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Courage in the Lord

By W. E. READ

DOWN through the ages has come to us the cheering message from the servants of God, "Be of good courage." This is not by any means an uncommon expression. It came repeatedly to the prophets and men of God in days gone by.

Think of Joshua at the time he was called to lead Israel! Three times Moses counselled him, "Be strong and of a good courage." Deut. 31:6, 7, 23. Three times came the message from the Lord, "Only be thou strong and very courageous." Joshua 1:6, 7, 9. Even the people took up the strain and with one accord they said to Joshua, "Only be strong and of a good courage." Joshua 1:18.

Think also of the early days of the Advent movement. What persecution! What opposition! How these faithful pioneers were beset with difficulties! Their resources were feeble, and many times they knew not how to find the wherewithal to carry forward the work. In such times of great need the stirring counsel would ring through the lips of the servant of God, "Courage in the Lord, brethren, courage in the Lord."

This is a time also when we need to speak courage to one another. Really there is every reason for courage and hope. We are near the advent of the blessed Saviour. Soon He will come in glory to redeem His people. As we see the signs fulfilling on every hand, we are to "look up," and "lift up" our heads; for our "redemption draweth nigh." What a wealth of meaning there is in these

words! It is not God's purpose that His people be downcast and despondent; they are to cultivate the upward look and "lift up" their heads. In ancient days some did otherwise. We read of them in Isa. 8:22. The Lord says "They shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness." That is what we see all around us to-day. There is plenty in the world to discourage, but our eyes are to be upward. We are to look "unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2. We are to set our "affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. 3:2. Let us remember the counsel which comes to us by inspiration through the lips of the sweet singer of Israel. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalms 27:14.

In these days of peril, in these times of danger, let us speak courage wherever we go. This is what the apostle Paul did in a time of real crisis. When, near the close of his ministry, he was sailing the high seas bound for the city of Rome, he was placed in a very difficult and dangerous situation. A tempest arose, the sea was lashed into fury, and it seemed as though the frail bark on which he and others were sailing would be engulfed by the waves. In the hour of peril there comes a word of courage from the lips of the apostle to his fellow passengers, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer;

for I believe God." Acts 27:25. And again, "I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you." Acts 27:22. What an effect this had upon the passengers! After they had eaten and Paul had prayed earnestly to the Lord, we read, "Then were they all of good cheer." Acts 27:36.

This is God's counsel to us in these days of peril. We have the promises of God which are sure and certain, promises which never can fail. Let us bear in mind continually that there hath not failed one word of all His good promises. Let us commit our lives to the loving care of an all merciful heavenly Father, remembering that "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1. The word "shadow" in some languages is rendered "umbrella," and that introduces a very beautiful thought. We are to abide under the "umbrella" or under the "shelter" of the Almighty.

Then another promise of the Lord is, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day." Psalm 91:5. In one country not so many months ago I found the brethren reading this text: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the bombs by night, nor for the torpedo that flieth by day."

May the Lord give us courage and hope in these days of uncertainty. Where there is danger on the right hand and on the left, may we know that our security is in the Lord God of hosts, whose word never fails, who is always true to His promise.

Notes from the Union President

DO MISSION OFFERINGS REACH OUR MISSIONS?

CERTAIN questions have been raised during our Harvest Ingathering Campaign for missions as to whether the money we collect can, under war conditions, really be sent to our missions in Africa and other parts of the world. The answer to these questions is that the money we collect does definitely reach our missionaries in distant parts of the earth. The treasury department has been able to export money under license and all missions in our own and other divisions are operating normally under appropriations received in the usual way. The British Government has taken a very sympathetic and reasonable attitude and its policy is to keep work at home and in other parts of the empire going as normally as possible under war conditions. Our churches may therefore have the utmost confidence in respect of money which is given by them, through the usual missionary offerings in our churches, and they may assure the public that donations received for missions from our Harvest Ingathering Campaign are flowing out to our missions at the present time unimpeded by war conditions.

OUR GROWING EDUCATIONAL WORK

EVERY department of our work has felt the effects of war in some way or other but, despite these things, our educational department is forging ahead. Unfortunately the Walthamstow school had to be evacuated and its career has been somewhat checkered ever since. The Plymouth school has continued to function although under rather more difficulties than those faced by the school here at Watford. The Stanborough school has had an increasing enrolment of a remarkable character. It is not so long since the enrolment was below fifty. During the last year or two the enrolment has climbed steadily upward until extra accommodation and teaching staff have had to be provided. Under what we believe is providential guidance it was decided to bring in Brother E. E. White to start a new secondary school plan, and this new venture opened recently with an

enrolment of 110 pupils. This was quite beyond our expectations, and the applications are still coming in. Miss West and the other teachers, with Brother White, are all of good courage, but they are still crying out for extra help. That is a good sign!

The same day that this secondary school opened our Newbold College also opened with an enrolment of 103, which was also beyond our expectations. It is surely in the providence of God that in these disturbing times our educational work can continue in this very encouraging way.

AIR-RAID CASUALTIES

OUR members will now have heard of the death of two of our faithful members, one by a direct hit on his home and the other by a direct hit on an air-raid shelter. It is well for us to know that we serve God not in order to be protected from harm, but because we love God and we choose the way of truth, goodness, and righteousness as a preparation for the real life that is to come. It is a blessed thing to know that at the present time we are just where God wants us to be. Fear would keep us running about in search of some place of safety, whereas the believer, whose life is hidden with Christ in God, has the consciousness that God is with him wherever God has placed him. Perhaps it would be well for us to mark the following statement from *Desire of Ages*, page 336 (English edition, page 216), on the subject of fear and faith:

"He trusted in the Father's might. It was in faith—faith in God's love and care—that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God.

"As Jesus rested by faith in the Father's care, so we are to rest in the care of our Saviour. If the disciples had trusted in Him, they would have been kept in peace. Their fear in the time of danger revealed their unbelief. In their efforts to save themselves, they forgot Jesus; and it was only when, in despair of self-dependence, they turned to Him, that He could give them help.

"How often the disciples' experience is ours! When the tempests of

temptation gather, and the fierce lightnings flash, and the waves sweep over us, we battle with the storm alone, forgetting that there is One who can help us. We trust to our own strength till our hope is lost, and we are ready to perish. Then we remember Jesus, and if we call upon Him to save us, we shall not cry in vain. Though He sorrowfully reproves our unbelief and self-confidence, He never fails to give us the help we need. Whether on the land or on the sea, if we have the Saviour in our hearts, there is no need of fear. Living faith in the Redeemer will smooth the sea of life, and will deliver us from danger in the way that He knows to be best."

There is no doubt that we are living in that time referred to in *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 382, "when close and unexpected tests" will be brought to bear upon us to see who are worthy to receive the seal of the living God. Surveying our work in Britain in general we are proud to see the calm way in which our workers and members are endeavouring to reveal their trust in God at the present time. That we all feel danger is clear. The man who does not is probably too foolish to count in our reckonings, but there is an antidote to fear, and it is faith. We must not allow ourselves to show that fear which is a product of unbelief in an age of unbelief. The faith that removed mountains, slew lions, faced fire, dungeon, and death is the type of faith that God will produce in His saints in these last days. It is useless to deny the fact that we face dangers, but it is equally useless to deny the fact that the last days of the church on earth will be glorious by reason of the fortitude and calm faith of God's people under the most trying conditions. We must stand and not run. We must trust and not deny. We must "look up and carry on!"

A MESSAGE FROM CANADA

OUR last issue contained a message from Australia. This week we have an unsolicited message from Pastor W. A. Clemenson, president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, from which we take the following sentences:

"We are daily thinking and praying for our people in the British Isles, that God may not only protect

their lives but save the nation from the hands of the invader. England has, for so many years, been in the front line as a defender of Christian principles in all lands.

"It really is marvellous how England is able to meet the onslaught of the enemy. Over here in Canada, the consensus of opinion is that the mother country will be able to meet all opposition."

It is certainly good to know that

our fellow-believers in other parts of the British Empire are prayerfully mindful of us all in the homeland at this time. We have assured Pastor Clemenson that we have often thought of the dear, loyal people in Canada, and that with them we pray for the triumph of liberty, truth, and justice which ultimately and fully can come only through the return of our Lord and Saviour.

H. W. LOWE.

Granose Carries On

By JOHN RIGBY

A YEAR of war! How many times in those early days of September, 1939, did we ask ourselves the question, "How long shall we be able to carry on?" It was obvious that this was going to be a "different kind of war" and many feared that the inevitable restrictions on trade would be particularly hard on us.

Our experience, however, has been a further fulfilment of the statement, made many years ago, that nothing will be able to hinder God's work, but that events will tend to strengthen it.

Naturally we at Granose faced our problems in this belief, but we knew that much would be expected of us along the lines of planning ahead to make the best use of all available facilities. Our suppliers co-operated with us to the fullest extent, and we were able to obtain deliveries of many materials which subsequently became scarce. While we have had to adjust certain methods to ensure maximum economy we have been extremely fortunate in being able to obtain all essentials. Government departments have been very helpful and we are confident that, unless it proves necessary to add seriously to trade restrictions, our continued production of all main lines is reasonably certain.

It is during times like these that we are able to reap the benefit of services rendered in the past. We have a reputation in the health food trade for three things: First-class production, prompt deliveries, and accurate accounting. When supplies were in greatest demand the retail trade found it advantageous to deal with Granose Foods, and during the twelve months just passed our out-

put has increased by sixteen per cent over the previous twelve months which itself was six per cent ahead of the year before.

Of course, it is to be expected that the first month or two would be exceptionally busy. Most producers had that experience, but many found that subsequently trade slumped—in some cases heavily.

In our case, however, the increase has been continuous, and our output for July and August has been the highest for any two consecutive months in our history. Compared with six years ago it is ninety-three per cent ahead.

We are finding that whenever one door closes another opens. Just at the time when we had to face the loss of the services of some of our travellers, by reason of calls to military service, inquiries came to us which have taxed our productive capacity to the utmost. Our manu-

facturing staff has been increased very considerably and some of our plant is working twenty hours out of the twenty-four.

Even in the matter of Christmas puddings, which we thought might be impossible this year, we have been able, as a result of an early start, to ensure the production of many thousands, and we are still hopeful of being able to obtain sufficient materials to meet every demand for this justly popular line.

As would be expected under war conditions our cannery department is kept very busy, but cereals still hold pride of place.

From the standpoint of personnel the load has been a very heavy one. Overtime is the rule rather than the exception, and, as so many of the staff are part-time volunteers in the various branches of A.R.P., recent events have added to the strain under which they have carried on. Had it not been for the loyal co-operation of all concerned it would have been impossible for me to render such an encouraging report.

We are happy to say that serious sickness has not come our way, and we look forward confidently to a continuance of prosperity throughout the coming winter.

Our membership in the field are invited to do all in their power to advance the interests of our institution, by personal purchases through local stockists; by recommendation of our products, but especially by remembering us before the throne of grace that we may be permitted, in spite of every difficulty, to carry on.

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Missionary Volunteer Rally at Holloway

IN connection with the special meetings at Holloway on Sabbath, August 31st, a very encouraging Missionary Volunteer Rally was held. In spite of the war situation, and the fact that no less than seven air-raid alarms were sounded in London that Sabbath day, quite a number of societies joined in the

heartly singing of "Stand up for Jesus," which opened our service.

At the roll-call of the societies each representation stood as a member of the group recited the motto the society had chosen for this year. Holloway was first with, "Effort must precede reward," words which are beautifully painted on a scroll which hangs in the upper hall of the church where the society meet-

ings are held. The mottoes of other societies in London, at Wood Green, Edmonton, Walthamstow, Forest Gate, Ilford, Chiswick, and Ealing followed. Some of the more distant societies were also represented. The words of William Carey, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God" were chosen by Watford town, and equally inspiring ones were given by the members present from Stanborough Park, Reading, and Cambridge.

A note of consecration to a faithful witness echoed throughout the building as the young people sang:

"Gainst sin and evil we contend
With all our might and main,
Nor will we from our warfare cease
Till Christ shall come to reign."

During the past year a number of societies have been working enthusiastically at the Progressive Courses, and the promised announcement as to which had gained the highest number of points was awaited with interest. The coveted prize was the holding of our beautiful Congress banner for twelve months. This time the honour goes to Wimbledon society, led by Brother A. C. Vine, the minister, and his wife, better known to readers of *Present Truth* as Mary Vine, both of whom have just qualified as Master Comrades. As the societies in South London were not specially invited to this rally, the banner will be presented to Wimbledon at the rally to be held there (D.V.) on September 14th. Whether they will be able to retain it for a second year remains to be seen, but we know of two or three societies which have tried very hard this time, and will certainly make a special effort to have the banner in 1941. Whether it will then adorn the church at Ilford, Stanborough Park, Cheltenham, or some other place in South England, we do not know. For the present we say a hearty, "Well done, Wimbledon."

A short investiture followed, our Division M.V. leader, Pastor W. T. Bartlett, presenting Friend badges to Bessie Parkin, Desmond Nolan, and John Craven, and Companion badges to Rosemary Lane, Margaret Willoughby, and Joy Meredith, Leonard Lane, and Brother Tew, the leader of a class at Stanborough Park. Reading Course certificates were also presented.

Our Union president began his

address by telling us that this was certainly the first investiture service held in England during an air-raid, with a fierce air-battle being fought almost overhead! Brother Lowe encouraged us to seek the character of Jesus, the truest Hero of youth throughout the history of the Christian church. He reminded us that the more abundant life Christ promised His followers touches every aspect of our daily lives. His words were very timely, and if necessarily brief through the advisability of closing the meeting early, his help-

ful address will be long remembered by those privileged to be present at this Youth Rally.

Inspired by the good spirit which prevailed throughout the meeting, we closed with a hymn of praise.

"Praise God for life, for glorious life!
For power to war 'gainst sin and strife;
For health, and strength, and hope, and love:
Praise God for life, for glorious life!"

E. R. WARLAND.

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Notes from the President

Two major events this month are the opening of the college and of the first secondary school for Adventists in Britain. It is wonderful to think that in time of war the plans for the opening of these two very important institutions have been blessed by God. "He who saves the youth saves the church."

When leaders and parents in the local churches realize that the preparation of young hearts begins in their home churches, and when they arrange and encourage the children to attend services for youth in their churches, our membership all through the conference will increase—and all it will cost us will be the efforts put forth to make those meetings the most thrilling part of the Sabbath for the children. It is in our home churches that we can "teach them not to put their hands into the hand of the world." Are you awake to this fact?

It would have given all our members much pleasure to be at two baptismal services we have lately attended. In Manchester Pastor Madgwick baptized eleven people, one of whom had come from Stoke with Mr. Elias. Pastor Madgwick has been assisted by Miss J. Handysides and Mr. S. H. Parkin. The church was crowded to the doors with a very happy congregation from the surrounding district.

In Sheffield thirteen people were

baptized, as the result of D. J. Handysides' work this year. A large congregation from the district was present in a beautiful Baptist Church Hall lent for the occasion.

WE hope to have more baptisms to report in our next notes.

WHEN, as Jeremiah puts it, "Fear is on every side," we are glad to report that so far our members have been kept from harm, though some of them have been very near danger, among whom is the family of our secretary-treasurer. God's protecting hand was very near them.

IN these more than busy days, let us all learn to know God more; to study His Word; to realize His plan and purpose for us, and to trust Him. "Israel," says God through Hosea, "shall cry unto Me, My God, we know Thee." Pray for all our people who are being called to stand for their principles at this time. May we all be as trustful as the three Hebrews who said: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us . . . but if not!" our trust is still in Him.

R. S. JOYCE.

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CULTURE is what is left after everything we have learned has been forgotten. It consists of a deepened understanding, a breadth of outlook, an unbiased approach, and a heart that has deep sympathy and strength of courage.—*Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam.*

MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

Spread the Gospel in Print

THE Harvest Ingathering Campaign of 1940 will go down in history as a wonderful achievement. Something accomplished in record time. What a blessing has come to those who took part and also to those who were visited in their homes! Contact has been made with thousands of homes, in many cases for the first time, with our message.

Every year souls have been won as a direct result of the Ingathering work. In your territory I believe there are many who desire an explanation of the times and whose interest could be followed up with tracts, books, and other literature. To leave these souls for another year may be too late! Earnest and prayerful guidance from God will help and lead you to many an inquiring soul.

The times demand that our literature should be widely circulated everywhere. It is our day and opportunity for warning the multitudes.

Every home in your street, in your territory, should be visited with the printed page. Let us rise up and act with one mind in this divinely-appointed plan of house-to-house visitation. As in the days of the apostles, so the true and honest in heart of to-day are to be sought out and won. Certain restrictions hinder public effort work to a large degree, but the Gospel in print continues to go forward in the providence of God and meets the issue of the hour.

Every one who believes the message for this time should carry and circulate literature everywhere and anywhere. At all times and at all places sow the seed. Loan books to your neighbours and friends, and give tracts and papers to all who call at your door. Send them by post to your relatives. Let it be known what you believe. In these closing days of earth's history neglect no opportunity in spreading abroad the last message of mercy. If you have the light—*pass it on*.

A. W. COOK.

cold such as I had never before experienced in the summer. But each day I went out in the strength of the Lord, until the last day found me with 24/- short of the goal. How I prayed that day! And how anxiously I mentally added up the amounts as they were put in the box.

By the time I reached the last house I reckoned that I needed 3/- or 4/-. I tried the gate unsuccessfully and was just wondering wearily where I could go to make up the deficit when a young couple appeared from the back of the house and invited me in.

After listening to my request the husband left the room, and returned a few moments later with two half-crowns, the only contribution of 5/- that went to make up my total of £20. 2s.

It wasn't easy to keep my feelings under the surface at such a direct, unmistakable answer to prayer. As soon as I could I took my leave and made my way homeward along the country roads where I could give voice to the "Thank you, Lord" that was bursting for utterance.

Such is the God we serve. A God who delights to give His children more than they ask.

"PACAMICA."

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Truly God is Good to the Ingatherer

TWENTY POUNDS! It seemed a colossal sum to collect in a month. The more I thought of it the greater the task seemed to become and the more remote seemed the possibility of its achievement.

I had agreed in a burst of enthusiasm and at a time when distance lent enchantment to the view, to accept that as my Harvest Ingathering goal. And it had to be raised in twenty-five working days. Oh, why had I been so rash?

Yes, it is all very well for you collectors who can get half-crowns as easily as pennies. But we can't all do that. Besides, there was the cleaning and washing to do.

Sunday, June 2nd, came all too soon, and with it that familiar sinking feeling, peculiarly associated with Harvest Ingathering, but this time more intense. How would people receive me?

I went the longest way round to my allotted territory, and knocked

timidly at the last house in the village, hoping that the noise of the wireless would drown my faint rattat.

As people responded to my appeal my spirits began to rise with the mercury in the thermometer. But the latter was my undoing. The heat, usually so welcome, had a particularly unpleasant effect, making me unfit for work for most of the remainder of the week. The £20 receded farther than ever.

During the next week I worked hard and almost made up for the time I had lost. I began to entertain hopes, only to have them dashed again by other hindrances that kept me at home for days.

The last week came and there was still over a third of the goal to be reached. Could it be done? If it could, I was resolved to do it, God helping me.

What a week that was! It seemed as though our common enemy had singled me out as a target for special attack. I had a severe cough and

Sabbath Privileges at University

It might interest the readers of the ADVENT MESSENGER to know that a Seventh-Day Adventist medical student attending a university in Ireland was able to obtain special Sabbath privileges from the university authorities recently in the matter of professional examinations which ordinarily were held on the Sabbath. The young lady student concerned made her request for special consideration and the university acceded to her request by setting a special examination for her on another day.

On another occasion, about eighteen years ago, this same university granted a similar privilege to a young man who was then a medical student.

It is to be hoped that these experiences will encourage other Seventh-Day Adventist students attending universities elsewhere to be loyal to God and His principles of truth when confronted with similar difficulties.

J. HOUSTON.

An Extraordinary Meeting

By STANLEY BULL

THESE are unusual days, in which the surprising is constantly happening. Thus we often hear of cabinets and councils in extraordinary sessions. The needs of God's people must be met likewise, and the South England committee felt that, while it was not advisable to hold large conference meetings, smaller district gatherings could be arranged that would bring timely guidance and blessing to all the members.

Friday evening, August 30th, was the time appointed for the Holloway district meeting to begin, and an earnest group gathered to listen to Brother W. T. Bartlett's study. We are treading a pathway to life, he said, and we must not linger in the way, though there is a danger of wanting to rest till the storm clouds pass over.

Just before this meeting began an air-raid warning had been heard, and there was another a few minutes after the "all-clear" signal had been given. Some who had attended were not able to reach home till the second day of the conference had dawned, nevertheless they were back in their places again at the hour of Sabbath-school. The programme was carried through as planned, with each item in its appointed place, although the sirens were sounding as many were on their way to church.

A crowded audience listened to Pastor H. W. Lowe's address on the text, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." An earnest appeal for consecration to God was made and it was impressive to see the large numbers who stood to pledge their lives for God and His service.

The inspiration of all such gatherings is found in reports of progress, and in spite of unprecedented difficulties, Pastor King was able to tell of advancement in every branch of church activity. During the months of this year already gone, eighty new souls have found peace and welcome in the ranks of our churches in the South England conference. As "Go to it" is the nation's slogan, so "Go Forward" is God's command to His people.

The wailing of the sirens once

more and even a "dog fight" overhead, in no way detracted from the enthusiasm and interest of the Youth's Rally, our last meeting in the session. The roll call of the societies present was answered by their respective mottoes and an investiture service followed when both friends and companions received recognition of their study in the Progressive Courses. Brother Lowe very earnestly besought the young people to give of their best to the Master. The cause of God to-day needs just those qualities that young people can contribute—courage, confidence, and consecration.

We all felt it had been good to be together. True there was danger around and overhead, and we were told that there was danger, too, ahead, but it was an inspiration to see the spirit of trust and quiet resolution. We must not fail God in the hour of the world's greatest need.

Wedding Bells

PEARCE-PROSSER.—On Sunday, August 11, 1940, Brother Horace Pearce was united in marriage with Sister Winnifred Prosser, formerly of Wales. A large company of relatives and friends witnessed the service which was conducted in the Stanborough Park church.

Brother Pearce has for a long time been a valued employee of The Stanborough Press and a loyal church officer and lay-preacher. Both Brother and Sister Pearce are now engaged in Emergency Medical Service, and we know they will be greatly blessed in their work for the church and the community. The prayers of many friends follow them in their united labours.

G. D. KING.

ASHFORD.—Brother Harry Ashford fell asleep at the age of eighty-five on August 13, 1940. He embraced the truth nearly thirty years ago, and his wife and he were active members of the original Wood Green church. His wife died in 1916 and when his only daughter, Louise, wife of Pastor J. J. Hyde, went to West Africa Brother Ashford was left alone. In the early part of 1938 Brother Ashford was reduced to extreme weakness and his daughter came home to nurse him. This she did so successfully that his life was prolonged another two and one-half years. We laid him to rest in Garston Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Brother W. H. Meredith and the writer. Brother Ashford was thoroughly respected by those who knew him for his cheerful, unselfish, independent, and helpful spirit. Of him it could be said that he did what he could to advance the message.

W. T. BARTLETT.

LOCKYER.—We deeply regret to announce death of Brother Leslie Lockyer, which took place during an air raid on August 27th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to those who mourn: his parents and a brother, and his wife who received serious injuries at the same time. We pray that the God of all comfort will minister to their needs and provide speedy healing for the injured one. Brother Lockyer was laid to rest in the Gillingham Cemetery, where he waits with surety the return of the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor G. D. King.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

HASTINGS.—It is with a heavy heart that we report the death of Brother Charles James Hastings of the Portsmouth church, at the early age of forty-four years. He was killed instantaneously by a bomb in an air raid in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth on August 12th.

Brother Hastings had served in the Royal Navy for twenty-five years. In 1936 he was baptized by the late Pastor A. E. Bacon. It soon became evident that our brother was fitted for responsible work in the church. He served faithfully as deacon, treasurer, and home missionary leader. Many were the cheery messages he brought to the members in connection with the various campaigns in which the church was engaged. It was very largely through the labours of our brother that the full Ingathering goal was reached this year. He not only sought to encourage others; he and his wife together collected fifteen pounds.

On the day before he died, the Ingathering campaign being over, Brother Hastings worked particularly hard in the garden. The task he had set out to do was accomplished; the garden was in perfect order. Also his book entries were up to date. To his wife, who was assistant treasurer, he said: "Now I think I have made everything clear to you so far as this treasurer's work is concerned. We never know when we shall have to lay down our work."

It was not possible for his friends to see Brother Hastings after his death; but a relic remains. It is his Bible, shattered to pieces, yet almost complete. It was presented to him by his wife on the occasion of his baptism.

Left to mourn are a beloved wife and daughter, a mother, brothers and sisters, "Grandma," and numerous friends of the church. It is hardly sufficient to say he will be greatly missed. The question of the church members is: "How can we do without him?" God, whose servant our brother was, will answer that question. He will raise up someone to do the work that has been laid down.

The funeral service was conducted by an Admiralty chaplain on Sabbath morning, August 17th, and in the afternoon a memorial service was held in our own church building by the writer. It can be truly said of our dear brother that he rests from his labours, and that his works do follow him.

F. A. SPEARING.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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