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Ingathering in War Time

THE greatest war of all time is on. So also, is the battle for the maintenance of missions. Regarding the latter we can report good progress both in the matter of funds gathered in and in the zeal of our church-members. The money is coming in at the rate of a thousand pounds a week. This without the help of our Scottish members, Eire, and the College students.

The reports due to us on June 17th should bring the total to date up to £2,500. Our goal for the month of June is £4,000.

Some churches have gone beyond all previous records. Stanborough Park, with the largest membership in the Union, has got its full goal for June in half the time. Edgware is also well in advance as in previous years. Coventry, Croscombe, Ipswich, Darlington, and several of the smaller groups have either reached the June goal or are very near. The spirit of the Ingathering army is aptly described by one of our North Conference local agents: "The members are certainly doing a good work and happy in it, too. Surely the Lord makes His people willing as they seek to help others, and He also opens the hearts of the people."

If any who read these lines have not yet made a beginning, we would urge such to secure the collecting outfit—box, permit, badge, and literature, and adopt the national slogan, "Go to It." The value of the badge is fully demonstrated. If attention is tactfully drawn to it at an early point in the appeal, the

By J. HARKER

response is usually quick and favourable.

One of our earnest sisters whose years and health would be a reasonable excuse for not collecting, has found great physical benefit as well as great spiritual uplift in going out. She says: "I have been getting worse and worse in health, so much so that on a recent occasion the

doctor would not allow me to fetch my medicine. I have had to get a woman to do my housework and have just rested, rested. But realizing the times in which we are living and the needs of the cause, I felt I must risk something to go Ingathering, even if it shortened my life. I prayed earnestly for strength to do the work. God has heard my prayers. My heart, though at first weak and troublesome, has become steadier as the days have gone by. I have walked miles in country territory and have had many happy experiences."

This sister has sold a copy of *Great Controversy*, made arrangements for future visits, loaned some of our books, and made several hopeful contacts.

It is this work which must be more definitely linked up with the appeal for funds. If we carry a true burden for souls God will guide us to those who can be helped.

"God is testing the devotion of the churches and their willingness to render obedience to the Spirit's guidance. The standard of righteousness is to be exalted. The Spirit of God is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence will become lights in the world. Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. As they let their light shine they receive more and more of the Spirit's power."—Mrs. E. G. White, "The Time and the Work," page 13.

JUNE INGATHERING

UNION GOAL
£4,000

Report for ten days

South	£1,007
North	442
Wales	140
N. Ireland	71
Union	£1,660

A licence to collect in Scotland is expected any day. We are hopeful also for Eire. J.H.

Ingathering in Dover

SUNDAY, June 2nd, was a lovely summer morning, and my first thought on waking was Harvest Ingathering, and my second was of Dover, my territory.

Dover, with its empty houses, its depleted population, the evacuation of its children on this very day, what prospects!

It was a temptation to break the tenth commandment in thinking of those whose territory lay in the West of England and the Midlands.

Leaving Folkestone, from a station crowded with excited children about to be evacuated, I reached Dover under identical circumstances, with mothers and fathers seeing their children off for an indefinite time.

Would these parents be interested when I called with my box? Would

their own circumstances crowd out the call of the mission field?

A decreased population meant increased prayer, and I started with an even more earnest call for God's help than last year. Thus does adversity bring us nearer to God.

In two hours I was back at the station, with my box full, with little silver, it is true, being a poor section, but with the good wishes of really cheerful givers.

One long road in this old Cinque Port is named *Odo Road*, and with about three exceptions, they all "did" give.

Their readiness to help, under the strain of their circumstances in Dover, was indeed gratifying. Amid the war rush and chaos of the world God's work will go on.

MRS. E. DUNNETT.

Join the Soul Salvage Corps

THE animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms are well represented in the slogans which we come across daily in our newspapers, such as "Save your offal," "In your dustbin there is wealth," or "On the scrapheap there is wealth," indicating that the things carelessly thrown aside as valueless in peace time have now, in war time, become very precious, and inviting us to salvage all we can. But how few pause, midst war-time anxieties, to give thought to the kingdom of God as represented by the slogan, "Millions of precious souls on life's scrapheap," souls without hope for the future, their hearts failing them for fear, perplexed, not knowing what will happen next.

We who can read the testimony of Jesus in to-day's events have a very solemn duty toward those hopeless souls. In the words of a well-known hymn:

"Can we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we, to souls benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

If we pass on the other side, neglecting to tell forth the Gospel truth as the Bible commands us, we fail in our duty to the loving Saviour who willingly gave His own life that we might live.

As members of God's remnant church, we should not be surprised

at nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom. Nor should there be fear in our hearts, because we can look up and see our redemption is even at the door. But we still have work to do, and, because time is so short, we must again and again look over that scrapheap, where priceless souls are waiting to hear the message of

JUST WHY?

WHY haven't you been Ingathering?

WHY have you stayed at home?

— "Too much rain;
Too much sun,
Too many home tasks
To be done!
Times are hard;
People poor;
Funds are difficult
To secure.
I can't talk—
Don't know how;
Some time I'll try;
Not right now!"

WHY have you been Ingathering?

WHY haven't you stayed at home?

— "So much joy,
Even fun;
So many lost souls
To be won.
Mission boards
Need my aid;
It's for the Lord; so
I'm not afraid.
Time is short;
Can't delay.
I'm going Ingathering
Every day!"

—Selected.

the everlasting Gospel, and try to salvage all we can. And we must *do it now*. By the way, have you noticed that "now" when reversed spells "won." Let us remember our familiar slogan, "Win one," and try to make it as effective in war as in peace time.

The ability to preach a sermon is not given to all and some are too nervous even to speak to one stranger, but we can all send forth a tract which, once it leaves our hand, goes on a journey the end of which we know not, but which we can believe will be directed by our all-wise heavenly Father, who so gladly gives the increase if we will but sow the seed in faith. Do not let an opportunity pass. Pray for guidance and courage, and they will be given in abundant measure.

May I recall the story of St. Patrick who, preaching and teaching on the mountain-side to simple folk, one day found he could not make them understand the story of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three separate beings yet one Godhead. It seemed he would never be able to make it clear to their simple minds until, bowing his head, no doubt to pray for guidance, he saw shamrock growing at his feet; he picked one, and there indeed was a complete sermon, one stalk with three separate leaves, yet three in one. It was sufficiently clear to these simple folk when St. Patrick used a simple illustration to the glory of God.

In these times when "waste nothing" is the order of the day, isn't it a grand thought that we cannot waste the Gospel by being lavish in its use; the Gospel is wasted by withholding it. Among my tracts of a previous campaign I had one series, "Is Jesus your friend?" etc., which I saved until I went Ingathering. When "not to-day," or "I never give to missions," was the reply I got, I said, "Will you please accept one of these little booklets and read it, then if you feel you were wrong in refusing, send your gift to our headquarters, the address of which is on the leaflet." On many occasions I have received such "conscience" gifts. Once a lady came out as I was returning on the other

side of the road and said, "I will give you a trifle"; she remembered Jesus was her friend. The result from that tract grew quicker than a mushroom.

Brethren and sisters, do not fail to give out these special tracts without a moment's delay; work for the night is coming. Do you realize it is possible for each tract to be the means of saving at least one soul from the scrapheap, and

that you may receive a bright jewel for each one? Picture, if you can, your feelings on that great day of the Lord, when He comes with His reward, if, as a result of your distributing these tracts, He says to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Will not then the trifling trouble involved in circulating these tracts be well worth while, and be well rewarded?

RUTH CROLL.

Notes from the Union President

OWING to the change for the worse in the war situation, which makes it inadvisable to hold large public gatherings at the present time, it has been decided to postpone the Quadrennial Session, which we had planned to hold in Watford this year. Such a meeting is not only dangerous in times like these, but also expensive, and the uncertainties of travel, etc., add to the problem of going ahead with such a large assembly. We shall hope, circumstances permitting, to hold district meetings in different parts of the field for our churches and workers, and when conditions become more normal we shall doubtless go ahead with our plans for the larger assembly.

NEW COLLEGE YEAR

EVERYTHING indicates that we shall be able to proceed with our plans to open our College at the usual time this year, and we hope that a large number of young people will be able to avail themselves of the privilege of a Christian education in these very unsettled times. We were able to provide work for our students to the amount of £3,500 last year, which was fifty-four per cent of the amount received in fees from the students. It may not be possible to continue offering such a large amount of labour, but we shall do all we possibly can in this direction. Members and parents would greatly help the cause by prayerfully considering the question of helping our Students' Aid Fund at this time. As there will be no large annual gatherings we shall be deprived of the large collections which are usually taken for this purpose.

Education Day (July 6th) will bring to you a little envelope in

which you may place the offering which you would have given at the conference session. Everything in war time calls for sacrifice, so let us give a larger offering than usual. In addition to the offering, pledges to pay a certain sum later in the year are needed.

IRISH MEETING POSTPONED

OWING to permit restrictions Pastor W. E. Read and the writer may be unable to get to Belfast for the special week-end services announced for July 5th to 7th. We must therefore cancel the appointment, but if we can obtain permits we shall go over, D.V., separately for visits among our Irish churches.

HARVEST INGATHERING

REMARKABLY good results are attending our collections for foreign missions this year, despite existing conditions. Everywhere success is coming to our faithful, courageous collectors. We are working under the handicap of not having large numbers of our young people with us this year, and it has been found impossible to do exactly as we have done in other years in some other respects, but looking over the whole field we are very grateful that God has blessed us with this good beginning. Now is the time for you to help, and we hope that three words, of national significance at the present time, will serve to inspire Adventists in respect to this Ingathering Campaign: GO TO IT!

SECONDARY SCHOOL

E. E. WHITE, B.A., B.Sc., has been invited to connect with our newly formed Secondary School at Stanborough Park, and as he is very enthusiastic about the whole question he has gladly accepted the call

to become the headmaster. Miss West, who has done excellent work during the past two years, remains headmistress of the Church School and she, with the other teachers who have laboured faithfully together, is enthusiastic about the new arrangements. The point of special significance in this new venture is that every committee and group of individuals who have worked through these plans have been unanimous in going forward with the project. We hope to have at least 100 students in this school, and for the first time, it will be possible to take our children up to Matriculation work and then pass them on to our College at Newbold.

Plans have been made to provide for salaries, etc., but we are in need of several hundred pounds for a capital fund in order to equip an extra room or two and a small science laboratory, etc. Any of our members who could help us in this effort to build up the cause of Christian education, in these very un-Christian times, should get in touch with us for further information.

It is hoped to commence this school with the September quarter, and we hope God may impress a number of people to help us financially in this venture.

H. W. LOWE.

A Frank Talk to Men of Military Age

QUITE a large number of you have now passed through the machinery set up to provide for the convictions of Christian men under present emergency conditions. For such provision you are doubtless all very grateful, but I want to talk earnestly to the different kinds of men who have been assisted by us and by our ministers in general at this difficult period.

Briefly, we can divide the men concerned into two classes. Firstly, there are those who were what we would call 100 per cent Adventists, who have always been loyal to the truth, with deep spiritual convictions which they could have explained to any tribunal on earth. We admire these strong servants of the Master.

Secondly, there were those who, however much we may regret it, have been in the "fifty-fifty" class. These were men who perhaps were not faithful in their church attendance,

tithe-paying, and in many other respects were not the strong spiritual men they ought to have been. To this class I would like to address a few earnest questions.

If God has, in His wisdom, allowed you to live under conditions that He has provided for men with deep convictions about this truth, what are you going to do about your future service to Him? Will you continue indifferent or careless about your prayer life, your church attendance, your home life, your tithe-paying, your amusements, etc.? Or will you allow the

present to be an awakening challenge that will bring you back to whole-hearted allegiance to God?

The Adventist church is not interested in helping men to avoid physical hardship and sacrifice, but it is tremendously interested in helping all its men and women to be whole-souled for the Lord. These are the times for full surrender. As Sister White has told us, God wants men who are true to duty as is the needle to the pole.

Think it over! Pray about it! May God guide you to the full joy of His salvation. H. W. LOWE.

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Notes from the President

HARVEST INGATHERING

WHAT a splendid report—half the goal for the month of June in EIGHT days! . . . Those we have heard commenting on the work this year have said that the people are more willing to give, or that it is no harder than previous years. We have proved this in house-to-house work with members ourselves. We might mention that the office is closed each Sunday, and we all, office workers and families, go out collecting. New members are throwing themselves whole-heartedly into this work and getting splendid results. Isolated members are working faithfully in their districts, and the entire memberships of some companies and churches are working. Three hundred years ago Shakespeare said:

"I do not know
Why yet I live to say, 'This thing's
to do';
Sith I have cause and will and
strength and means
To do't."

That sums up the zeal of the faithful Ingatherers. We truly have the *cause*, the *will*, the *strength*, and the *means* to do it. Notice the order of those words. If someone who is reading this now has not been out yet, read those words once more and "Go to it!"

LITERATURE

THE colporteurs are hard at it. They have turned an aggregate loss

of £324 into an aggregate gain of £24. We know that our people pray for the colporteurs, and that they will be glad to know the results of their prayers.

THE PRESENT HOUR

THE radio brings the war very near to us. Darkness settles down on men's minds as they try to discover meaning in the events which are taking place before their eyes. But this people is not in darkness. We know the meaning. We know what is coming. And we have a message to give to men in this darkness which holds the only explanation of the meaning of these things.

We believe with Isaiah (chapter 26 9) that "when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Read messages from our leaders in the *Review* of reports of the work in Poland and Rumania where there have been mighty setbacks.

From Poland: "We have had many experiences, but the Lord has helped us through, and the work of God goes forward. . . . As far as I can tell, the year 1939 was the best in the history of our work in Poland."

From Rumania, where our 600 churches were closed a year ago and our work paralysed: "There is a tremendous difference between the situation last year and this year. Now all our churches have received a special authorization from the ministry of religion." There have been increases in all departments, and last year 1,428 believers were added to the church. "All this," adds the report, "is due to the influence of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the churches." Yes, "in the midst of the seven candlesticks" is "One like unto the Son of man." We have nothing to fear so long as we are awake to the times, and aware of our personal responsibility to talk of the victory for God's cause, and to work for it. Above all, let us hold fast to all the doctrines of God's Word. Let us "*abide in the ship*" or, as Paul said to the storm-swept travellers in that boat long ago, "ye cannot be saved."

R. S. JOYCE.

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Evangelism in Cheltenham

THE local newspaper was not exactly encouraging! . . . What visions of rapture had I drawn of working in this garden-city of the west, where the streets are lined with trees, and the rolling Cotswold hills surround, and where many of Britain's more wealthy citizens have taken up congenial residence. Bishop Wilson, said the editor, had called it a "peculiarly exacting parish" after

working in it for thirteen years, and another reverend gentleman had refused to accept the post. But here we were, the church, Miss John, our Bible-worker, and I, stepping in with the challenge of the Advent message.

While the snow and ice of January were delaying the advance of the Russians toward Finland, our attack was impeded, too. Our first attendance at the town hall of 250 per-

sons encouraged us. On the fourth afternoon we literally slid to preach the message to twenty-five. Sheet ice and biting frost, deep snow and chilling winds mocked us malevolently those first four vital Sundays. But the power of truth was making itself felt also. On the eighth afternoon we were blessed with an audience of over 100 as "the Sabbath" was preached. Vociferous objections quivered before the simple but shattering evidences of the Word of God and of history. A deep solemnity filled the hall as we closed the service with a beautiful solo from Brother Horace West. God was good to us, for nineteen non-members attended our first Sabbath service. The remainder of the twelve weeks in the town hall revealed a firm and sincere interest. We were really happy now.

The day came, however, when dwindled funds drove us to seek a smaller hall. There was none available except our own small church hall, usually holding about thirty-six chairs. But eighty into thirty-six "won't go"! Evacuated London firms had taken all the suitable halls. Then eighty into thirty-six must go! We stained and polished our floor, built a new platform, doctored the wheeze out of the organ, till, as one friend exclaimed, our hall was a pattern of "elegant simplicity." We invited our friends.

The expressions of joy in the faces of our members was one of the most heartening features of that first Advent Hall service. With all the pride of a conference session our stewards in chain formation passed up chair after chair from the lower room. They put them along the back, almost under my nose, down the narrow aisle and in the passage outside. Some were standing. Sixty-two went into that hall after all.

Since then all our services have evidenced the wonderful blessing of God. How often have we prayed for wisdom and the Spirit to convince that dozen faithful followers who attend on Sabbaths. How often have we wished for a denominational day of prayer on their behalf. How strong are the barriers of tradition, circumstance, and pride to-day!—but how much stronger the power of your prayers to overcome them!

But wait. Did you go to the Graduation Service this year? Perhaps you saw two coaches there

from Cheltenham and Gloucester. Fifty of us were there to enjoy the inspiration of your company. Did you sing those hymns with fervour? Did you pray with earnestness? Did you conduct yourself with Christian grace? Then thank God that your example convinced two interested ones at least to keep the next Sabbath. The following Monday saw

two more born into the command-keeping family of God by a covenant of sacrifice. Others are still struggling. The fruit is setting on the boughs. There will be more ripe for the Reaper.

You will pray, you will give, won't you? . . . and we will work. God will give the increase.

R. A. VINCE.

FLASHES

From the Home Front

Preparing for Baptism

BAPTISM is Evangelist's second objective. His first is to find a long list of interested persons from whom his candidates will be found. For forty or fifty weeks Evangelist and Bible-worker have preached and studied the message with all who would listen—and to many who didn't! When every truth has been

preached three times the burning questions which each interested person is called upon to answer are these: Are you willing to follow Jesus all the way by doing everything He asks of you in the Bible? And are you prepared to give your Saviour the answer He demands as an indication that you accept His regenerating life? (1 Peter 3:21.)

In sermon and study—in season and out of season—these questions are repeated; while at the same time the full "form of doctrines" which tell us what Jesus would do are re-emphasized. Gradually the decisions are made. Sometimes after weeks of prayerful study, sometimes impelled by the sudden overwhelming conviction of God's Holy Spirit, men and women—young and old—determine that they are going to submit their wills to His, and follow the example of daily living which Jesus has set.

The list of interested lessens, the roll of baptismal candidates lengthens. Many who were loudest in protestation are foremost in procrastination. Some who seemed insensitive slowly, solidly, sincerely come forward with the request for baptism.

It is a thrilling experience preparing for baptism. It is a time when one feels utterly impotent. Prayer is the only key to unlock stubborn hearts. To-day around the country many an evangelist is facing this soul-stirring experience. Men and women are making decisions which will last through eternity. I want you to sense this, so that you will willingly, joyfully comply with Jesus' request, that when the "fields were ready to harvest" we should pray.

L. HARDINGE.

(Next time: "The Baptism.")



PASTOR F. C. BAILEY

District Leader—Essex District.

Owing to leave of absence having been granted Pastor C. A. Reeves on account of sickness, Pastor Bailey has taken over the immediate interests at Chelmsford and Brentwood. At both these places good interests are developing. Already a baptism has been conducted from Chelmsford, and at Brentwood a number of new friends are keeping the Sabbath. The Sunday meetings are attracting encouraging non-member attendances.

Your prayers on behalf of this strong new work are requested.

Associate workers: Miss M. Clements, J. P. West.

Ministry of Literature

Meeting the High and Low with "Bible Certainties"

"IN these days of travel the opportunities for coming in contact with men and women of all classes, and of many nationalities, are much greater than in the days of Israel."—*"Gospel Workers,"* page 352.

Well, that was written a number of years ago, but it seems to be even more true to-day.

I have found it a most delightful experience in the canvassing work to approach men and women of high degree, and recently my wife has successfully approached more than one "lady" and "sir." The other day she visited Lady—, who said: "Well, times are hard, but we cannot forego the pleasure of purchasing a copy of *Bible Certainties*."

My visits of late have been at the other end of the social scale, including the humble lodging house. No sooner had I made contact with one likely prospect (the proprietress of the hostelry) than in walks a custodian of the law seeking the whereabouts of — (we will call him Mr. Jones). The kindly hostess promised to give all the assistance in her power should Mr. Jones at any future date retrace his steps and re-apply for domicile, and so with the departure of the police officer I am in a position to offer a canvass that I am hoping may well suit my prospect.

"You see, Madam, we are here able to visualize Saint Paul standing before King Agrippa, and writing to Timothy he says: 'I know whom I have believed.'"

"It is a grand thing to be able to say: I know, is it not, Madam? You see, you did not know about Mr. Jones, did you?"

"And look, too, how lovely this is. It is the holy One of God assuring the multitude that each one may have a place in His heart of love. The whole work itself strengthens our confidence in the holiness of our blessed Lord." And so we delivered our book in one of the better bindings for use in the lodging house.

What if Mr. Jones one day has the opportunity of perusing it?

R. J. KINMAN.

He Called Again!

ONE morning while a colporteur was seeking God's guidance for the day, he felt impressed to visit a home where he had failed previously to deliver a copy of *Our Wonderful Bible*. The daughter answered the door and the colporteur remembered how hostile she had been when he tried to deliver the book her mother had ordered and on which she had paid a deposit.

She immediately said, "I am glad you have called, and I am very sorry for being so rude to you the week before. After you had gone," she continued, "I felt very guilty and could not feel in my heart that you were not genuine. Someone had said you were an impostor and that was the reason for my attitude."

Just then the mother came in from shopping and said, "I will have that book." When relating this experience the colporteur said, "The treatment I received on the first visit was such that I felt I could never call again, and I would not have done so but for the impression I received that morning. This experience proved to me that when man has failed it is God's oppor-

tunity of showing His power to bring success out of failure."

A. W. COOK.

Her Best Book

"I READ a number of books," stated a lady, "but I never go to church now, for I do not agree with the ministers of to-day.

"I have read a number of —'s books, but I want to show you the best book of all. I have read it over and over and over again."

"Do you know," she said, "that Sunday is not the Sabbath at all? When I go north to my home in Wick my sister expects me to go to church but I tell her I do not believe in the modern church."

Needless to say, the colporteur is overjoyed to meet such ripening fruit from the sowing of the seed.

The lady said she would like to keep the true Sabbath, and is coming to the church when she gets a house near enough.

The book she treasured so much was *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*, and this book had enlightened her so much that she was delighted to tell me of the wonderful knowledge she had obtained.

Surely, now is the time to pray that fruit will be borne as the result of the sowing of the seed of the printed page. H. D. HOWARD.

At Rest

BURROUGHS.—Our hearts in Norwich were made sad by the unexpected death of little Frank Burroughs, aged twelve years, who was very suddenly called to his rest on February 14, 1940, after a brief illness. Our ways are not God's ways, and we do not understand the cutting short of this young life, but we shall know hereafter. We can only say: "Thy will be done." Little Frank was a member of the Junior Missionary Volunteers, and loved by all. We miss his bright face each Sabbath as we look over the children. He was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery, in the presence of a number of friends, on February 17th, Brother Humphries conducting the burial service. Our hearts go out in sympathy to dear Frankie's parents, brother, and sister, but we know they will have the joy hereafter of seeing him again, when Jesus comes. CHURCH CLERK.

LOVELACE.—Mrs. Fanny Lovelace, a member of the Bristol church, passed peacefully away at the home of her niece when nearing her eighty-sixth birthday. We laid her to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Trowbridge to await the coming of her Saviour. Nurse Lovelace first heard the message in an open-air meeting held by Brother Edgar Brooks thirty-four years ago at Bristol. She was baptized by Pastor E. E. Andross in 1908 and was welcomed into the fellowship of the Watford church. She spent two years at our college and laboured for some time in the colporteur and Bible work. She

always bore a faithful witness to the truth which she loved, being diligent in Harvest Ingathering and other lines of missionary endeavour. It can truly be said of her, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." She rests from her labours.

O. M. DORLAND.

TOMKINSON.—On April 17, 1940, Sister Rebecca Tomkinson passed to rest in hospital after much suffering, in her seventy-first year. She accepted the advent truth under the ministry of Pastor G. Hyde and was baptized by him on March 3, 1934. She fulfilled her duties as deaconess faithfully. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick conducted the last rites at the Manchester Crematorium on April 20th, in the presence of a goodly number of members from Stockport and Manchester.

H. THOMPSON, Church Clerk.

THOMPSON.—Sister S. Thompson, of the Hull church, passed away May 2, 1940, at the age of ninety-four. She, with her two daughters, accepted the message, was baptized by Pastor Bell in 1918, and ever since has been faithful to the message she loved so much. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Murdoch, assisted by Brother Woodfield, in the presence of members and friends. On that resurrection morning, when Christ comes to claim His children, our dear sister will answer to the Life-giver's call.

M. FISHER, Church Clerk.

BRITTON.—Our young sister, Ruby, confidently resigned herself to join the army of saints who "rest from their labours." It was not an easy resignation for one so young—only eighteen years old. But Ruby, after a few months of languishing, was ready to abide the will of her Maker, and passed from the scenes of the world's trials on May 2, 1940. Ruby was the daughter of Brother and Sister Britton, of Cross Cross, members of long standing in the Advent church in Wales. She gave her heart to Jesus long ago and gave much service as a member of the staff of The Stanboroughs Hydro. We laid her to rest in the beautifully situated cemetery at Risca in the presence of a large gathering of friends and neighbours. Her uncle, Brother Frank Powell, participated in the service held in the home. We shall look forward to meeting this dear child of the kingdom in that soon-coming day "when the shadows flee away." S. G. HYDE.

PEARCE.—Sister Margaret Pearce, of the Porth company, after a long period of weakness, passed to her rest on May 11, 1940, and was laid to rest in the Lledrddu Cemetery. Sister Pearce had been a member of the Advent family for twenty-five years, having accepted the "message" in 1915 through the ministry of Pastor Charles Penrose, at Treallaw. Our sister had reached a ripe old age and was ready to lay down her burdens and await the call of the Life-giver in the day of glorious resurrection. Brother Paul Cumings and the writer officiated. S. G. HYDE.

HOWELL.—At the age of seventy-four Lillian Annie (née Evans) Howell fell asleep in Jesus in the early morning hours of Sabbath, May 18, 1940, after a long illness patiently borne. Our sister was one of the earliest members of the Handsworth church, having accepted the Advent message under the labours of Pastor E. E. Andross in the year 1900. Sister Howell was the daughter of the late Rev. William Lewis Evans, a Baptist minister, and was baptized in childhood by him. Later she joined the Catholic Apostolic Church, and eventually, as stated, accepted the Advent truth, and for the past fifteen years was a faithful member of the South Birmingham church. We laid her to rest in the New Handsworth Cemetery, on May 23rd, in confident hope of meeting her again on the morning of the resurrection. Her husband, Brother H. J. Howell, and her brother in the United States are left to mourn. The writer officiated at the service.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

McAFEE.—The Kilmoyle company has suffered loss by the death of its oldest member, Sister Mrs. McAfee Senior, on May 19, 1940. Over thirty years ago the late Pastor R. Mussen and the writer held an effort in that district, and among those who accepted the truth were Mrs. McAfee, her mother, three sisters, and her brother; also her son and two daughters. Since that time our sister consistently held to the truth and looked forward to the coming of the Saviour in glory. For years she suffered pain and weakness, but she was always cheerful when talking about God, His goodness, and His precious promises. At the request of Pastor E. E. Craven I accompanied him to the funeral and took part in the services in the home and also in the churchyard, where many friends were gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of one highly esteemed by them. She left behind a son and daughter-in-law, two daughters and a son-in-law, and eleven grandchildren, all of whom are, I believe, in the truth—one of the latter, Brother B. W. Dougherty, has just graduated at Newbold. She was laid to rest and awaits the call of her Saviour and Lord on the resurrection morning. None of her friends mourn as those who have no hope.

R. WHITESIDE.

WHITE.—The sudden death of Sister Grace White on Tuesday, May 28, 1940, came as a grievous shock to the members of her family, and the wide circle of her friends in Irthlingborough and district. Sister White was baptized by Elder MacLay on July 28, 1906, at Kettering, and transferred to the Rusden church, December 31, 1915. She was greatly beloved by the members of the churches at Rusden, Kettering, and Wellingborough, who extend

their deepest sympathy to her sorrowing husband, her two sons—Leonard, who is a doctor in a London hospital, and Edward, who is Science Master at Newbold College, and to her Adventist sister and brothers in the U.S.A., Mrs. Brown (née May Gibbs), formerly a nurse at Caterham Sanitarium, now in Virginia; Clarence Gibbs, pastor of a large S.D.A. church in Florida; Arthur Gibbs, Takoma Park; and George Gibbs. We laid our dear sister to rest in the little cemetery at Irthlingborough to await the soon coming of Jesus. A. F. BIRD.

Wedding Bells

McGILLIVRAY-BAIRD.—In the presence of a large number of friends, relatives, and churchmembers, Brother John McGillivray and Sister Louise Baird were united in the sacred bonds of marriage on May 6,

A Call to Special Prayer

THE General Conference Committee has cabled an appeal to our believers throughout the world to observe Sabbath, June 22nd, as a day of special intercession that God may lay His hand upon the fury of man which threatens to stop the work of the Gospel over a large part of the earth at the present time. Word has been sent already to our churches, but this notice comes to our isolated believers who will certainly be glad to join us in prayer at this dreadful time. There surely never was a time when we needed to pray so much or so earnestly. We must ask God so to order events that the work of proclaiming His message of mercy to the world may go forward, and that we may all learn the lessons which present events are sent to teach us.

H. W. LOWE.

1940, in the Glasgow Advent Church, Pastor L. D. Vince performing the ceremony.

We feel sure that this marriage will be blessed of God as Brother and Sister McGillivray have been active workers in the church since together they embraced the third angel's message. After the reception the happy couple departed on their honeymoon.

"And so through life together,
Two hearts that beat as one;
Shall strengthen each the other,
Till travelling days are done."

E. HART, Church Clerk.

MASON-WILMOT.—On May 13, 1940, the sun was brightly shining into the

Reading church upon a goodly number of relatives and members who had assembled to witness the marriage of Brother Joseph Mason and Sister Gwendoline Wilmot. This happy couple are members of the High Wycombe church.

I am sure that the MESSENGER family will unite with the members of this district in praying that God's peace may reign in their hearts and in their home as they unitedly do service for the church and the community.

The ceremony was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother R. H. Bainbridge. C. R. BONNEY.

LOCKYER-McGOLDRICK.—On Monday, May 13, 1940, friends and relatives assembled at the Third Avenue Methodist Church, Gillingham, to witness the wedding of Brother Leslie Lockyer and Sister Doreen McGoldrick. Both young people take an active part in the work of the Gillingham church. We wish them great joy in their union, and trust their united faith will grow stronger as they face the opportunities that lie ahead to witness for the Master.

W. A. GIRLING.

SMALE-SOULE.—At the Congregational Church, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex, on May 25, 1940, the marriage took place between Brother Samuel James Gregory Smale, of Newport, Mon. and Miss Clara Jessie Soule of Enfield. Members of Enfield Wash and Edmonton wish them every happiness in their wedded life.

CHURCH CLERK.

NEWMAN-CROOKS.—Miss Myrtle Dorothy Helen Crooks of Lewisham church and Walter J. Newman were united in marriage in the S.D.A. Mission chapel, Oke Bola, Ibadan, Nigeria, on April 24, 1940. Miss Crooks had arrived from England two days earlier, having braved all the dangers of an ocean voyage.

Brother Newman is our Union departmental secretary. We wish these young people much happiness and Heaven's blessing as they give their united lives in service for the Master.

W. MCCLEMENTS.

COLLINS-HARVEY.—On Whit Monday, May 13, 1940, Brother J. C. Collins and Sister Vera Harvey were united in marriage by Pastor A. K. Armstrong at the Plymouth church, Sister E. Mills officiating at the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held in the church lecture hall.

Brother Collins, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, of Hove, Sussex, has for some years been a member of the Plymouth church, having been transferred from Newbold College. Sister Collins has been a faithful member of the same church since 1927. Both are earnest workers, and we pray that their united efforts will bring an added blessing to the cause they love.

I. COOMBE, Church Clerk.

Onward amid Difficulties

By W. E. READ

AMID the difficulties of these times God bids His children: "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21: 28. Instead of becoming discouraged we are to know "that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Luke 21: 31.

Years ago the apostle Paul, full of confidence in the Lord, wrote to the believers in Rome: "We glory in tribulations." This is our heritage also, and as God's remnant people in these last days we are to be, under God, specialists in dealing with difficulties and in solving problems. These are days when we need in our hearts a courage born of God.

Many problems face us in our work in Europe to-day. So many lands are affected; transportation facilities have been dislocated, and even communication by cable and ordinary mail is in many cases impossible. We need to pray earnestly for our brethren and sisters in lands that have been torn by war, that have known the devastating hand of the invader. Both the Southern and Northern European Divisions have been affected by the events of the past few weeks. Conditions as they have developed will mean a great deal to our work, especially in mission lands that look to us for support. To-day, owing to currency regulations, it is not possible to send mission offerings from certain countries to Africa, India, China, and other fields. How grateful we should be that here in our own beloved land we are still privileged not only to give, but to solicit for our large mission programme! We feel greatly cheered by the good response from all parts of the Union to the Ingathering appeal. What a blessing it would be if, during the month of June, we could finish the task and achieve the objective. Let us say with Caleb of old: "We are well able."

Due to the peculiar difficulties of the past few weeks, our Division staff has been somewhat reduced. Pastor L. A. Vixie, when visiting in Northern Europe, found it impossible to return to his home. He was obliged to go direct to New York, and, seeing that there was no prospect of him

returning to Britain, arrangements were made for his family to join him on the other side of the Atlantic. Sister Vixie and the two children, together with Sister Robison, left us two or three weeks ago. Last week Pastor G. E. Nord and family sailed for America. It was not possible for Brother Nord to visit anywhere in

dences we see in connection with His work. Good reports come to us from all parts of the field. God is blessing the labours of our brethren and, even in trying and uncertain days, men and women are finding their way into the kingdom of God.

Let us remember the counsel of the Saviour in these days of peril and look up, "lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

LATE NEWS

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Luton
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Reading
Colchester
Watford Town

Europe due to transportation difficulties. We had it in mind for him to visit East Africa, but due to Italy entering the arena of hostilities, it was deemed advisable that this visit be cancelled.

Brother Colson, our Division treasurer, is still in Europe. We are hoping that he may be able to return, but at the moment that is uncertain. We are still carrying forward our work, but amid many difficulties. We are grateful to the Lord for His protecting care and the many provi-

Tell It to Others

HUBER, the great naturalist, tells us that if a single wasp discovers a deposit of honey or other food, he will return to his nest, and impart the good news to his companions, who will sally forth in great numbers to partake of the fare which has been discovered for them.

Shall we who have found honey in the rock Christ Jesus be less considerate of our fellow-men than wasps are of their fellow-insects?—*Selected.*

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