroused you to work from the first Sunday of June? You may be used to spending your Sundays in some special way, and hate the thought of using them in a different way. "Different" means change, and change is in itself stimulating. This year our whole mode of campaign will be different—a new proposition to be tackled with a new technique. Try it with a band of enthusiasts from your church or company at the next opportunity, and you will feel the satisfaction of a day spent in this good work.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

POLITICALLY we have been shaken

out of our complacency. How is it with us spiritually? We have read the parable of the sower many times. Usually we apply it to the hearts of those who listen to our evangelists and read our literature. Should we not apply that parable to our own hearts, Adventist hearts, on which for years the words of Inspiration

and men's messages from it have fallen? As new members we were thrilled with all the church services and all the exploits of the church in which we could take part. Have our once receptive and "good ground" hearts become hardened because we have failed to nourish the good seed by personal study and prayer and work till it bore fruit? The events of the past few weeks should make us all more studious of God's Word and the Spirit of prophecy, and more ardent in personal work than we have ever been.

HEARING

WE hear and read more at this time than men have ever heard and read in the world's history. Our minds should be guarded. Let us take Jesus' warning, given, I am sure, for these days, "Take heed *what* you hear," and especially "Take heed *how* you hear." Luke 8:18.

R. S. JOYCE.

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Notes from Superintendent

SOON a famous convention will be held at Portstewart and many people will wend their way to Ireland's local Keswick. Many of you will not be able to be present, so we are sending you a sermon which was preached there last year. Will you all read it carefully and prayerfully. If ever there was a time when God's people should be faithful it is now. If ever there was a time when God's people should be placing money in the bank of heaven it is now. Let us all be faithful. Think of Finland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, where we have thousands of believers. They have lost everything they had. We have been graciously spared.

When this present conflict comes to an end, our dear people in these countries will have to be helped. How can they be helped if we are not faithful in our tithes and offerings? We, as Adventists, are acquainted with the programme of events just before the coming of Jesus. Let us, however, remember that God

claims the privilege of cutting short His programme. He may come in the midst of this present conflict. It is certain when He does come, He will come for His "remembrancers." Will every member of the Irish Advent family take down his or her Bible and read Isaiah 62:6 (R.V.), noting the marginal rendering: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence." When our Saviour comes He comes only for His "remembrancers."

Do you remember Galatians 2:20, last sentence?

Do you remember Exodus 20:8?

Do you remember Malachi 3:8-11?

IRELAND'S ANNUAL WEEK-END

GOD's people have always had annual convocations. Ireland is planning, conditions permitting, to have one over the week-end July 5th to 7th. Please make a definite note of the date. Plan for it and pray that God will use our visiting

brethren—Pastors W. E. Read and H. W. Lowe. There will be no business to distract us—just one long week-end of spiritual things. All the workers will be present and we are hoping many of our dear people, especially our dear isolated members, will be present. You cannot afford to miss this annual feast.

Plan, Prepare, and Pray!

E. E. CRAVEN.

MINISTRY of LITERATURE

To Windsor Castle Again

You see it was like this. Mrs. — had been Queen Mary's personal housekeeper for twenty-nine years, but is now in retirement. And so a new lady has been appointed to serve Queen Elizabeth.

A few tactful inquiries helped us to gain an audience in Windsor Castle with our new prospect.

"Oh, good afternoon, porter, I have an appointment with Mrs. —, please."

"Yes, this way, if you please, sir. Would you be good enough to leave your hat with me and your gas mask, if you will?"

"You see, Madam, I have kept my appointment."

"Yes, and you are quite punctual. What is it that I can do for you?"

"Really, Madam, I would like to do something for you."

"And that is?"

"Well, you will realize with the rest of us that we are living in serious times, and if as a nation we could only get back to the Bible, things would be different, so I am pleased to think that His Majesty has appealed to the nation to engage in prayer for our country."

"Yes, Mr. Kinman, and we, too, feel that there will be a great response to the appeal. Is your work in connection with this project?"

"My work, Madam, is to help every soul that feels the need of God's guidance, as well as those who have not thought much about it."

At this point a gentle tap came on the apartment door, and a stately maid stepped in. "Madam, the man has called to take your gas mask away; he says he is to add a piece to it."

"As I was saying, Mrs. —, the many who are purchasing this book

will find in it the comfort needed in these days."

"Yes, I am quite sure of that; you may bring me a copy in that better binding, and feel assured that although I am busy I am extremely interested in what you are doing. Please advise me when you will be delivering the volume, and I will arrange to give you a little time to talk with you. I will now ring for you to be escorted through the castle, and please allow me to wish you all the success that your work deserves."

F. J. KINMAN.

Won to the Truth Through "Bible Certainties"

IN January, 1939, in the street where I started canvassing with the new book, *Bible Certainties*, I inter-

DID YOU GO?

WITH good weather prevailing and in possession of the new official credentials which have been issued, hundreds of churchmembers went collecting on Sunday. From conversations with a few of the collectors we gather the public were in a generous mood, and this was experienced personally.

One young lady brought back £2.5s. 9d. A group of members from one of the smaller churches raised £13. Stanborough Park can account for over £50. We are looking for a good first week's report.

But time passes all too quickly. We want a still greater responsibility. From collectors **MORE HOURS OF WORK and POWER OF APPEAL**. This is the call that comes to every churchmember in this crisis hour. Providence beckons us on. The opportunity to collect may not be ours for long.

J. HARKER.

viewed a lady who lived alone and had been unemployed for some months. She was interested in Christian Science and was apparently seeking for truth, so I was specially persistent and secured an order in the cheapest binding.

Meeting the lady a few weeks after delivering the book she said it was the finest she had ever read and wondered if I had any more by the same author. I had not, so I lent her *This Mighty Hour*, followed later by *Great Controversy* and a series of printed Bible studies. She now attends the Stockport services

regularly and has found suitable employment with Sabbath privileges, and we look forward to seeing her baptized very soon.

W. C. MCLEOD.

Wedding Bells

STEARMAN-BURGESS.—On Sunday, April 7, 1940, in the Advent church, Norwich, Horace Stearman and Florence Mary Burgess were united in marriage in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. Pastor G. D. King performed the ceremony, assisted by Brother Humphries. We wish Brother and Sister Stearman much joy in their life together, and that God's blessing may rest upon them.

CHURCH CLERK.

FISHER-KENDRY.—On Whit Monday last in beautiful sunshine, Ernest Fisher and Eluned Kendry, both of Blaenavon, were united in marriage. The service was held in one of the local churches kindly loaned for the occasion, and a large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony, including a wide circle of relatives and friends. The service was deeply solemn as well as being truly joyful, and ended with a short address and the singing of the lovely hymn, "O Love Divine and Golden." The register signed, the happy couple repaired with the bridal party to the reception and breakfast. Later they were afforded a magnificent send-off as they left for their honeymoon. We wish the happy pair God's richest blessing as they build yet another Adventist home. We wish also to extend sincere thanks to officials of the church where the service was held for all their help and kindness. Special mention should be made of the organist and the caretakers.

F. S. JACKSON.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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June 14th	9.18	9.31	9.31	9.59	10.01
June 21st	9.21	9.34	9.34	10.02	10.04

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