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## “For Such a Time as This”

By J. A. McMILLAN

THE Advent people have come to a great crisis in their experience. They are confronted with the spectacle of a world in flames, of a civilization that seems bent on self-destruction. We should apply to ourselves the words born in a similar crisis of a bygone age. “Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14.

### THE TIME DEMANDS COURAGE

For such a time as this we must display undaunted courage. The gallant courage of the R.A.F. has gripped the imagination of the world. We who are engaged in a greater and even more important warfare should possess, not less, but more courage. We follow a Commander who knows no defeat. Therefore this time of crucial testing should find us “calm in distress, in danger bold.” It would be tragic if the world were to witness cowardice in God’s people in such a time as this. No, our serenity and composure will be a powerful testimony to a faith that is triumphant over every adversity. “Amidst the deepening shadows of earth’s last great crisis, God’s light will shine brightest, and the song of hope and trust will be heard in clearest and loftiest strains.”—“Education,” page 166.

Our Saviour is leading His forces into the last conflict with the powers of darkness, “and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” Rev. 17:14.

“Bestir your souls to bravely stand;  
The foe surrounds on every hand,

The battle now is on.  
No longer falter in dismay;  
Thy God His day-star will display.  
And night will soon be gone.”

### THE TIME DEMANDS SACRIFICE

The nation is calling for unparalleled sacrifice on the part of every citizen. In the cause of God, there must be likewise greater sacrifice on the part of all. Some there are who bear no burden, and make no vital contribution to the cause. We pray that these will awaken before they suffer peril and eternal loss. The majority of our members are making real sacrifice that God’s cause may go forward. It must never be said of us, what Marshal Petain said of the French nation. “Since victory [1918],” he broadcast, “the spirit of pleasure has prevailed over the spirit of sacrifice, people have demanded more than they have given, they have wanted to spare themselves effort. To-day misfortune comes.” You and I are to make a “covenant with God by sacrifice.” And this is the time for such a sacrificial spirit. To-morrow may be too late. Our possessions, our investments may now be available to extend the truth but for a short time. To-day, we are free and able to support the cause of God. “Now is the accepted time.”

### THE TIME DEMANDS WITNESSING

Twice in the Scriptures we read that the Lord “scattered abroad” the people. (Gen. 11:9; Acts 8:4.) Again and again we have been warned by

the Spirit of prophecy that we should disperse among the population, that we should avoid congregating into large central churches. Evacuation is now the order of the day. Whether we will or no, we are being “scattered abroad.” And this may, in the providence of God, be of inestimable blessing to the Advent people. We may utilize this unique opportunity of extending the knowledge of the truth. “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word.” Not a word about them bemoaning their hardships, their discomforts. They preached “the Word.” And God blessed their faith and rewarded their constancy. “They which were scattered abroad . . . travelled . . . preaching the Word . . . and the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.” Acts 11:19, 21.

This would surely be a satisfying compensation for all the trouble and anxiety connected with evacuation. “Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. . . . Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. 9, page 96.

You and I simply must have a part in that victory.

### THE TIME DEMANDS RADIANT HOPE

Blasted homes should inspire, not discouragement, but the “blessed

hope." It becomes increasingly clear that "our salvation is nearer than when we believed." Some are counting on "a little time of peace" following this war. But we have no assurance that there will be any "little time of peace." Our only hope is the Advent hope. As the world plunges more deeply into the darkness, the Christian hope must flame more brightly in our hearts. We have every reason for cherishing faith and hope. We have a mighty message of truth. We confide in a living Saviour who is able to keep

all we have committed unto Him. We expect the return of a conquering King. We are promised an inheritance, incorruptible and that fadeth not away. This and more beside has God provided for His trusting children. "We are saved by hope" and this "hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Hope, like the glimmering taper's light  
Adorns, and cheers the way,  
And still, as darker grows the night,  
Emits a brighter ray."

## About Nominating Committees

It is time our churches appointed committees to nominate officers for the next year. Fairly full information on this matter will be found in our British edition of the *Church Manual*, pages 48-51, a copy of this being in possession of every worker and church. Summarizing, we should keep in mind:

1. That the best method of appointing this committee is by recommendation of the church board, subject to vote of the churchmembers. This avoids all danger of dictation or manipulation and has been found by experience to work justly to all concerned.

2. That while no one is a member of this committee by right, it is wise to invite the pastor or worker to associate with this body.

3. That it is unworthy in anyone to reveal any of the confidential discussions of the nominating committee.

4. That no name should be nominated for office if there is any question as to loyalty to the message in every respect, including tithes-paying. Officers lead the people to their own standards of life, and no risks can be afforded in this matter.

5. That no one has a right to remain in any office. Recommend the best team of officers, however courageous this action may have to be. It would be wise for workers and leaders to make clear to the church that all officers are appointed for one year and that all should be prepared in the interests of God's work to accept or to lay down office.

6. That the correct procedure in presenting the nominating committee's report is:

- a. For the secretary to read the entire report before the church.

- b. For the presiding elder or worker to read over each name slowly, waiting for someone to call "Question" to each. Then the whole report is put to the vote and if ac-

cepted, prayer for the new team of officers and for the life of the church should be publicly offered.

- c. For the whole report to be referred back to the nominating committee if serious objection is raised against its adoption. Objecting members should then be invited to meet the nominating committee to state their specific objections to them in private. This should never be done before the whole church. Personal animus is no valid reason against any nominee.

7. Voting is by majority and those in the minority should be large-minded enough to abide loyally by the decision of their fellows, and should act thereafter exactly as though they had voted in favour of all appointments.

It is advisable to have the work of the nominating committee finished and its report adopted *before* the Week of Prayer.

H. W. LOWE.

## Word from the Division President

THIS word of greeting is being written from our large publishing centre at Mountain View on the Pacific coast. By the time this reaches the readers of the *MESSENGER* we shall undoubtedly be together in Autumn Council at St. Paul, Minnesota. The leaders of the work of God from various parts of the world field have been called together, and there is no doubt, especially in view of world conditions, that the Autumn Council this year will be a very important gathering.

Since being on this side of the Atlantic, it has been my privilege to contact large groups of our believers. I have met them in most of the important centres, and have attended camp meetings at which large numbers of our people have been present. It has been a real joy to meet with the student bodies in our colleges, groups of workers in our publishing houses, and the staffs of nurses in the many sanitariums that there are on this side of the great Atlantic.

Wherever one goes one is deeply impressed with the fact that there is great sympathy in the hearts of the people with the great Allied cause. This is true, not only on the part of our own believers, but of the people

generally. Many prayers are ascending to heaven that right and truth may prevail, and that the forces of evil abroad in the world to-day may, in the providence of God, be stayed.

It has been a pleasure to meet with so many whose names have become familiar to us through the years. At Washington I saw Elder Spicer, and he was very anxious that I convey his greetings to all our believers in the British field. Then there were others like Elder Dick, also Elder Weak and Elder Strahle, who have made such a contribution to our publishing activities. There were the four brethren of our Division committee, who, due to peculiar war conditions, were obliged to return to America. I have met them all, and their families, and spent happy occasions with them. These brethren and others, too numerous to mention, have assured me of their deep love and thought for our believers throughout Britain at the present time. They send their warmest Christian greetings, assuring all our believers of their earnest prayers to God on their behalf.

During the early part of July we sent a cable from Edgware to the General Conference giving informa-

tion concerning the achievement of the British Union in the Ingathering work. We were able to tell that as a result of the four weeks' effort, over £6,000 had been gathered in. As soon as the brethren at Washington received this cable they flashed the news from end to end of this great continent. Our believers in every important centre were notified, and this achievement has brought great courage to our believers on this side, and has proved also a real incentive in their own Ingathering effort this year. Now we are able to tell them that the goal has been fully reached, and they join with all our believers throughout the British Isles in an Ebenezer of praise to God for what He has wrought at this time. Truly we should be grateful to the Lord, for He has done great things for His people. We are very thankful to the authorities for being so considerate at such a time as this, for giving us the permit to do the work, and again we feel deeply grateful to our believers and to those who have led them so faithfully, for all the sacrificial efforts that have made such an achievement possible this year.

We have certainly come to times of perplexity, to times of real difficulty, and yet these are the days toward which we have looked for many years. With all the perplexities that abound, let us ever remember that this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world. It makes no difference what the conditions may be, whatever restrictions come, whatever persecution or privation comes, whatever the problems and difficulties, nothing will hinder the onward march of the message. The Advent message *shall* be preached. What a wonderful comfort there is in this word of assurance. May the Lord be with you all. May His protecting hand be over you in these days of danger. May you find comfort in the precious promises of the Lord as our dear brethren in Finland did during the darkest hours of their great struggle.

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror [bombs] by night; nor for the arrow [torpedoes] . . . by day; . . . for He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

W. E. READ.

## Notes from the Union President

### WEEK OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 7th to 14th is the time for our annual Week of Prayer. When the world turns, as it has turned, to days of prayer, no one will question the church's need not only to "pray without ceasing," but to importune the divine Father for His restraint to be exercised to the end that liberty of conscience may be granted to the masses who are to hear the message of Christ's return.

Plans will be made for special meetings as often as circumstances permit. We should not permit circumstances, however, to rule us entirely. Often we rule them, and we can always rule them in this matter of joint and private prayer.

Remember the Week of Prayer as never before in your life.

### OUR TRADING INSTITUTIONS

It is encouraging in these times that our colporteur work is not only, as our worthy doctors say, "doing as well as can be expected," but that it is positively gaining ground. It shows a handsome gain as compared with a year ago. Let us add our prayers to this widespread evangelism.

Our food factory is simply booming with business. We do not now have to seek for orders; they flow in daily from new sources to the embarrassment of the staff. We could do twice as much business had we the plant. God's blessing on this department is gratefully acknowledged.

### WORLD PROGRESS

THE statistical secretary's report reveals:

1. That at the close of 1939 our "work was conducted in 404 countries, islands, and island groups, by 28,900 evangelistic and institutional labourers, who were using 820 languages and modes of speech." This was "an increase of 54 languages during 1939." For four years the net increase in languages has been:

1936 .....	71
1937 .....	65
1938 .....	58
1939 .....	54
Total .....	248

This is one new language every six days during four years.

Literature is now printed in 199 languages.

There are 8,761 Adventist churches in the world with a membership of 486,670, which was a membership gain of 63,702 or a percentage of 15.06.

The next largest membership division outside North America (177,341) is Inter-America with 34,979.

World totals for workers are:

Evangelistic .....	13,257
Institutions .....	15,643
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	28,900

Of these 10,608 are in North America, and 18,272 elsewhere.

The value of one copy of each of our publications in the world is approximately 2,570 dollars, or about £515 at par rate of exchange.

Tithe per capita for the world was almost 16 dollars (about £3. 5s.), and mission offerings per capita were about 12 dollars (£2. 8s.).

### LAST QUARTER REMINDER

WE hope a measure of the deep loyalty to God which we observe in our members and workers everywhere at this critical time, will reflect itself in substantial increases in tithes and offerings during this last quarter of the year. Could we not in the practice of personal economy adopt a plan of eliminating some of the expenses which we normally saddle ourselves with at the Christmas period? Some things we shall not be able to buy, but there may be other things that we could determine not to buy and the saving might thus be contributed to the Lord's work. As a most worthy objective we suggest that funds be raised for carrying forward the numerous forms of evangelism still open to us in this field. Public meetings can be held very largely throughout the country, but we are adopting more and more literature witness crusades which will carry the message in printed form to every home in the country. H. W. LOWE.

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### South-East London

MOST of you have heard of the destruction of one of our churches in south-east London, and I thought the MESSENGER family would like to have some details of what happened.

At the end of August the church suffered its first wound when a splinter from a bomb which fell 200 yards away broke a window. About a week later the blast from an exploding land mine blew out two complete window frames, but, strangely enough, broke but little glass.

Almost a fortnight passed in quietness when one night some premises at the rear of the church were struck and set on fire. This caused the first serious damage, shattering most of the windows of the church and forcing us to conduct our services in our smaller hall until temporary repairs could be carried out.

But worse was to come. A few nights later two bombs fell on the houses adjoining the church and almost completely demolished three. The effect of the blast from these bombs was disastrous. All the windows were shattered, some of the window frames being torn completely out of the brickwork. A chimney stack was demolished and part of the roof of the house was torn away. Inside, the house and church doors were ripped off and plaster rained down on everything, creating a scene of destruction and desolation defying description.

It would seem that the devil felt our church had not received enough battering, for two nights later two more bombs fell, one on the premises mentioned above, and one in the back of some shops which adjoin the church on the other side. Splinters from these bombs did further damage to brickwork and to the roof, and brought down the remaining plaster, thus adding to the scene of ruin.

After reading the above, brethren and sisters will be able to understand something of the trying experience of our caretaker and his wife, Brother and Sister Darbyshire and of the family of Sister Harris who, hav-

ing had several houses demolished in their street, sought safety and company in the sanctity of the church. Fortunately, when the major damage was caused these families were in a nearby public shelter and so escaped injury.

The sympathies of the MESSENGER family, I know, will go out to Brother and Sister Darbyshire whose home effects have suffered severe damage, the sentimental associations of which tug more at the heartstrings than their material value. The homes of the following brethren and sisters have suffered a similar fate in varying degrees of intensity: Brother and Sister Sayers, Sister Gottschalk, Sister White, Sister Jolly, and Brother Radcliffe and son. Others, because of broken windows, live in darkened

homes, the inconvenience of which must be endured until bombing ceases.

The distress of these brethren and sisters has been mitigated by the kindness and generosity of local members, by the British Union Conference, and local council. Although, almost daily, bombs fall somewhere in this area, we are happy to record that not one of our members has even been injured. This testifies to the merciful protection we daily receive from our heavenly Father, and it is in Him that we shall continue to trust, ever grateful to Him for His sparing mercies.

Through the generous help of the British Union Conference we are hoping we shall be able to make temporary repairs to the church and resume services there before Christmas.

R. T. BOLTON.

### Change of Address

THE Lewisham church now meets in the Brotherhood Hall, 44 Sangley Road, Catford, S.E.6.

## WELSH MISSION

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### Notes from the Superintendent

SINCE writing our last notes we have had the pleasure of convening a district meeting in Cardiff. Being denied the benefits of the usual annual meeting, this was to be the substitute, as far as the South Wales churches were concerned. Members gathered in the familiar Salern chapel for a very full Sabbath's programme. We had a day packed with blessing. Everybody felt the presence of the Lord and received both impetus and inspiration. The congregation was almost up to "conference" status in size and everybody enjoyed having the opportunity of fellowship, especially as this was the first time there had been any communal gathering since the war began.

Pastor W. T. Bartlett was the honoured guest of the four services, he ministered at three, and the writer at the fourth. How we enjoyed our "elder brother's" ministry and his "breaking of the bread." Yes, and

we were hungry for it and ready to partake. The solemn times, days and nights of danger, and the fast-fulfilling signs gave a keener edge to our hunger. Brethren and sisters from Swansea, Newport, Barry, Caerphilly, Ystrad Mynach, Aberdare, Merthyr Tydfil, Porth, Pontypridd, Risca, Blaenavon, and Cardiff learned to appreciate Anne Steele's words:

"Fathers of mercies! in Thy Word  
 What endless glory shines!  
 For ever be Thy name adored,  
 For these celestial lines.

Yes, and they found the wish:

"Oh! may these heavenly pages be  
 My ever dear delight;  
 And still new beauties may I see,  
 And still increasing light."

coming true that Sabbath day.

Following the district meeting, Brother Bartlett conducted a service in Cardiff on Sunday evening and at Swansea on the Monday. We

look forward to return visits of like nature, for we know that the Lord blessed His servant's ministry in the Principality.

#### WELSH STUDENTS AT NEWBOLD

A HAPPY week-end recently was spent with the student-family and faculty at Newbold. An earnest spirit of devotion manifests itself among the young people training for service and one feels happy at the prospect of keen, sanctified workers coming into the ranks of the various departments of the church. We in Wales have a special interest in the college seeing that we have no less than eight young people from Wales in training. One of these, an Aberdare young man, found his way to Newbold, via England, so that while we sent seven, eight arrived! Let us pray for these young people at Newbold—for all of them whether from Wales or not. And if able and so led, you can send us a gift on behalf of our own young people and thus give practical assistance in lifting their financial burden.

#### THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

WALES has had a wonderful revival in this department. So far this year, £1,350 worth of message-filled literature has been circulated in our territory. This represents a gain of over £650—the largest gain of any field in the British Union. College students helped to make this possible and of seventeen students who spent the summer in Wales as colporteurs, nine earned a literature scholarship either in whole or in part.

Regular colporteurs are not many—in fact the number is deplorably low, especially when one considers the abundance of fertile territory that the Welsh Mission can provide. Brother John Dean, who came to the Shrewsbury area a few months ago, is having some good experiences and making excellent contacts. He is often called to conduct services in various churches and chapels and thus is able to leave behind both the spoken as well as the written word. From a recent letter we pass on the following interesting items:

"On a return visit to purchasers of *Our Wonderful Bible*, I have taken six orders for *Bible Certainties* (two of them in leather) and ten for bound volumes of *Bedtime Stories*.

One lady, a Baptist, tells me that our books are being loaned around and her second order was for a leather copy of *Bible Certainties*, two bound volumes of *Bedtime Stories*, two *Steps to Christ* and eight shilling books. To-morrow, I am taking the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church in Doddington, the members of which have taken good numbers of books. . . .

"Surely this seed-sowing of the truth for these last days must bear fruit to God's glory in the winning of souls and a returning to the 'old paths.'"

Brother Dean has also been able to help strongly in our local church in Shrewsbury. The Lord has used him to revive the public meetings and from these interests he reports that two or three have started to attend the Sabbath services. Let us remember Brother Dean in prayer and pray for the interests thus created.

Brother C. L. W. Cooke is also having encouraging experiences in the Swansea area and, while succeeding as a Gospel salesman, is being used wonderfully of the Lord in the Sabbath-school department of the Swansea church and as one of our local preachers. Sister Green, in North Wales, is also having a revival in her literature ministry and is also using her talents in the local church work. While it is a perfectly

natural thing for a Gospel salesman to be ready for other lines of spiritual service, yet we rejoice when we see it being done, for a sanctified salesman of the printed page is a power for good in the land—and in the church. May we see more of such men and women. The need is urgent and the opportunities abundant.

#### COMING BAPTISMS

BEFORE long we hope to have baptisms in south and north Wales. To see souls being born into the kingdom brings the greatest of joys, first to the patient toilers and then to the church as a whole. Shall we pray daily for the "front-line" workers who to-day work under much difficulty, and, often, discouragement?

#### MAKING EVANGELISM POSSIBLE

Do we remember that our tithes and our contributions to the little "brown box" make the work of the evangelist possible? We are glad to report an increase in the tithe income—a greater degree of faithfulness is apparent. The sum of £541 was paid in tithes by our members in Wales during the third quarter. The budget set for us this year and which we felt was rather high is in sight now, and we have yet two



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months to go. But there are still quite a number who are not participating in this blessed experience of returning the Lord His own. It is difficult to know why—for they are the losers, as the faithful ones will readily testify. After all, why should those who profess to be waiting for the Master's return "rob God"?

The contribution to the Evangelistic Box Fund is on a different basis. It is a voluntary plan to put odd pennies aside for the work of God. The box also is used by visitors to our homes who may wish to help in some small way. Anyway, let us remember these "wee brown boxes." Their contents help to augment the evangelistic funds.

We are glad to pass on word, too, that the Sabbath-schools are flourishing and the offering to missions which they give weekly is on the up-grade. Are you seeing to it that your school is fulfilling the function devised for it? Are those slightly higher goals being reached? Let us be jealous for the progress of our local spiritual activities.

#### THE "MESSENGER" OFFERING

ON Sabbath, November 9th, we have our opportunity of helping to meet the cost of the free MESSENGER. It is free to members but the Welsh Mission has a portion of the cost to meet. We depend on our members voluntarily giving a gift commensurate with the value each puts upon these twenty-six annual visitors. Collections will be taken in all churches but you who are isolated, we hope you will not be unmindful of the need and send your gift when forwarding your tithe and other offerings.

#### LITERATURE CONVENTION—NEWPORT —NOVEMBER 22nd-24th.

PASTOR J. M. HOWARD and Brother A. Warren will be the principal speakers at this convention. Further particulars and programmes will be sent to the churches in the Newport area and to officers in other areas who may wish to attend.

#### "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD"

THE church in Wales continues to lose heavily by death. The third quarter has seen five more of God's people laid to rest. Already in this

last quarter another, Brother Andrews of Blaenavon, has fallen. There is added significance in this. Those who die in the Lord are being laid aside "from the wrath to come," sleeping through the darker days which precede the dawn. We shall miss them but look forward to seeing them again.

Many will remember Kenneth Wilcox, the elder son of Brother and Sister Wilcox, of Cardiff. He was a victim of an air attack on Gibraltar. It has been a tragic grief for the parents as well as the young wife. We can but commend these and the multitude of other sufferers to the God of all comfort.

#### THE NEED OF THE HOUR

WE have reached a time in the world's history which speaks with no uncertain sound of the approaching end—the end of the world's night and the dawning of the eter-

nal morning. But it is in these times that the adversary is intensifying his attempts to thwart the purpose of God for each one of us. We can be so engrossed with modern demands and activities as to find little time for the things of the Spirit. Shall we together "seek the Lord while He may be found" and renew our consecration and give diligent attention to the greatest thing in life—preparation for the coming of Jesus. Sister White wrote in her day:

"From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. . . . God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory."

S. G. HYDE.

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### Greater Manchester District

TWELVE months have now passed by since we took up residence in Manchester to care evangelistically and pastorally for the churches and companies in the Greater Manchester district. Twelve months—it does not seem that time, and yet how much has happened in the world and in the church during the past year!

Our district extends beyond the city of Manchester from Bolton in the north to Stockport in the south, and from Ashton-under-Lyne in the east to Stretford in the west. In this district of over two hundred square miles, we now have 183 members meeting regularly in five centres. From these members during the past year the conference has received £840. 10s. 1d. tithe, £186. 16s. offerings, and £334. 4s. 10d. Harvest In-gathering—a total of £1,361. 10s. 11d.

Work during the recent evangelistic period has been harder than we have ever found it, but under the blessing of God fifteen new believers have been added to our membership.

Miss Handysides and Brother S. H. Parkin have been our faithful assistants.

In spite of war hindrances the home missionary, Sabbath-school, and missionary volunteer departments have continued with encouraging regularity. And now a teachers' meeting and a Dorcas society are providing new interests in our church life. Special mention should also be made of the Progressive Courses classes which we have had the pleasure of starting and conducting this year. Twenty-three "Progressives" have already received their Friend badges and most of them have nearly completed their Companion requirements.

It is very difficult to single out individuals for special credit from among members as loyal and devoted to the cause of God as they are in our district, but we feel that we must make mention of some. Brother J. Cook, our Parkfield Street church elder, though deprived of his eyesight, is a tower of strength and inspiration to all of us. Brother W. McLeod has laboured long in the



colporteur work; God has blessed him in his sales and year by year in souls won for the kingdom. Brother and Sister W. Hilton in Ashton have borne a faithful and successful testimony.

All our members join in sending hearty greetings and prayerful remembrances to our fellow-believers everywhere.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

### Wedding Bells

HAUG-FLINT.—At Warwick, on August 17, 1940, Mr. Leif Haug, from

Norway, and Miss Nora Flint, of Colchester, were united in marriage. We are very happy to have them in association with us in the Coventry church and wish them every blessing as they walk through life together.

E. A. BUCK.

### At Rest

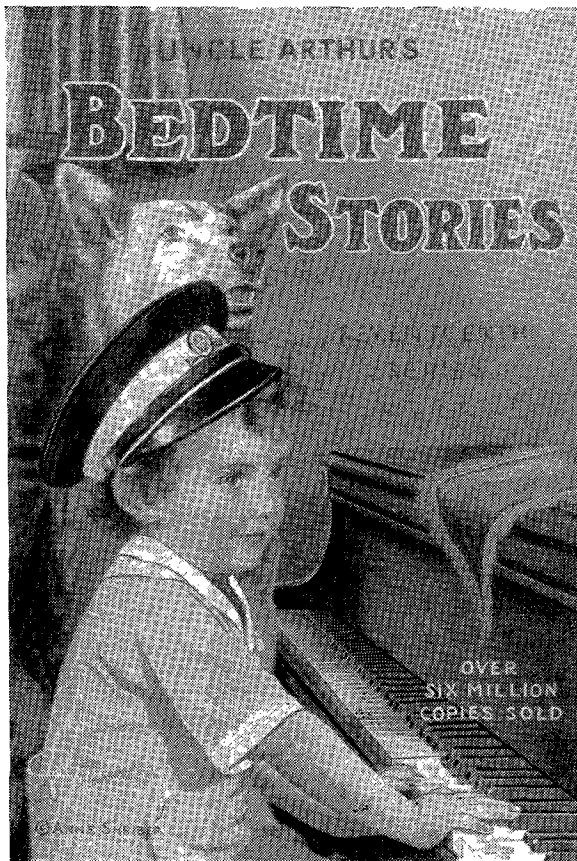
RICHARDSON.—It is with sadness we record the death of Sister S. Richardson, who passed from this life October 5, 1940. Fourteen years ago she made contact with the truth when Pastor E. Craven laboured in Leeds. Her splendid witness to the message was no less effective during the last two years of her life for, although bed-

ridden, she continued to let her light shine. Those who came to console went away themselves comforted. We laid her to rest in sure hope of being raised to life eternal.

CHURCH CLERK.

MCCRAE.—The Coventry church has been saddened by the deaths of Sister Susan McCrae and her little two-and-a-half-years-old son Noel, who were both killed during an air raid on October 12, 1940. Sister McCrae, a native of Belfast, accepted the truth and was received into the church last December as a result of the recent campaign conducted in Coventry by Pastor S. G. Joyce. They were laid to rest on Sabbath, October 19th, the ceremony being conducted by Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch, the principal of the college. A niece of Sister McCrae is a student at Newbold College and our sympathies go to her and the rest of her loved ones in Ireland. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, and look forward to the glad resurrection morning.

E. A. BUCK.



## Keep the Children Happy

through many black-out hours. They will love to read of Peter and the pumpkin seed, of what happened to the last marshmallow, and about the boy who was always best, of how Iris did the ironing, and of the way to happiness that Helen found—but there are twenty-two stories in Series seventeen. As bright, as fresh, as helpful as ever. They tell of children who learned the value of obedience, unselfishness, diligence, and faithfulness. Five of them tell of remarkable answers to prayer. Surely these lessons are even more necessary now that there is so much in the world that children cannot understand.

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for your own children and sell them in your district. The price is still only 1/—no increase—with the usual discount to churchmembers; there are the same number of pages and a better-than-ever three-colour cover. Make sure of your supplies by ordering immediately, either through your home missionary secretary or direct from The Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts.

# Parents, Boys, and Girls, Read This

ONE of our bookmen tells the following true story which shows how readily our juvenile books sell once they are brought to the attention of those interested in good books for young children. He writes:

"One day some years ago when my boy was about seven years of age, he and another lad of similar age decided they wanted to go to the General Conference which was to be held in San Francisco the following year. That evening when he came home from school, he burst into my study and breathlessly asked, 'Daddy, will you take me to the General Conference?' Without looking up from my work, I replied, 'Surely, my boy, I'll be glad to take you.' Before I could qualify my statement, he ran into the parlour and announced to his mother that I had promised to take him to San Francisco to the General Conference. When I explained to him that I only meant to agree to take him along provided he would get the money to pay for a round trip ticket, which was £18 from where we lived, his countenance fell, and the expression on his face plainly indicated that he was surrendering all hope right then and there of accompanying me on that trip. He seemed very sure that one so young could not possibly earn £18 in the short space of six months.

"I thought of the little Home Workers' Kit we were using that year and assured him that even though he was only a small boy he could easily earn sufficient money to pay his way to the General Conference if he would follow carefully my instruction. Knowing he was too young to give much of a canvass, I explained to him how he could take the little satchel, filled with books, from home to home and let the books speak for themselves. In less than an hour I taught him a simple little canvass and had him practise it on me three or four times. The next morning when he started to school he took the satchel with him, stopping at the dentist's home next door just long enough to say, 'Mrs. —, I have some nice new books you might like for Joan and Jimmy. They are in this case. Daddy says they are the best books in all the world for boys and girls, and my

daddy knows 'cause he's a bookman. I am not big enough to tell you much about them, but you can keep the books here and look at them while I go to school this morning. When I come home at noon for lunch, I'll stop and get the sample case. There's an order blank and price sheet inside so you can write down the names of whatever books you want, and I'll get them and bring them to you any time you say between now and Christmas.'

"Immediately after lunch the lad would pick up the kit and take it to another home and make a similar speech, indicating that he would leave the case in that home for the afternoon. When school was out in the evening he would again pick up the case and place it in the third home to be left there until next morning. In that way he covered three homes every day. In some homes he sold quite a large selection of books, and in every home at least one book, if nothing more than one *Bedtime Stories*.

"At home I marked a map so as to show the automobile trip we had in mind. It covered a number of the National Parks and totalled nearly 9,000 miles. Eighteen pounds, I explained, would be the equivalent of about one halfpenny a mile. As the lad's orders accumulated he figured the number of miles he could travel each day at a halfpenny a mile and indicated it with red tracing on the map. As those tracings showed progress from night to night his courage and enthusiasm increased by leaps and bounds.

"It is hardly necessary to add that he had his £18 in a surprisingly short time. He canvassed only the homes where there were children. Nearly all the mothers were willing to take the sample kit at the door and promised to look it over. There in the quietness of their own homes they examined those books and without any pressure on the part of a salesman standing by waiting for them to sign on the dotted line, they wrote up order after order for the books they would like to have for their children and grandchildren. This simple little experiment has convinced me that our juvenile books will sell themselves once we give people an opportunity to see

them and discover their true merit and the appeal they have for the average child."

The Christmas season is here again. And what opportunities it holds out to us to get our good books into the hands of those who live near us. The plan suggested by this father to his son was simple but effective. Doubtless there are many Seventh-Day Adventists who could successfully use the above, or some other equally simple form, during this holiday season, in getting thousands of our good books into the hands of their neighbours and friends. Why not try it?

C. E. WEAKS.

## At Rest

MILLS.—After a short illness Sister E. Mills of the Croydon church passed away on October 12, 1940, at the age of eighty-four, and five days later was laid to rest in the Queens Road cemetery. It was through the labours of Pastor D. Morrison that Sister Mills was brought to a knowledge of the truth and was baptized ten years ago. From the first, Sister Mills gained the love and respect of all. The last ten years of her life were not inactive ones; grasping every opportunity to labour for the Master she loved, Sister Mills leaves a fine example for all younger in years to emulate. Our sympathies go out to sorrowing sons and daughters but we, with them, are comforted in believing that she will rise again and we shall meet her to part no more.

R. T. BOLTON.

FLETCHER.—The Leeds church has lost yet another member in Sister E. Fletcher, who fell asleep on October 11, 1940. Just over a month ago the waters of baptism passed over her; now she waits the call of the Lifegiver at the glorious resurrection morn. Her only daughter, though left to mourn, realizes that we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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Nov. 15th	5.11	5.09	5.24	5.06	5.23
Nov. 22nd	5.02	5.00	5.15	4.55	5.13

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