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The Road to Freedom

By W. G. MURDOCH

FROM beginning to end the Bible rings with the message of liberty. Patriarchs and prophets have proclaimed a glad day of emancipation and psalmists have made it their theme song. The Master Himself encompassed the true conception of freedom. When speaking to the Jews He said, "The truth shall make you free"; and again, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:32, 36. Freedom, then, is not found in outward circumstances but is vested in a person—the Son. Political domination may enshackle the body and laws may restrict the expression of the mind, but the conscience can be in perfect liberty having been released from the bondage of sin by the Son.

The most abject slavery comes through servitude to sin. The apostle Paul declared of a certain group, "Who . . . were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:15), and again John states, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. There may be no chains about our neck and we may not be surrounded by prison walls, yet it is possible for us to be bound hand and foot by the fetters of some evil habit or disposition. It was joy and freedom from sin that inspired Paul and Silas at midnight, with their feet fast in the stocks, to pray and sing praises to God. Although

bound with chains, their hearts were free.

Man is free only when whatever is the will of God is his will also, and whatever is not God's will is not his will. When the law without finds its counterpart in the heart within, then comes freedom. "I am the truth," says Jesus, "and the truth shall make you free."

Philosophers, in attempting to define freedom, have expounded many contradictory theories. Some have taught that our conduct is determined by external conditions and influenced solely by environment. This, however, would not be freedom, since man is by no means a creature of circumstances, but is endowed with the power to live above his surroundings. Others have contended that to follow our natural inclinations is liberty. This is not liberty but licence and in this lawlessness of licence is the greatest of bondage. While we agree with those who believe that the individual is responsible for his actions, we would further say that it is the God-controlled life that is truly free. The slavery to selfish ambitions and desires has been exchanged for freedom and sonship with Christ. Coupled with this freedom comes to

us the solemn sense of responsibility, for where there is no freedom there can be no responsibility. So those who have become Christ's freedmen must therefore feel that from henceforth there rests upon them a solemn responsibility to Him who has freed them.

At this late hour in earth's history it is time that all of us allow the Son to break any chains that are still binding us down to earth and to cut loose those cords that have hampered us on our heavenward way. He came to earth to do this work, "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isa. 61:1. "He breaks the cruel power of sin, He sets the prisoner free." Some fear bondage more than they fear death, but the Christian will fear only the bondage of him who contends for the destruction of the soul. To those who to-day are struggling with sin comes the precious promise, "The spirits of darkness will battle for the soul once under their dominion, but angels of God will contend for that soul with prevailing power. The Lord says, 'Shall the prey be taken from the mighty or the lawful captive delivered?' . . . Thus saith the Lord, 'Even captives of the mighty shall be taken away and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered, but I will

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contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.' — "Desire of Ages," page 148.

A Message from the Australasian Division

WE were deeply touched to receive in our mail the other day a letter from Pastor E. B. Rudge, the president of the Australasian Union Conference, in which he stated that his executive committee had prepared a message of greeting to us in the British Union. This message has come so spontaneously and therefore unexpectedly from across the seas that we repeat it in full for the benefit of all our members in this Union.

Dear Brother Lowe,

Greetings from the Australasian Division in Council assembled.

In this time of world crisis our hearts go out to our brethren in Great Britain who are facing unprecedented peril and distress; and we desire to assure you of our prayers and sympathy. Although we are twelve thousand miles away from the actual scene of conflict, in which the liberties and privileges of democracy are being threatened by the forces of totalitarianism and paganism, yet we want you to know that our interests are identical with yours.

In this land which is statistically more British than Britain, the hearts of Australians beat in unison with our British brethren. Our prayers go up constantly that the homeland may be divinely protected from the attacks of the enemy, and that the present struggle may be brought to a speedy and satisfactory termination, thus relieving the untold sufferings of mind and body which this terrible war has brought into the world. We commit you and your conference to God, who has promised to be our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble; and we look to Him for deliverance from the threatenings of those who, under the leadership of the enemy of mankind, appear determined to uproot all that has been built up under the blessing of God during the past two millenniums.

Praying that God may greatly bless our King and his far-flung Empire, We are,
Yours in Christian love and fellowship,

THE AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION.

Pastor Rudge then goes on to indicate something of conditions in Australasia, and says:

"Up to the present moment, con-

ditions here have greatly widened opportunities for evangelism. Our workers around the field are busily engaged in their efforts to bring cheer and confidence to the hearts of the people through the message that has so much inspiration in it just now for the people in our land."

Brother Rudge indicates that it is the conviction of our people in Australasia that in the long run vic-

tory must come to the cause for which the Empire stands, and says that they have cancelled their camp meetings for the coming summer and have placed at the disposal of the Government all their living tents, numbering about 650, for use in the present emergency in Australia.

We have assured the brethren in Australasia that we reciprocate their prayerful interest in the work in this Union, and their loyal devotion to the cause of liberty which we all love so much. Certainly it would be fitting at this time for us to remember our fellow-Britishers and others loyal to the Empire in far-away Australasia.

H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

NEWS FROM INVADED EUROPE

WORD has come through indirectly from Norway, Denmark, and Holland, and we think our members may appreciate a few abbreviated facts from those unfortunate countries. Apparently in Norway our people were of the opinion that after the Finnish war they would enjoy peace, so that when sudden invasion came the institutions and our people in general were unprepared financially. Every commercial activity stopped, panic struck the people, and many fled from the cities and from their homes. The canvassing work ceased at once, our many clinics were closed, and the school could not continue. The Norwegian conferences have been very badly affected, and the workers are receiving thirty-five to fifty per cent only of their salaries.

So far as Holland is concerned, we have heard that none of our members has been killed there, as they have been in a few cases elsewhere, though some are wounded, and a considerable number have lost all their possessions. The chapel in Rotterdam stands safe, but it is the first or second house beyond the area of destruction. Meetings continue in Holland normally now.

In Denmark apparently meetings continue fairly normally, but our Skodsborg sanitarium is reported to have been taken over by the authorities, and certain financial difficulties

are being experienced throughout that country.

UNIQUE INGATHERING SUCCESS

AS stated elsewhere, our Union Ingathering goal of £10,000 is now reached. We owe to our church officers, members, and workers sincere thanks for the earnest effort and time given in this most unusual campaign for missions. Urged on by a seriousness born of these serious times, our people have risen nobly to the call of the hour. To God we owe deep gratitude for granting to His church a zeal for good works and an extension of conditions which permitted us to carry on our foreign missions campaign in a time of international unsettlement. Never before was there such doubt and perplexity surrounding our annual missions appeal. Never was there such cause to praise God for such a splendid achievement in every part of the Union.

EMERGENCY POWERS DEFENCE ACTS

Henceforth we shall all need to be careful in our statements both in and out of the pulpit. The rights of citizens have necessarily to be curtailed in war time. Sometimes such curtailment works to the discomfort of the unwary individual.

Regulations 39 B(a) (S.R. & O., 1940, No. 938) under the above Acts provide that any person who publishes a report or statement con-

nected with the war which is "likely to cause alarm or despondency," shall be liable to a fine of £50, or a month's imprisonment, or both.

It is easy for us to handle some prophetic themes, publicly or privately, so as to lay ourselves open to the criticism that we were causing alarm and gloom. Perhaps some have always talked that way. We must now concentrate on hope, comfort, courage—the things that the Advent message really means to honest men and women.

Suffice it to say that one successful prosecution has already been brought against a Seventh-Day Adventist under these emergency powers.

COURAGE!

THE next few weeks may be trying beyond our thoughts, but these are the times in which to think, pray, and talk courage. We now are called on to practise what hitherto we have only preached—real courage and faith in God. We believe all our members will remain true to God, calm in the Advent faith, and an inspiration to all about them. We are not planning any moves on the part of our workers, believing that all should stand nobly by the work. We should assist the authorities in every way we can as Christians, take all the reasonable precautions which God-given intelligence indicates, and display a quiet trust in Him who doeth all things well. Let us abide "under the shadow of the Almighty."

COLLEGE OPENING

THE time is approaching for our college opening, and we shall need to encourage all our youth to turn their eyes toward Rugby. Those who have not this year sent in their pledges or gifts for our Student Aid Fund are asked to do so now.

THE PATHS OF PROVIDENCE

WE should exercise some care in the way we refer to God's dealings at the present time. One extreme is to become saturated with the spirit of materialism which sees God's guidance nowhere. The other is to indulge in wishful thinking and to sink into unconscious exaggeration and sometimes into puerility. For instance, evidence is to hand that God has cared for His church in

war-stricken lands, but we must not say that the lives of His children must always be spared. It is a beautiful story that an old Christian lady in an ocean liner in a terrible storm declared to every one, "This ship will never sink with me on board," but its theology is not sound if we understand it to teach that Providence permits no harm to the redeemed.

Again, surely God gave men knowledge of medicine and surgery, and we can hardly expect Him to exempt from suffering those who ignore the intelligent use of this wise provision. The same may be said of those who refuse to see that God has given us knowledge regarding the use of shelters, gas masks, etc., in time of war. Providence does not eliminate human

intelligence; it utilizes it.

Lastly, we must be on our guard against the fatal habit of overstatement. If a Seventh-Day Adventist lives in a street which had two houses damaged by bombs, we must not therefore repeat a story that all other houses were destroyed but the Adventist's! We must be truthful about these reports of Providence. It pays to check every such story before passing it on.

God lives and rules, and He will guide in all the affairs of those whose first consideration is faithfulness to Him. That may, or may not, involve suffering, but the chief thing is to put God and eternity first. Courage, faith, hope, consecration, zeal—all these things are of more value than life itself.

H. W. LOWE.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

Days of Opportunity

YOUTH is the day of opportunity. It is the golden time, the time when great decisions are made and the character is moulded and shaped for life's future destiny. During these formative years the mind is plastic and impressionable. How important it is that the training and education should be such as to give the students opportunity to learn to evaluate life's great realities. The education obtained at Newbold Missionary College not only qualifies young people for efficient service in this life, but also endeavours to keep in view the life which is to come. Many are the testimonies that have been received from former students telling of the spiritual advantages obtained while receiving their education at our college. Here scores of young people have for the first time caught a vision of the plan that God has for their lives. That vision has become enlarged as their years of study progressed and to-day they are doing valiant service in the cause of truth.

As I look over the list of graduates, there floats into my mind memories of those pupils of former years. Well do I remember one young man coming into the registration room to receive his first year's assignment of studies. He was shy,

awkward, and felt that he was retarded in his education. There seemed nothing in his bearing to commend him as a future leader, but four years of instruction in the classroom, the association of his fellow-students, the chapel hours, the worship periods, the Weeks of Prayer, and especially the Friday evening testimony meetings all contributed to kindle in his heart a flame of hope and aspiration that soon became a fire for the message which he loved. To-day he takes his place among the heroes of the Gospel in dark Africa.

Another young man entered our school with but little of this world's goods and with no particular purpose to study with a view to completing any course. As the months went past there gradually formed in his heart a vision of becoming a doctor. During his few years at college that vision became more bright and that purpose more intense. To-day he is a successful physician and a pillar in his home church.

Such instances could be multiplied. Most of the leaders in our work in this Union to-day have been drawn from the noble army of young people who have been trained in our own school. What a valuable contribution our college has made to this field!

A training at Newbold effects a
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Days of Opportunity

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transformation in our young people. It begets in them high ideals and a noble purpose. It creates in their hearts a deep love for this truth and keeps them faithful to the message. It has been estimated that only ten per cent of the children and youth who receive most of their training in secular schools of the world remain in the church as a part of God's remnant people. On the other hand, ninety per cent of those whose training is in our Christian schools become definitely identified with the message and with the work of God. The Lord is calling for our youth to invest their talents in His service. Will you continue to hide your abilities in the world when you could be putting them to great advantage in the cause of God? On September 3rd Newbold will again open its doors. We hope to have one hundred young people answer the call to attend. If we have not already visited your church, write to-day for a prospectus and an application form. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. W. G. MURDOCH.

North England Conference

Important Successes on the North East Coast

"MEN'S hearts failing them for fear" and well they might in these dread days, but the church knows no fear and her advance no halt. In a bomb-torn street somewhere in the north-east can be seen a small, dingy shop, with its front windows completely smashed, and the next block of dwellings holding perilously together in spite of a gaping chasm, where once had been homes and happiness. Proudly displayed outside this humble store was a crude, whitewashed sign bearing the nonchalant words, "Business as usual."

These simple words have been the motto of the Hull church, but with God's help business has been greater than usual. With hearts that were dangerously near to failing we launched timidly out into the Ingathering campaign just two brief

months ago. Now, thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, Hull has more than reached her £200 goal.

Grimsby has excelled herself and wellnigh doubled her goal in the two brief months that have fled so swiftly by. With a one hundred

per cent working membership Grimsby can justly occupy her exalted position in the vanguard of victory. May God bless indeed these sacred labours and offerings to hasten the advent of that kingdom that shall never pass away.

A. J. WOODFIELD.

IRISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor E. E. Craven
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Notes from the Superintendent

FOR three week-ends we have been delighted to have Brother Bartlett with us: one in Dublin, one in Derry, and the other in Belfast. Our brother also visited Kilmoyle, Larne, Banbridge, and Portadown. We sincerely hope our future visiting brethren will take a leaf out of his book.

Perhaps the outstanding service was the one held in the Florenceville church on Friday evening, July 26th, when Brother Nicholson was ordained to the Gospel ministry. It was originally planned that this should take place at the Quadrennial Session, but, of course, this was found impossible because of war conditions. Quite a nice company filled the church, and God's presence was felt as our brother was set aside for the Gospel ministry in a definite way. All wished him God-speed as he continues to wield the sword in his Master's cause. We all hope that this milestone in his life will mean more souls wooed and won.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is drawing to a conclusion here in Ulster. In the Free State we have not been able to commence as yet. We have had active opposition this year as never before, but we will, by God's grace, reach our goal. Leaflets have been scattered asking the people not to give to us. We are, however, pressing on, determined to triumph. If our dear isolated people would enter into this noble work we would more than reach our goal.

The second quarter of 1940 reveals that we are still making progress in our various financial goals. In our old-established church at

Florenceville ninety-seven per cent are faithful in recognizing the principle of tithe-paying. I wish that all our dear isolated people would be as faithful. God is anxious to open the windows of heaven and bless His people if we would all be faithful. Shall we all "prove" God this coming quarter so that the third quarter might show continued progress? In many parts of this world God's people have lost everything except the blessing of God. They have lost their homes and all material things. May God help us all to be faithful.

E. E. CRAVEN.

Wedding Bells

LEWIS-ROLLINS.—On Monday, August 5, 1940, Brother Dennis Lewis and Joyce Rollins, both members of the Handsworth church, were united in marriage.

Both of these young people are active members of the M.V. society, Brother Lewis being assistant leader. Sister Rollins has grown up in the truth, her mother and grandparents being members of the church.

We wish them both the blessing of Heaven as they tread the path of Christian service together.

HAROLD W. McCROW.

MAUDSLEY-KNIGHT.—On August 5, 1940, Kenneth Nelson Maudsley, B.A., elder son of Pastor W. Maudsley, was united in marriage to Beryl Nora Knight, elder daughter of Brother N. H. Knight, business manager of Newbold College, at the Stanborough Park church, Watford. Kenneth is a school teacher under the Liverpool education authorities. Beryl is a graduate nurse from The Stanboroughs Hospital, where she was employed up to the time of her marriage.

The father of the bridegroom solemnized the union before a large number of relatives and friends, and the bridegroom's younger brother,

Roy, who is a fifth-year medical student, acted as best man.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of Pastor and Mrs. H. F. DeAth, where a very pleasant open-air reception was held. The happy pair then left for their honeymoon. We wish them both every blessing and divine guidance as they seek to establish a home "after God's own heart."

H. F. DEATH.

JONES-SPITALL.—On Sunday morning, July 21, 1940, in the Advent church, Holloway, relatives and friends from the Enfield Wash church met together to witness the marriage of a member, Brother William Jones, formerly of Holloway church, to Sister Edith M. Spital, of Stanborough Park church, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Brother Bolton, of Lewisham. Brother Smith kindly presided at the organ. After the singing of a hymn Pastor Bull performed the ceremony which was very inspiring, and one truly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit with us as we listened to the vows and exhortations.

It is appreciated that Brother and Sister Jones are remaining among us to support us in our church life, and we wish them every happiness with God's blessing to guide them.

MRS. CHATFIELD, *Church Clerk.*

BROOKES-GILLSON.—On Thursday, August 8, 1940, in the Stanborough Park church, Frederick Leslie Brookes, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Brookes, formerly of Cardiff, Glam., was united in marriage with Margaret Gillson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillson, of Watford, the ceremony being witnessed by a large company of relatives and friends. Both young people have for a number of years been members of the staff of Granose Foods Ltd.

The wedding was a very pretty one, further enhanced by the beautiful August weather. The bride was given away by her father, the eldest brother of the bridegroom, Mr. Thomas Brookes, was best man, and the four bridesmaids were Misses Kathleen Gillson, Isabel Brookes, Joyce Richter, and Phyllis Barras.

After the service, conducted by Pastor W. L. Emmerson, the happy couple with their guests repaired to the home of Mrs. Barras for the wedding reception, following which the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon in Torquay.

We pray that Heaven's richest blessing may rest upon their union and their future service for Him.

W. L. EMMERSON.

Literature Wanted

MRS. D. C. THEUNISSEN, of 16 Baronial Street, Kimberley, South Africa, wishes to thank all those who

so kindly sent her our truth-filled literature, and hopes they will continue to send more.

Most needed are copies of *Youth's Instructor*, *Our Little Friend*, *Present*

Truth, Wonders, Memory Verse Cards, Picture Rolls, Wall Calendars, Crisis books, Bibles, and hymn-books. Thank you.

MRS. D. C. THEUNISSEN.

At Rest

HARLAND.—Mrs. Harland, a faithful member of the Watford Town church, passed peacefully to her rest after a short illness, and was buried in Vicarage Road Cemetery on June 12, 1940. Our sister, then Mrs. Gowlett, came into the truth some twenty years ago and was known and respected for her quiet Christian service. She had collected as much as £20 in Harvest Ingathering in one year. She has left a husband to mourn the loss of a loving wife. Four daughters, two sons-in-law—all members of the Watford Town church—are left without mother. Several grandchildren also mourn their loss, and the church will miss her presence and service. A service was held in the Watford Town church, a large number of friends being present. We sorrow not without hope, for our sister fell asleep in Jesus and now awaits the call of her beloved Saviour for whose coming we long and pray.

W. H. MEREDITH.

WILLIAMSON.—The Nottingham church lost another of its elderly members when Mrs. A. Williamson, aged seventy-three, passed away on July 27, 1940, at the home of her daughter, after a long illness, very patiently borne. She had been confined to her bed for about eight months. She and her late husband accepted the message in 1920, after attending a public effort conducted by the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt. She was of a quiet disposition, but we miss her presence among us. She was laid to rest by Brother B. F. Kinman, and we look forward to a glad reunion when the Lord returns. We extend our deepest sympathy to her son and daughter and grandchildren.

K. TILL, *Church Clerk.*

TROTTER.—On June 30, 1940, Sister Trotter of the Edinburgh church passed away at her home after long years of ill health. She first heard the truth under the labours of Pastors Young and Barras, and was baptized by Pastor Hyde in February, 1922. She was laid to rest in Warrenton Cemetery, Pastor McMillan officiating. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and two daughters. We believe she died trusting in Jesus.

JESSIE C. HUNTER, *Church Clerk.*

OWEN.—On July 5, 1940, Brother William Owen, a member of the Shrewsbury company, fell asleep in Jesus. He was seventy-five years of age and received the truth through the labours of Brother Edwards about five or six years ago. For some time Brother Owen had not been well, but attended the services whenever he was able. Some weeks previous to his death he was taken worse and was removed to the Wellington Hospital, where he was well cared for until he passed away from the sorrows and pains of this life. On July 9th we laid him to rest in the Shrewsbury Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning. Our sympathies go out to four sons and three daughters as they mourn their loss.

T. H. COOPER.

POWELL.—Brother Walter J. Powell of the Middlesbrough church passed suddenly to his rest on July 20, 1940. He accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor S. G. Joyce, and was baptized in 1937. He was a retired sea-warrior, being a chief engineer, and never failed to interest the young folk of the church with his tales of the sea. He was greatly loved by all the members, and will be sadly missed for his ever-smiling face and cheerful witness. He sleeps in Jesus awaiting the coming of the Lord.

H. A. WINDROSS, *Church Clerk.*

EYRE.—On Sabbath, July 20, 1940, in the New Southend Hospital, Sister Dorothy May Eyre fell asleep in Jesus at the youthful age of twenty-two. For a time prior to her death she had been under medical care

and at last was compelled to relinquish her work. Soon after returning to her home she developed grave symptoms and an operation became necessary. She passed away peacefully while under the anesthetic. Born in an Adventist home, she enjoyed the blessings of a Christian upbringing and, later, the privilege of a Christian education at Newbold College, from where she graduated with a business diploma. For three years she worked in our medical institution at Stanborough Park, and was a member of the Stanborough Park church. We regret the passing of one who seemed just on the threshold of life and usefulness; but we are assured, from the nature of her illness, that our heavenly Father mercifully spared her further suffering. After the funeral service in the Southend church, conducted by the writer, she was laid to rest in the Sutton Road Cemetery where, in a little spot sacred to others who have died in the faith of the third angel's message, she awaits the first resurrection. Her parents and two sisters mourn their loss; but their sorrow is mitigated by the "blessed hope" and faith in the speedy return of the Life-giver.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

DAVIES.—After five months of patient suffering from the dreaded scourge, cancer, Sister Annie Davies, the highly respected and dearly beloved daughter of Brother Davies of Rhos, Wrexham, fell asleep in Jesus. Even when the doctors had given up hope, she testified to her faith in the Lord Jesus and was willing to be restored or to fall asleep as her Saviour might decree. Only a week before the end of all her sufferings she gave a ringing testimony to those who ministered patiently to her. She said: "Christ has conquered for me; Satan is a defeated foe. Henceforth is laid up for me a crown of life." She urged those relatives who tenderly ministered to her to have no compromise with the world, the flesh, and the devil. "Trust Jesus, follow Jesus, obey Jesus," she urged. Pastor Cooper gave a brief address on the glorious Advent hope after the Welsh Baptist minister, the Rev. Jones, had read the promises from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter fifteen, and the Rev. Lewis had prayed in Welsh. The service at the graveside was taken by the writer. A large gathering of relatives and friends followed, including a number of the staff from Rhuddlan Hall, near Rhyl, where our deceased sister had been for many years in the service of Admiral Rowley-Conwy. We had hoped that our sister would have been spared to be one of the charter members of the company about to be organized in Wrexham, but the Lord willed otherwise. We believe she but rests from her labours a little while but will have her part in the first resurrection on that glorious morn.

H. KIRKBY MUNSON.

BROTHER AND SISTER EYRE desire to express their sincere thanks for the many letters and kind sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement.

"Great Controversy" Reading Plan

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A VICTORIOUS CAMPAIGN

By J. HARKER

In previous Ingathering campaigns we have usually been able to report the goal reached by about the end of the year. This year we had £10,000, which is the Union goal for 1940, and a good overflow by the middle of August. Here at headquarters we have been very conscious of a kindly Providence, directing and overruling in a special way in all our campaign plans and work. We are sure also that our members all over the Union have experienced the same help as they have gone in and out among the people in these difficult times. For these blessings shall we not unitedly lift our hearts in fervent gratitude to "the God of Israel who only doeth wondrous things." Psa. 72:18.

The two conferences and Wales have each reported the goal reached and a fine overflow.

It should be noted that the South Conference has gathered in more than half the Union goal, this in spite of much disorganization of the churches on the east and south coasts due to war conditions. We thank our big Ingathering brother for this big lift.

The total for the North is also an outstanding achievement. Good results have not only been attained in record time, but they stand as they are minus the usual £300 or £400 from the students. The North will have a large overflow this year. We are waiting and watching with interest for the final figures.

Wales has also made another splendid record. In per capita the Principality has led the Union all through the campaign. The field was first to hoist the flag of victory. This also is true of two of the churches, Barry and Swansea. The Welsh quota is £850. We would not be surprised to see a thirty per cent overflow by the time the remainder of cash is all in.

Scotland started a month behind time through no fault of her own. Though still minus about £50 at the time of writing we feel justified in including the Mission with the other successful fields. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Greenock, and Stirling, have all reached their objectives. We know that small balance is safe; and some extra.

Then comes Ireland. Our friends over in the west have suffered double handicap this year. They have worked all through the months practically alone. The narrow sea which separates them from the other fields has seemed to become wider and less favourable for visits and the transmission of news as the weeks have gone by. Besides the whole of Eire has been and still is closed to our appeal work. But in spite of this fact Brother Craven has wired to say that £320 have been raised toward the goal of £350. Splendid achieve-



How the Goal Was Reached

	Total Reported	Overflow
S. England	£5,103	£303
N. England	3,500	100
Wales	1,011	161
Scotland	549	—51
Ireland	320	—30
Union Total	10,483	483



ment! Word may still come affording opportunity for collecting in the south. The funds then raised will all be additional to the figures here given. It is a joy to know that every field will eventually register a sum much in excess of the quota assigned.

We would have liked to have

given a full display of all the churches and companies, showing their respective achievements. It would make an interesting picture, but limited space forbids. The work of individual churches spring into mind as we write. One almost fears to mention any one in particular lest others should be unfairly treated, but may we speak a word for our headquarters church with its large membership? For Stanborough Park the 1940 campaign has been the finest representation of united effort ever experienced. Brother J. C. Craven and his group of lieutenants shot off with the speed of a torpedo when the signal was given. That speed was maintained all through the campaign. Granose Foods and The Stanborough Press have gathered magnificently. The Union office, as of course should be, was on the job in full strength, while the rank and file of the members, including nurses and helpers from the hospital, worked like Trojans. A total of £550 has been raised. Even this good total we understand will be added to.

"The bugle call sinks into silence;
The long marching columns are still,
Our Captain has given the last orders,
We've captured the last fort and hill;
And the flag has been hauled from the masthead,
And the workers afield have checked in.
We give thanks to our heavenly Father
By whose help we've been able to win."

"As a part of religious service, singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer. Indeed, many a song is prayer."

YOUNG man (20), willing to learn, requires agricultural work. Sabbath privileges. Write: E. Colledge, 16 Rydal Avenue, Hazel Grove, nr. Stockport.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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	Lon'n	Not'm	Car'ff	Edin	Bel't
Sept. 6th	7.36	7.42	7.49	7.56	8.04
Sept. 13th	7.20	7.25	7.32	7.37	7.46

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