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The Challenge of the Hour

THE annual Week of Prayer presents an opportunity for the believers in the third angel's message around the circle of the earth, in all lands and all climes, to unite their hearts in seeking the Lord as one body for an outpouring of His blessings and power to supply their needs. As we advance into the troublous times that directly precede the end of all things, we shall feel a deeper need of divine help for our insufficiency, and shall come to depend more and more upon the power of the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, and sustain the faith and courage of God's people.

The years pass one after another in swift succession, crowded with events of greatest magnitude in world affairs, and our hearts should lay hold of the Advent message with increasing fervour. The Lord is the hope of His people. Man's boasted bulwarks of civilization are crumbling. They cannot be depended upon to save from destruction and ruin. As foretold in the Holy Scriptures, there is perplexity among the nations and men's hearts fail them for fear. As thickening troubles and regulations make the way most difficult for commandment-keepers, and make less secure the exercise of conscience and faith, the children of the Lord will learn more and more to lean on God's everlasting arms, and to stand trustfully still, and see the salvation of their God.

In the deliverance from Egypt God led Israel out "with a high hand," and we may expect Him signally to save His people in the midst of these last-day oppressions and turmoil. To

A Special Message from the General Conference Committee

His people in their perplexity the Lord directs the prophet Zechariah to say, "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee." "The Lord of hosts shall defend them. . . . And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land." Zech. 9:12, 15, 16.

What a triumphant portrayal is here given of the ultimate victory for His faithful and chosen people.

So in this annual Week of Prayer let us as a people and as churches come to God in full confidence that He will hear us as we kneel before the throne of grace, petitioning Him in behalf of our need for cleansing from sin and for preparation of heart to meet Him when He comes. Let us bow our hearts to Him in supplication for His children who are

oppressed for conscience' sake, or who may be in sad need because of war conditions. Let us pray for those who sit in great darkness, that their souls may be illumined by the love of God and the hope of His kingdom restored. Let us pray for peace and tranquillity among nations. Let us pray for the finishing of the work of God in the world.

The Annual Offering is received on the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. How fitting that in this week of deep, earnest devotion we find outlet for consecration in giving to the work of God. The central interest of our lives as Christians is to advance His work. The task left by the Lord Himself for His disciples and followers is to carry the Gospel to all the world. The purpose of the church is found in the commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The needs of the work in all the world increase as we near the end of time. The war conditions in some countries result in funds being cut off for use elsewhere. How urgent, therefore, in lands from which funds can be sent to aid the work, that our believers give liberally. Doubtless a pound now will be worth ten pounds later, if money in all lands is compelled to submit to restrictive regulations. The Lord will reward those who have part in this offering to hasten the message onward in mission lands. We pray that this annual Week of Prayer *shall* prove to be one of great spiritual refreshing to our people in all countries, and that our

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hearts will be drawn toward each other in the bond of Christian fellowship and in consecration to the

finishing of the work. May it also result in a faithful habit of prayer in personal life and in our homes

sometimes gives more than one copy to a family. Furthermore, this method also puts copies into the hands of visitors who are not members and who may not even have become interested.

We suggest definitely that the missionary secretary write the name of each member on his or her copy, and that the copies be placed on a table in the hall so that each member takes the proper copy on leaving. The name of the family could be written where there is more than one Adventist in a family. This would save copies. It would also be economical to remember that the MESSENGER is provided for members only.

Notes from the Union President

AIR-RAID CASUALTIES

ABOUT twenty families, as far as has been reported, were rendered temporarily or permanently homeless in the wanton attack on Coventry. All were cared for, either by friends, or by local members, or at Newbold, and we are glad to say that no loss of life has been reported, which is a remarkable tribute to the Lord's care for His people. Another member, an elderly lady, has lost her life in a Merseyside raid.

Elsewhere our members have suffered more or less inconvenience and minor damage to property, but all the reports indicate that the Lord is good to our people and that their faith, despite the circumstances, is strong in Him.

WEEK OF PRAYER

No emphasis on our part could equal the striking appeal that the present times bring to us on the necessity of more earnest and spiritual prayer. The first object of prayer should be the sanctification of the suppliant's personal life. Secondly, we should seek God for the deepening of the spiritual life of His church in the light of the magnitude of her unfinished world task. The church never had such a fight before her in all her long and troubled history. The spirit of the evil one is possessing the world, and it is becoming harder for people to believe such simple verities as "The Lord is good," and "God is love." Much harder is it also to believe the third angel's message. Yet there are thousands longing for light and more easily approachable by those filled with the Spirit's power.

Then, too, we should surely pray that the angels of God will hold back the winds of strife so that those countries which have not yet heard the message may be accorded some measure of freedom of conscience to make their choice for eternity. It is not wrong to pray that the wickedness of men may be held back and

that light may still shine into the lands that are dark, silent, and oppressed. We commend the message from the General Conference Committee, in this issue, to the careful and prayerful consideration of all our members.

Having prayed and sought the Lord for His power, let us remember His world work in an Annual Offering that will surpass our efforts for God in any previous year.

MESSENGER DISTRIBUTION

WE should like to suggest to our church officers responsible for the distribution of the MESSENGER that it is not dignified, nor is it reverent, to see any officers slipping in and out of a congregation handing copies to members. Nor is it the best way to stand at the door and give a copy to every person passing out, which method is also wasteful in that it

EMPLOYMENT FOR ADVENTISTS

WE have two or three men anxious to find work on the land, and it would be very helpful if our members could put us in touch with people willing to engage Adventists. If there are Adventist farmers or market gardeners who could employ extra labour it would be a distinct service to the cause at this time. Information should be sent to us at the Union office.

H. W. LOWE.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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On the Southeast Front

AMONG other towns on the southeast coast, Southend early began to feel the effects of the war. The threat of invasion led to a large scale evacuation, and our hearts were made sad as most of the interested non-members, many of our churchmembers, and all but one of our young people went out from our midst.

Sunday, October 6th, however, was a day of rejoicing, when Pastor G. D. King travelled to London's one-time holiday resort, not on holiday bent, but to bury three sisters in the waters of baptism. The candidates and others who were present will never forget Pastor King's helpful and inspiring address before the baptismal ceremony. As the candidates took

their vows, new pledges of consecration were made by those who had trod that way before.

We thank God that one mother's prayer was answered when her daughter, the only one of our young people remaining, passed through the watery grave. The other two candidates made their first contact with the message through *Present Truth*, and now, after receiving further instruction at a weekly Bible study in their own home, are walking in the full light of the Advent message. We believe that these three sisters will make a strong addition to the Southend church.

The week-end following, October 12th and 13th, was another occasion of rejoicing. This time there was a

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spirit of thankfulness for the bountiful harvest of the earth. The church was tastefully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving and, in spite of the much depleted church membership, there was a plentiful spread of good things which testified to Nature's lavish hand. The week-end was a time of refreshing and, for a while, we forgot the works of men with the desolation and sorrow that they bring. These seemed so trivial when compared to the wonderful works of God whose promise, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease," even the

wrath of men and nations cannot overthrow.

The fruit, flowers, and vegetables were distributed as needed among the poor of the flock. The remainder of the produce was sold and a useful sum raised for the poor fund.

We are of good courage and thank God for His blessings, particularly His keeping power. Will you pray, with us, that the work of the Lord may still be onward in Southend, and that He will yet give many more souls for our labours?

F. J. WILMSHURST.

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Nottingham M.V. Rally

It was with a thrill of anticipation that the Nottingham young people gathered together on Friday evening, October 18th. This was not an ordinary missionary volunteer meeting, but a special gathering, a preparatory service where we hoped to lay a good foundation for the long-awaited rally. We were expecting a number of missionary volunteers from the surrounding churches, and we wanted them to spend a day with us that would not soon be forgotten.

So we listened attentively to our society leader's opening talk, "How can we ensure the success of this rally?" This was what we were eager to do, and we resolved to put Miss Parfitt's suggestions into action, to pray for success, to be punctual at all the meetings, and to make our visitors feel thoroughly at home. Other helpful ideas were suggested in Brother Kinman's talk, "Young people's problems: How can we help?"

We were startled when Brother Sparrow, in the closing address, announced that we were all conscripts in Christ's army. No! No! We were missionary *volunteers*. We began to understand, however, when he explained that we were "willing

conscripts," "conscripted by love to Christ."

Sabbath morning dawned dark and stormy. Rain fell in torrents. How could we expect visitors to come so far in this? we thought sorrowfully. But we were soon to see that it takes more than a downpour of rain to dampen our young folk's enthusiasm. They turned up, in defiance of the weather. Some even arrived in time to share the benefits of the teachers' meeting; many more came in for Sabbath-school, and before the preaching service began, we actually had to fetch more chairs to seat our growing congregation.

"Follow Me," was the title of Brother Sparrow's address. He led us, in imagination, by the shores of Galilee, and pointed us to the Saviour calling His disciples. We heard His call again that memorable morning, and when, at the close of the service, an appeal for consecration was made, and opportunity given for testimonies, very earnest were the responses.

Promptly at three in the afternoon, we were back again to enjoy a very bright and enjoyable programme. The Bible was the theme. Brother Sparrow's interesting story of how we got our Bible made us more

appreciative of the wonderful privilege that is ours in having such easy access to the words of life. Following that talk, Brother Kinman introduced to us a very fascinating new Bible puzzle. Six young people took part. Each portrayed a Bible character and gave a short talk about the life and work of the one chosen, without disclosing the name. It was our task to guess the name of the character described. So cleverly were the talks thought out that this did not prove nearly as easy as we imagined it would be. Some of us woke up with a start to discover how little we really knew, even about our favourite Bible friends.

The juniors were not forgotten nor left out of the programme, for a little corner was specially reserved for them. A Sabbath-school picture roll was used, the titles of the pictures having been blotted out, and as the pages were turned, the children were asked to tell in a few words what the pictures represented. How they enjoyed this item—and we older ones enjoyed watching their bright, eager faces, and the quick, ready way in which they gave their answers.

We all agreed that this was a model missionary volunteer meeting, and went away inspired with the ambition to make our regular society meetings more bright, stimulating, and instructive.

Later in the evening, a happy ending to a wonderful day was provided in an informal social gathering, where we came to know each other better as we played games and romped together, and enjoyed a moving film on Whipsnade Zoo.

All too quickly the time came to separate. We went back to our various churches feeling that the hours we had spent together had not passed in vain, but that results would be seen in greater consecration and better service for the Master on the part of the young people of the Central District.

E. M. STENDALL.

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Joy is the signal that we are spiritually alive and active. Wherever joy is, creation has been; and the richer the creation, the deeper the joy.—*Dean Inge.*

to be taken up on SABBATH, December 14th

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Notes from the Superintendent

WEEK OF PRAYER

NEVER before has the annual Week of Prayer arrived under such tragic circumstances as does the one this year. And never was the need greater for prayer and heart-searching. The church of God, living under prevailing conditions stands in the greatest danger—danger of being engrossed in the things which pre-occupy the peoples of the whole world so that the "things of the spirit" receive meagre attention. This Week of Prayer will give us time for reflection, time to take stock of our spiritual store, time to seek the Lord while He may be found.

We hope that our members will show due appreciation of this crisis-time for God's waiting people by getting together as often as it is possible during this week for prayer and praise.

The readings or messages from eight representative leaders of the Advent people will be found both timely and inspiring. May we all emerge from this annual prayer week as victorious, consecrated men and women.

We commend the practice of self-denial during the Week of Prayer, December 7th to 14th, so that the Annual Offering on behalf of the ever-growing missionary operations of our church, may be sustained and supplemented.

BAPTISM IN CARDIFF

THROUGH the courtesy of the officers of the Salem Chapel, a baptismal service was held there on the last day of November. More details of this happy event will be given later.

STUDENT AID FUND APPEAL

IN a recent issue mention was made of the seven young people from the Welsh field who are preparing for service at Newbold College. The fact that we would like to give occasional financial help to these young people through the Student Aid Fund was also mentioned. Apart from gifts received for this purpose through the

usual channels, an anonymous friend sent along a much-appreciated postal-order. We are glad to acknowledge the gift here and say "thank you!" More such gifts are needed.

BEREAVEMENT

BROTHER and Sister Phillips, of Caerphilly have been bereaved by the death of their daughter, Brenda (Mrs. Nash). Many members of the MESSENGER family were acquainted with Mrs. Nash (or Brenda Phillips) and many will recall her cheerful association with the Sanitarium staff many years ago.

We extend to the parents and Brother Nash, the father-in-law, the sympathy of the MESSENGER family.

CAMPAIGNS

PASTOR F. S. JACKSON began a new campaign on Sunday afternoon, November 24th, in Llanelly. The attendance was fair and a good interest was aroused. We bespeak on behalf of this campaign and its leader, your earnest prayers.

BROTHER P. O. CUMINGS is very busy with cottage meetings and *Present Truth* circulation in Barry Dock and district. This more intimate method of reaching the seekers for

truth is bound to produce results. Every member will hold our brother up in prayer as he labours in this busy little town.

THEN Brother D. Conroy is also using the cottage meeting as one means of evangelism in Newport. In addition, the Newport church is being used for more aggressive work on Sundays. Here again, your prayers will prove invaluable.

IN Cardiff, the Sunday night attendance in our own hall has greatly increased of late—in spite of the darkness. Miss W. Reed, the one and only lady worker in South Wales, has proved herself to be a valuable addition to our small staff of workers, and her list for Bible studies is mounting.

PASTOR MUNSON and Miss Mason, in Wrexham, have had some disappointing experiences so that the first-fruits from their campaign will be later than was expected. These workers need our prayers that the day of rejoicing in souls born into Christ's kingdom may come soon. Brother Munson intends to begin a new campaign series shortly.

MAY the Lord bless His people in Wales, and as we come up to the end of the year may we be loyal and bring to His treasury "all the tithe" that there may be meat in God's house for the stirring days ahead. Let us pray one for another and witness a good profession on behalf of the Saviour we love. S. G. HYDE.

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Bumper Report from Glasgow

HERE in Glasgow we have been busy—very busy, indeed! Just look for a moment at this report from the home missionary secretary's record book:

"During the period of nine months, January 1 to September 30, 1940, several campaigns were held. The first was the Tract Campaign in February for which 650 copies of *Present Truth* were ordered, showing an increase of 150 over the previous year's total and giving us the twenty

per cent for which our Union president had urged us to try.

"In March, during the evangelistic effort conducted in the King's Cinema, 155,000 handbills were distributed by the members. Hard work all will agree; but although we became weary in well-doing, we did not become weary of well-doing!

"Our campaigns follow quickly one upon another, but in spite of that, loyal enthusiasm is continually to the fore and is repeatedly rewarded with success.

"In April we launched our Missions Extension Campaign and stormed the city with 429 books, from which the sum of £7. 14s. was raised, making £3. 12s. as an offering for missions.

"After eight weeks—Harvest Ingathering!

"DIARY FOR JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.

"June 23rd—After some delay (connected with permission from the Government) we launched our Harvest Ingathering Campaign to-day.

"Young and old alike rallied to the first strains of the bugle call to service, and, armed with canisters, leaflets, badges, etc., we gallantly invaded the city of Glasgow.

"June 30th—Medical officer's report concerning Ingathering health of our army is as follows:

"At commencement of invasion, soldiers are registering under three classes—A1, B2, C3.

"Class A1—Comfortably resigned to wage a long war.

"Class B2—Not so comfortably resigned—showing slightly increased pulsation and temperature decidedly above normal on reaching line of attack.

"Class C3—Suffering badly from common complaint of knee-smiting, combined with complaint of B2 class—increased pulsation and heightened temperature.

"July 21st—Battle has been in full swing now for four weeks and with still five weeks to go, Medical Man reports that after following out his prescription of *not less* than one weekly dose of Harvest Ingathering, entire army is registering under class A1.

"August 4th—From all quarters reports come in claiming that successful attacks have been made on outlying districts and all parts of the city proper.

"August 25th—VICTORY. The invasion has been entirely successful. Our objective of £188 has been reached and passed, and it is with great pleasure and satisfaction, and attributing the greater part of our success to the able leadership of Pastor L. D. Vince and Brother Bolam, (missionary leader) we report the handsome total of £204 for Glasgow in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, 1940.

"With September came the Tract and Paper Campaign which is being

conducted a little differently from usual, but is meeting with encouraging success. By the end of the six weeks we shall have distributed 780 copies of *Present Truth*. This gives us an increase on last Tract Campaign of 130 papers.

"Altogether 2,863 copies of *Present Truth* have been distributed by the society during these nine months, which, with 501 other magazines (*Good News*, etc.), and 75 miscellaneous books, makes a total of 3,439.

"The work of the home missionary department is indeed progressing, and we are sure that with this encouraging report before us, the work will show even greater progress in the future. In this work of distributing literature we are especially encouraged by the promise of the Lord: 'My Word . . . shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please.'"

JESSIE A. BAIRD,
Home Missionary Secretary.

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The Dublin Harvest Thanksgiving

OVER the week-end, October 26 to 27, 1940, the special services were very well attended by friends and members. Any who had not seen the voluntary decorating in progress must have received a wonderful surprise on entering the church on Sabbath morning. It was as though an unseen hand had changed our little church into a veritable garden of Eden. The morning sunshine, though shining only at intervals, enhanced the gold of the wheat, the green of the ivy, fir, and various kinds of foliage. The beautiful autumn tints of red and bronze vied with the yellow, white, and gold chrysanthemums, which were tastefully arranged on an improvised table, together with fruit and dairy produce. In the centre of this array was man's staple food, a loaf baked in the form of a sheaf of wheat, supported by an elongated roll. Even the stove, which like most useful articles is decidedly not ornamental, had been converted into a thing of beauty.

Gazing upon this produce of Mother Earth, it was borne in upon us how indebted we are to the Creator of all these things.

On Sabbath morning Pastor L. A. Watson spoke to us of some examples of answered prayer. Referring to Galatians 6:9, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not," he gave us a really encouraging address.

In the afternoon we sang that very appropriate hymn of the harvest, "Our God, we thank Thee, who hast made the earth so bright." Instead of

the Scripture reading Sister Watson recited, by request, a beautiful poem bearing on the subject of the day. A male duet, "The Beautiful Land," was much appreciated. In the address which followed, Sister Watson drew some wonderful lessons from the produce which surrounded us.

Our Harvest Festival came to a close with the Sunday night meeting. The church was almost full, and a goodly number of visitors were also present. Pastor Watson conducted some very lively Gospel choruses prior to the service.

We were favoured with a beautiful solo by one of our non-member friends, Miss Norah Rogers, who sang that great favourite, "The seed that we sow, We'll surely reap." Sister Watson rendered a very meaningful recitation entitled "God is Good" which was also enjoyed by all.

The subject chosen for the evening was "The Missing Fruit—What is it? Is it extinct?" A number of texts were given to illustrate the results of sowing to the flesh, the greatest example being with the Israelitish nation. The fruit of the Spirit, "peace," certainly is missing, but is not extinct.

This concluded a very happy week-end of thankfulness to God. A distribution of goods was made the following day to some of the members of our church, and also to a ward in a Blind Institute. The help given by those who decorated and later tidied up the church was much appreciated.

MICHAEL R. SISSON,
Church Clerk.

MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

Placing the Truth in "Publics"

MRS. MCLEOD, wife of our regular colporteur, is specializing with *Present Truth* in public houses in the Stockport district, and is enjoying extraordinary success. This kind of Gospel work demands courage and tact, and also a real burden for the poor lost souls who gather in these places.

Sister McLeod writes: "First of all I say to the proprietor, 'I'm just doing a little home missionary work, could I have your permission to go round to the people?'"

"This being granted, I look over the folk and decide on the most likely-looking person in the room and begin there. A good start goes a long way, for these people are much like sheep.

"Then to each person I merely say, 'Will you take a copy of our home missionary magazine, please—two pages for the children—just two pence.'

"Sometimes I am asked what is in the paper. I reply, 'It comments on present-day world conditions. Some good Sunday reading, and two pages for the children.' If they ask, 'Are there any tips for next week?' I say, 'No, not exactly, but it shows you how to run the straight race.' Or someone may say, 'I suppose you are teetotal,' to which I reply, 'Oh yes, I never touch tea,' which brings a laugh and they don't trouble me again."

Quiet self-possession, born of a deep desire to spread the Gospel even in unattractive places, coupled with Christian courtesy and good humour, makes for success.

We hope that others will try their hand at this kind of missionary work.

B. BELTON.

A Day with a Colporteur

SOME twenty-five years ago, a colporteur brother sold a book to a school teacher. The teacher became interested in the message the book contained, and accepted it. Later the colporteur and the teacher became interested in each other, and were married. Since their marriage they

have been joined in service in the literature ministry. They have been used of God in placing thousands of our message-filled books in the homes of the people. The following interesting story is taken from our sister's diary of a day's work in the literature ministry:

"Come with me for one day in the colporteur work. It's July 2nd, and a very hot day.

"In the first house the lady was much interested and ordered a cloth *Bible Readings*, paying eight shillings down. The next house, a deluxe, and also the next; then we find a lady who tells us she has the same book, and from her bookcase she brings forth the *Bible Readings*. It didn't take long to sell her another book as a companion to the one she has, so *Great Controversy* is going into that home.

"Now we come to a nice home and are told that they also have *Bible Readings*, and out she comes with the same book. 'Well, now you should have that companion book, *Great Controversy*,' but she said, 'I have it also,' and out comes *Great Controversy*. 'Oh, but you should have *Patriarchs and Prophets*,' and out that comes. Soon I was surrounded with a number more of Seventh-Day Adventist books, and I said, 'Where do you get all these books?' She said, 'Twenty years ago I was a Seventh-Day Adventist.' It seems that her husband had taken a position to work on the Sabbath, and soon the whole family were out of the truth. Well, we had a good talk, which ended in prayer and tears in the eyes of the woman, who said, 'If once you are a Seventh-Day Adventist you can't be satisfied until you get back into it again.' She ordered *Life and Health* for one year, and wants us to remember her in our prayers.

"One lady said, 'This is just what I have always wanted,' as she ordered over fifty shillings' worth of literature.

"Another woman has just come from the hospital, and my visit seemed to comfort her, and she ordered the *Bible Readings*, saying

she intended to study God's Word more.

"Now we will tell of one more experience to-day. The mother is burdened for a son who was once interested in spiritual things, but has drifted with associates who have taken him away from God. She wasn't able to order the book, but as I was about to leave, the son, a fine looking young man entered. I stepped forward, and gave another canvass, which much interested the young man, and he ordered the book. He told me how he had drifted and wanted to get back again. He had been to a Seventh-Day Adventist church school for three years, and felt he should be a Seventh-Day Adventist. I had prayer before I left and he promised to come to our services, and said he was going to have his friends read that book with him. Please pray for this young man.

"I haven't time to write more of this one day's work, only to say that my orders came to the value of ten pounds, and I went home happy, not only for the good orders, but the experiences, which were very precious."

What an interesting day this must have been! Yet it is only one from the many which our dear colporteurs are enjoying as they minister to the needs of waiting souls who are reaching out for something that this world cannot give. What an opening this work provides for many Seventh-Day Adventist couples who have a desire to work for God in a more definite way than they are now doing. And what season of the year could be better for entering this work than right now when the long winter evenings are coming on when people will be wanting good books? If the Lord has been speaking to you about this work why not sit down and write to your field secretary and tell him about your desires and burdens? With events taking shape so rapidly, telling us that the end is right upon us, surely this is a time when the call of the Lord should be answered by the coming of the man saying, "Here am I, send me."

C. E. WEAKS.

"In the Scriptures thousands of gems of truth lie hidden from the surface seeker. The mine of truth is never exhausted."

At Rest

MILLS.—It is with regret that we announce the death of Brother W. Mills, of Uddington, nr. Glasgow. Brother Mills had reached the good old age of seventy-four, and leaves a widow, Sister Mills, with her three daughters, in addition to children by a former wife. Brother Mills accepted the truth under the ministry of Pastor L. Murdoch, and was baptized in 1933. He held the office of deacon in the Uddington church, and helped to build the mission hall. We laid him to rest in Bothwell Park Cemetery, feeling sure that he will rise again in the first resurrection at the coming of Jesus. Brother A. Innes assisted the writer at the service and at the graveside. J. A. McMILLAN.

THAYER.—Sister Jennie Thayer was born at Buckland, Mass., September 20, 1853; and died at the New England Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass., September 12, 1940. Sister Thayer was the thirteenth child of Abijah and Rhoda Thayer, who were earnest disciples of the 1844 movement, and among the earliest to begin the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath. Following a camp meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jennie Thayer, with one hundred and fifty other candidates, was baptized by Elder D. H. Lamson.

Sister Thayer attended Battle Creek College for two years, where she was in daily contact with such illustrious personalities as G. W. Caviness, C. C. Lewis, T. H. Haughey, Professor Browsersberger, and Professor Bell. Upon leaving college Sister Thayer began the long term of office work and responsible positions of trust she was to fill for many years, by acting as secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Conference Tract Society, also of its Health and Temperance Association, from 1879-1882. She was then called to England to help Elder Loughborough in his work. She learned to set type in Elder Loughborough's house, in Ravenswood, Southampton. Their work began with a two-page British supplement to the *Signs of the Times*. A thousand copies were printed each week, one being pasted to each copy of the *Signs* printed in Oakland, California. After a year Elder Loughborough returned to the United States, and Sister Thayer remained to help start the *British Present Truth*. After working with Elder M. C. Wilcox for two years, he returned home, and she took over the work as editor and continued it for two years. After spending two years in South Lancaster, Sister Thayer went to Chicago in 1890 to connect with the International Tract Society as corresponding secretary. In 1893 she went to Battle Creek, where she worked for the same society in the same capacity.

On account of sickness Sister Thayer returned to South Lancaster, but soon was able to work again, and in January, 1902, she brought into being the *Atlantic Union Gleaner*, and ably edited it for eight years. In 1923 Sister Thayer resigned from public work to care for the family of a deceased sister.

Hers was a character of stern integrity, that never swerved from the line of duty. Generous to lavishness in her giving for the cause of God, she was self-denying to the point of asceticism with herself, ever limiting her own needs in order to give more to the support of missions, the cause she loved so much.

In the winter of 1936 Sister Thayer suffered a slight shock, and eventually became quite helpless. She had outlived all her immediate family, but she will be sadly missed by two generations of nieces and nephews, including Mrs. F. C. Gilbert, Mrs. Gertrude Edwards, and Mrs. N. Z. Town, all of Takoma Park, D.C. The sons and daughters of these nieces loved their great-aunt dearly, and will mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held in the old church in South Lancaster, which she loved and served faithfully for so many years. She was laid to rest beside her mother in the quiet cemetery in Buckland, Mass., to await the return of the Life-giver. The funeral was conducted by Elder E. E. Osborne, assisted by Elder J. D. Smith and the writer. C. L. TAYLOR.

MAYES.—With heavy hearts we have to record the death in Norwich of Sister Marion Mayes, who had been a faithful member of the Advent church for twenty years. Our sister had been ill for some months, but a short while ago her suffering became so acute that it was necessary to remove her to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where after a serious operation she passed quietly to her rest on November 14, 1940. She was buried in the Norwich Cemetery on November 19th. A service was held in the church which was filled nearly to capacity by sorrowing relatives and friends. Brother Humphries conducted both the church service and the service at the graveside. Sister Mayes first became interested in the truth in 1920, while she was living in Derham, during the ministry of Brother Cuthbert (now in East Africa) and was baptized on October 2nd of the same year by Pastor S. G. Haughey in the Baptist chapel, Dereham. Sister Mayes later moved to Norwich and on November 28, 1936, we were pleased to place her name on the church register. It was a little over a year ago that our sister laid to rest her eldest daughter in the Norwich Cemetery, and now mother and daughter peacefully sleep "until the day dawn and the shadows flee away" when their blessed Lord will call them to life again. Although we miss our sister and her faithful co-operation in the church, her memory will always linger. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to her other daughter, Sister Dorothy, who cherishes a strong hope of a great reunion with her loved ones.

G. ELLIS, Church Clerk.

KING.—The many friends of Mrs. Matilda King will learn with sorrow of her tragic end on Monday, November 18, 1940, when the home in which she lived with her married grand-daughter was demolished by a bomb. Two other members of the family were killed, and one seriously injured, while three of Sister King's great grand-children were scarcely hurt. Our sister who had reached her eighty-fifth year, had been a loyal Seventh-Day Adventist for a quarter of a century, and was to be seen in her accustomed seat at every service of the church, including that of the young people's society. Despite her great age, Sister King engaged in every campaign of the church with enthusiasm, and was a shining example to every member. Her life was an inspiration to all with whom she came into contact. On the day of the funeral, Friday, November 22nd, one could hear on the lips of people throughout her district, "That good little Christian woman is being buried to-day." The funeral service at Anfield Cemetery, conducted by Pastor J. E. Bell, was attended by a large company and Sister King's favourite hymn was sung, "I am resting in the shadow of the cross of Calvary." While her bright personality will be sadly missed, we look forward in glad anticipation to the day of reunion. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." G. WOODHEAD.

SANDERS.—Sister Clara Sanders fell asleep in Jesus on November 13, 1940, aged eighty-two years. She accepted the Advent message in Birmingham under Elders E. E. Andross and S. G. Haughey, when they were working in that city during the year 1900. She had previously been in religious work for another denomination. Sister Sanders was accepted into the organized work of this denomination as a Bible-worker during the year 1901, and laboured most faithfully for twenty-one years, when at the age of sixty-four, due to failing health, she was released from the heavy responsibility of her active work as a Bible-worker, and came to live for the last few years of her life at Stanborough Park, being connected with us here in our church for the last eighteen years. She leaves nephews and nieces in the homeland and in Australia who mourn their loss and to whom we tender our deepest sympathy. The funeral service was conducted by the South England Conference president, Pastor G. D. King, in the Stanborough Park church, and then she

was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery, members of our church attending the services both in the church and at the graveside. Our sister is asleep in Jesus awaiting His call. A. CAREY.

WOODROW.—On November 3, 1940, Sister Woodrow died at her home in Herne Bay, Kent, at the age of sixty-four. She accepted the truth last year, and was baptized by Pastor Mustard in the Folkestone church on the third Sabbath in July of this year. For many months she had been an intense sufferer, but spoke of the peace that filled her heart, especially after her baptism. She showed faithfulness to the message she loved, and witnessed for the truth as she had opportunity. We laid our sister to rest in the Herne Bay Cemetery "until the day dawn." Pastor G. D. King conducted the funeral service, and afterward, by request, gave an appropriate Bible study to the mourners which they greatly appreciated. M. TAYLOR.

ANDREWS.—Brother J. Andrews, of the Blaenavon church, died after a brief illness, and we laid him to rest in the Blaenavon cemetery on October 9, 1940, "in the sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection through Christ Jesus our Lord." The service was held in the home, and the comfort of the Scriptures was provided for the widow, the large family, and their friends. Brother Andrews was a very faithful member of the church, and in spite of his age and failing strength, was exceedingly active in the church. Our brother accepted the Advent message many years ago and, therefore, will be greatly missed, not only in Blaenavon but in the Welsh Mission. Brother Brooks, the local leader, and Brother R. Jacques, who for so many years had ministered in Blaenavon as a visiting preacher, shared in the funeral services. S. G. HYDE.

FEARENSIDE.—The passing of Sister Fearenside on Sabbath, November 2, 1940, was a sorrow to the members of the Clapham church. Our sister had suffered during a great deal of her life, but none of us ever heard her complain. She was always happy and faithful, and cherished the hope of a soon-coming Saviour. Her physical condition, always very bad, deteriorated under the strain of the times, and she decided to go and spend her remaining days with her son at Huddersfield. The train journey was too much for her, and she died a few days after her arrival there. We believe that our sister is resting in Jesus, and in the resurrection will come forth to meet the Lord in peace. A. C. VINE.

MASON.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sister S. Mason, aged seventy years, on October 29, 1940. She had been an ardent lover of the message for over fifteen years, being a trophy of Pastor A. S. Rodd's effort held in the Rotherham Empire in 1924. Since she united with the Rotherham church she has been a very keen worker. Notwithstanding her advancing years and a long and trying illness she was a constant inspiration to all who came into her company. She was an enthusiastic Harvest Ingatherer and often more than reached her goal. The Rotherham church is the poorer for the loss of our dear sister, whose bright, Christian

SUNSET CALENDAR

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example will always be an inspiration to us as we strive to carry on the Lord's work. Our sorrow is not without hope, sure and certain. Our sister was laid to rest in the Rotherham Cemetery on Sabbath, November 2nd. The service was conducted by Brother Handysides, who spoke words of comfort and hope to the sorrowing family.
T. C. HUDSON, *Church Clerk*.

BUDDS.—It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Sister E. M. Budds, the oldest member of the Norwich church. Our sister, who was eighty-four years old, had been ailing for some time, and passed peacefully to her rest on November 1, 1940. She was laid to rest in Norwich Cemetery on November 6th. Services in the church and at the graveside were conducted by Brother H. Humphries. A good company of relatives and friends

were present at the church. Sister Budds, who was strong in the faith, accepted the Advent message during the ministry of Pastor L. D. Vince, and was taken into the church by vote on December 15, 1933. Our sister sleeps while awaiting the call of the Life-giver.
G. ELLIS.

LEWIS.—On Sabbath morning, October 12, 1940, Brother Lewis of Cold Ashton, near Bath, passed away at the age of sixty-nine. We laid him to rest in the village churchyard on October 16th. His faithful companion is left to mourn but not as those that have no hope, as our brother died in full assurance of faith. He has been a member of the Bath church for twelve years, having been baptized when Pastor R. S. Joyce was in this district.
O. M. DORLAND.

A Judge's Testimony to Adventists

RECENT newspaper reports of tribunal appearances of men seeking exemption from military service on religious and other grounds, contained a report of a case in which a man stated he had been a member of the Adventist church for nine years, but that he observed the Sabbath only as much as he could. Thereupon the judge is reported to have made the following statement:

"Working on Saturdays is completely contrary to the principles of the Seventh-Day Adventists. Some of

your colleagues have been exempted from military service for that very reason."

In announcing a rejection of the appeal the judge further remarked, "It is a strict rule of the Seventh-Day Adventists that they should not break the Sabbath. This gentleman works on Saturdays and if he can ease his conscience of that we think he can ease it to assist in the war."

We are sorry, of course, for the applicant, who is not known to us personally, but did not the judge's remark challenge the life of those Adventists, happily a minority, who are indifferent in the matter of Sabbath-keeping? Do they not recall the Saviour's words, "He that is guilty in one point is guilty of all"? We see how the world is challenging the church to be true to its beliefs. May every Adventist accept this challenge, and so order his life that there is no weakness that would lower the standard of truth in the eyes of the world.
H. W. LOWE.

Wedding Bells

ETCHELLS-COOPER. — On Wednesday, November 20, 1940, our church at Reading was filled with members and friends to witness the marriage of Mr. Ezra Etchells of Rotherham to Miss Elsie Cooper of Reading. The bride, attended by her sister, two other of the church young people, and a tiny niece, was given away by her father, while her brother was an able best man. After the ceremony the young people, with their guests, repaired to the schoolroom for the reception.

We all wish Brother and Sister Etchells the rich blessing of God, that as they serve Him unitedly, He may use them to bless others.

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