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## *Deliverances in Rumania*

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IN the month of September of last year, the newspapers in many countries announced that a decree had been promulgated by the authorities in Rumania dissolving the Baptist and the Seventh-Day Adventist church organizations, and confiscating all their denominational properties. In justice to the present Rumanian government, we consider it our duty to make a statement regarding this matter through the columns of this paper.

It is true that on September 9th the Minister of Cults, yielding to heavy pressure from certain elements, did issue such a decree. It was published in the newspapers throughout the country, and announced over the radio. It was to go into effect immediately. As there had been no sign or indication of any kind that trouble was brewing, the publication of this drastic decree came to our people and to our Baptist friends as a bolt of thunder out of a clear sky. It threatened them with immediate destruction.

The leaders of the Baptist church in Rumania came to our Union office in Bucharest to confer with the leaders of our work. Together they cried unto God for help and deliverance, and together they laid plans for carrying their protests and petitions to the government. When they arrived at the Ministry of Cults, they were told that the minister was away and could not be reached. Being

unable to reach the man who had issued the decree, they sought interviews with other cabinet members and government officials. These men received them kindly and listened with due respect and consideration to their statements and requests. Through proper channels the situation was also brought to the attention of the head of the government.

While these negotiations were going on, the provisions of the decree were being carried out in numerous places. Chapels were taken over by local authorities. Seats and other furniture were carried away to be used for other purposes. Sunday morning, September 15th, the president of our beautiful training school at Brasov was notified that the officials would arrive during the afternoon to take over the institution.

Friday evening, September 13th, the Baptist and Adventist leaders were invited by the Minister of Cults to meet him at the ministry. Instead of informing them, as they had hoped, of a modification of the decree, he tried to convince them that they must return to the old established state churches from which they had come. Our brethren tried to reason with him, but he was adamant.

By this time all fear had left our

men. In their hearts there was a comforting assurance that God would bring deliverance. Most of our churches were still in our possession, and Sabbath morning our people met together as usual. Unitedly they sent up their earnest petitions to the throne of God, and committed their case into the hands of Him who still ruleth in the affairs of men.

Sunday morning the newspapers announced that certain changes had been made in the government. When our men looked down through the list of ministers they discovered that the former Minister of Cults had been removed, and his office given to another. That same morning the new minister made it known over the radio that the decree dissolving the Baptist and Adventist churches had been suspended, and that the order to confiscate their properties had been annulled. At the same time orders were given that any property that had already been taken from these churches must be restored without delay. The people were admonished not to persecute the members of the churches in question, but to treat them kindly and well. Promptly the chapels that had been closed were opened, and the furniture that had been carried away was brought back. The officials who were to take over the school that very day never came.

By thus setting aside the decree

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**Remember the Missions Extension Offering, Sabbath, April 12th**

which smacked of the Dark Ages, and which was intended to annihilate the work of both Baptists and Seventh-Day Adventists, General Antonescu and the present members of his cabinet have demonstrated that it is their desire and purpose that the members of the above-mentioned churches shall retain their right to exist.

It was my happy privilege to spend the month of October in Rumania, where I visited our Union

headquarters, the publishing house, the school, and a number of churches. Everywhere I found our dear people happy and courageous in the Lord. All were praising God for His good hand that had been over them. They also spoke of their gratitude to the government for the liberty which has been granted them. Despite the difficulties of the times in which we live, the cause of God is making good progress here in Rumania.

launches and boats intending to scuttle them to prevent word of their plans being passed on to the authorities some miles away, but it so happened, our little mission boat which is usually kept at a little island some distance away, was in the hands of Brother C—, our lay brother at —, during the absence of our regular missionary on furlough. That particular Sabbath, Brother C— happened to have gone across with the mission launch to —, and so, when the raiders came, our boat was in safe anchorage. Just a few hours after the raider departed, Brother C— returned with the launch and so was enabled to render very helpful service to these 500 people by taking some of the ships' officers seventy miles to the nearest Government wireless post. In a very short time, rescuing vessels arrived and the stranded men and women were brought on to Australia.

## Notes from the Union President

### AIR RAID AREAS

OUR members will be glad to know that no lives were lost in the Glasgow raids, though a number of members lost their homes, partly or completely. The campaign which Pastor L. D. Vince had just commenced has been somewhat affected, but the Lord will find a way through this problem for His servants. Our Glasgow church was untouched.

In Plymouth, where Pastor A. K. Armstrong is in charge, we regret to announce the loss of one member who was killed with her husband. Minor damage only was suffered by our church building.

Our veteran worker, Pastor J. E. Bell, has had a difficult experience, being bombed out of two homes. We are glad to say, however, that he, in common with the two workers mentioned above, is standing nobly to the task of caring for his work under these difficult conditions.

### COLLEGE GRADUATION, MAY 9TH-11TH

PLANS are now being made for the Graduation exercises at our Newbold College, and we expect to have a record number of graduates. The gymnasium will not be available for the meeting this year, but arrangements are being made for the use of the library and another room, in addition to the chapel, and we are sure that God will be with us on this another important educational occasion.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

WE received a call from the British and Foreign Bible Society this

week to say that they are planning to have a speaker present at the world gathering of Adventists in San Francisco in May. This society has had another splendid year of progress to report everywhere, despite war, and we certainly appreciate the grand work they are doing.

Our world work is now facing certain difficulties with regard to financing our missions. There are restrictions on the export of money from America and also from Great Britain. Our missions are very much cut off from the home bases and the work of the Northern European Division has been sadly affected by these things. Probably some changes may become necessary, and as these may affect the British Union and the missions in which we are all interested, it is the opinion of the Union committee that we should have, if possible, a delegate at the World Council at San Francisco.

It seems as though events have rather thrust this journey on us, even to the extent of priority shipping facilities, despite personal disinclination. God and His work must be our first considerations. We must pray for guidance upon all our dear people in all the world and upon the assembly shortly to be held in America.

### WORD FROM AUSTRALIA

ELDER RUDGE, of the Australasian Union Conference, writes to say that 500 persons recently stranded by enemy raiders in the South Pacific came into contact with our missionary work. The raiders circled around a certain island "looking for

"After this experience, the government administrator visited the place and asked our 250 native believers what he could do for the great service they had rendered, even to the point of almost denuding their gardens of food. They declined assistance telling him they were happy to be of service to these needy people, which reply is reported to have made a deep impression of the value of our work, on the leaders in this territory."

### EVANGELISM

PASTOR W. R. A. MADGWICK reports a solid interest in his evangelistic work in the Manchester area. Pastor S. G. Joyce had a splendid meeting in Leicester last Sunday night, and has since reported, "The interest here is solid and as good as anywhere in pre-war times." Pastor A. J. Mustard is building up a splendid interest in Torquay and has over 170 names of interested persons. Other evangelists have good interests, and we pray God greatly to bless these men who stand with the words of truth before the public in times of stress.

Again we say that, so long as the Advent church keeps its eyes and heart on the saving of souls it will remain alive and blessed of God. Pray for our evangelists and their assistants.

H. W. LOWE.

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## NEWBOLD COLLEGE

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### Some Interesting Items

WE are always happy when we are able to report additions to the stock and equipment of the College. Among the various items which will interest our churchmembers we would mention the following:

During this spring the farm family has seen a large increase. If you visited us now you would find pleasure with us in watching the antics of the eighty-odd lambs that have come to gambol about our parklands.

Inside the school you would find two of the classrooms better equipped than ever before. The Board generously made available to us fifty new desks and chairs, which will add much to the efficiency of our work, as well as vastly improving the appearance of the classrooms. As proof of the added efficiency I must cite one teacher's discovery that one of the pupils, seated for the first time at one of the new desks, produced an immeasurably superior translation!

In the main tomato house, 1,450 plants give promise of a fine crop. The other houses, which have been reconditioned, hold some 6,000 lettuce plants, which are now finding a ready market.

During the school year we have added about fifty new books on education to our library and, while there are many outstanding needs in this respect, we are thankful for this substantial increase. The newly created Education Department gives promise of satisfactory development. Already some sixteen students have intimated their intention of taking the Teachers' Course. Newbold College hopes before long to be able to

start a church school of its own.

On Sunday, March 30th, we were happy to welcome to the College business office Miss Beazley whose long service and experience in the cause will, we are sure, be very helpful to us. The same day we said good-bye to Miss Wyatt, who has been in the College office since her graduation and who now goes to connect with Granose Foods Limited.

The time of another graduation is drawing near. This year it will be held the second week-end in May. The graduation address will be delivered at the service to be held at 3 o'clock on the 11th. Doubtless many churchmembers will find this a good opportunity to renew old friendships.

The outstanding event for the College in the month of March was the Spring Week of Prayer, conducted by Pastor McMillan. The inspiration and godly counsel given us during that week will long remain with us. Weeks of Prayer at Newbold are always blessed occasions, but to many this past week was the best they had ever experienced. We shall look forward with keen anticipation to the time when Brother McMillan and his family will be able to visit us once again.

From April 1st to 6th the Student Colporteurs' Institute was held at the College. A large number of students will be in the field during the summer, God willing, and under the enthusiastic leadership of the field missionary secretaries they propose to better last year's record.

A. J. RAITT.

merely rests with the legal people concerned to sign and seal the documents, and the purchase will be complete.

Some three years ago Pastor L. G. Hardinge and his associate workers spent much time and energy in making the building into a most pleasing place of worship. We are glad that their labours have now come to full fruition in the building's becoming our own.

The special grant received from the Union Chapel Fund, and the good offices of Brother A. Carey, the Union secretary-treasurer, in negotiating the purchase have been much appreciated.

At the present time an aggressive evangelistic programme is being followed at Torquay and it is expected that this year will see an encouraging increase in the membership.

#### LOCATION OF WORKERS

At a recent meeting of the conference executive committee, it became necessary to give study to the location of some workers, and the following moves were voted:

Brother R. H. Bainbridge to move from Reading to Exeter to be associated with Pastor Mustard in the evangelistic programme for the Exeter and Torquay district. Brother R. H. Bainbridge has been associated with Pastor C. R. Bonney since entering the work in September, 1939.

Brother J. P. West to move from Chelmsford to Reading. Since entering the work in September, 1939, Brother J. P. West has been located in Chelmsford and this move offers further development in evangelistic work.

Brother J. D. Maffey to move from Exeter to Taunton to be further associated with Pastor L. G. Hardinge in evangelistic work at Taunton and Bridgwater.

#### SECRETARIAL CHANGES

THE conference office staff have had to bid farewell to Miss Tamblin after a happy association since September, 1939. Miss Tamblin leaves for a short holiday at home prior to her contemplated marriage to Brother R. H. Bainbridge.

WE have been glad to welcome to our office staff Miss M. Richter, who has been released to us by the kind co-operation of Granose Foods Limited.

G. D. KING.

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### Notes from the President

#### TORQUAY CHURCH BUILDING

DURING recent months our members at Torquay have been making special efforts to secure their rented building as their own church pro-

perty. With prayerful and persevering work, under the leadership of Pastor A. J. Mustard, they have now realized their desire. At least, sufficient means have been gathered to make the purchase possible. It now

## Opening Providences in Torquay

RECENT days have brought ample evidence, if such were needed, to the members in Torquay, that our God is still "able to do" for His children "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

For three years it has been the church's cherished hope to purchase the old school in Warren Road which they used as a place of worship. Considerable sums of money had been spent to make it an acceptable sanctuary, but still it was not their own. As the months and years wore on, hope gave place, in some degree, to disappointment, but their dream was never quite given up, and the Building Fund began to grow, howbeit slowly.

A few weeks ago the old lease the church held on the property ended, and a condition of the new lease was that they must complete the purchase of the property during 1941, or lose their option on it. That news came last December. Immediately the members gathered together, and with hope rekindled, discussed how and by what means the rest of the money should be found, and the purchase completed in 1941. Some brought gifts of money at once, others gave pledges to be redeemed this year. In a week nearly £100 was raised. Other plans were laid, and

the goal of three years at last seemed within reach. From that moment "their" church became the chief topic of prayer and conversation.

By the end of February their prospects had improved so much that Brother A. Carey of the Union Conference, and Pastor G. D. King, president of the South England Conference, were able to pay a visit to Torquay to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property. The whole of the purchase price originally asked for was not in sight, but for three months the church had been praying for a reduction in the price. They believed it would given. It was. In the meeting on the evening of the day of the negotiations the last £50 needed was given in cash and pledges, and it became certain that on the agreed purchase date the Advent church in Warren Road, Torquay, would be in reality the church of those who in Torquay "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

So, you see, our God still delights to "give good things to them that ask Him," yes, more than they can "ask or think." In their moments of greatest faith the Torquay members had not dreamt that in three short months they would be lifted from something like despair to sing their hallelujahs for hopes realized.

A. J. MUSTARD.

need the prayers of God's people.

### WREXHAM

PASTOR MUNSON and Sister Marjorie Mason are battling with the adversary in that northern Welsh town. They have had many disappointments but are confident that the day of fruitage is not far away. On Easter Sunday Brother Munson will launch a second campaign and so increase the interest as well as the charter membership of the future Wrexham congregation.

### BARRY

BROTHER PAUL CUMINGS, after a period of discouragement, turned to early church methods—"house meetings" and "house to house" visitation. The result has amply justified the wisdom of those methods. Some six persons are now giving promise of accepting all the counsel of God and a place with the Advent people. Courage and optimism have now taken the place of discouragement and with a new-found faith and outlook, Brother Cumings is undertaking a new venture in the town of Abertridwr, near Caerphilly. The year 1941 promises to be an auspicious one for our brother—a year of encouraging harvest.

### NEWPORT

BROTHER CONROY is using a small cinema in the docks area of Newport, a district hitherto unworked directly. In addition, he will continue Sunday services in our church in the afternoons, so that developing interests may continue to be cared for while the new venture proceeds. Brother Conroy is also confident that this year will see an encouraging harvest, and our Newport membership will give him strong help as he leads the work of God along to secure it.

### LLANELLY

SABBATH services are now well under way in Llanelly, and Pastor Jackson reports a growing interest and hope of fruitage in coming days. Brother Jackson, too, has a secondary interest, in Swansea, where the air-war has brought its problems and difficulties.

### THE EVANGELISTS' NEED

IN addition to prayerful support, the evangelist often needs pecuniary assistance. Campaigning is often cramped by a meagre budget and

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### Notes from the Superintendent

SINCE our last notes both Cardiff and Swansea have sustained heavy air-attacks, with resultant severe losses both in lives and property. We are thankful, however, to be able to report that, apart from a few damaged homes (one or two severely) our membership has escaped injury. This is true of all our people throughout the territory of the Welsh Mission.

We thank our heavenly Father for His protection and for means of grace to live through such trying times.

### EVANGELISM

THREE new campaigns are about

to be launched. They are as follows:

April 6th: Abertridwr—P. Cumings  
1st year

April 13th: Wrexham—H. K. Munson  
2nd year

April 13th: Newport—D. Conroy  
2nd year (new district)

In each case, advantage is being taken of the light evenings and the series of services will convene "after church," at the same time allowing the congregations to return home before dark. We bespeak a prayerful interest in these new ventures that the Lord will bless the labours expended and honour the faith of His servants. You will also, I know, pray for the evangelists themselves. They

supplementary help through money gifts are always welcome. These can be provided either by the use of the little brown evangelistic box ("Penny a Week Fund") or by some definite gift. The local treasurer will receive the contents of your box, while gifts can be sent either to the superintendent, or the treasurer of the Welsh Mission at Watford. If a gift is sent you can designate it for a particular locality or leave its use to the judgment of the local advisory committee.

Already this year the Lord has laid a burden upon one of our sisters to offer a gift sufficiently large to finance two good-sized campaigns. Another sister has offered her services as a part-time Bible-worker, and will assist in the work at Abertridwr. This sister—Miss Grace Thomas, of Mountain Ash—has had some experience in public work and will thus be able to give good acceptable support.

#### RHYL

THINKING of these spontaneous offers of help, reminds us of the lay-work going on in Rhyl, ably supported by Pastor T. H. Cooper. The two sisters of Pastor Cooper are giving energetic service in lay-evangelism, their brother being the speaker at their organized cottage meetings. Pastor Cooper reports that seven people have begun to observe God's Sabbath as the result of these activities.

So the seed-sowers are busy in Wales. Many others not mentioned in these notes are also busy, and we are confident that the busier the Lord's people are, the larger the harvest will be.

#### "BIG WEEK"

AS the MESSENGER arrives, we shall be busy with the campaign on behalf of Missions Extension, unique this year because it is the "coming of age" year for this particular campaign.

Here, brethren and sisters, is a great opportunity to circulate the truth by the sale of *Good News*, a brand new sixpenny magazine especially prepared for this campaign.

Please try and increase your order this year and circulate as many as you can. Pray the Lord to use this means to make contacts and win others to Jesus.

#### VISITING BROTHERS

WALES has just enjoyed the minis-

try of Pastors W. T. Bartlett and J. J. Hyde. The long and varied experience which Brother Bartlett has had enabled him to bring great strength to the churches, while Brother J. J. Hyde, from Northern

Nigeria, was able to give a large number of friends a new interest in the ever-growing cause of overseas missions. We thank these two brethren for their presence and help.

S. G. HYDE.

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## Sabbath-School Department

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### Are You Enjoying the Studies in Acts?

WHAT a rich collection of striking personalities we have been introduced to in our studies in the Acts during the past quarter. It has been a march-past of the world's greatest men. Daily study of the dramatic narrative has given us opportunity to become really acquainted with the characters. We have studied Peter afresh, analysed his motives, admired his leadership. Stephen has arisen like a rocket, flamed for too brief a while as a star of the first magnitude, and set in a blaze of glory. Yet in Saul of Tarsus we see the reward of Stephen's splendid service. Ananias of Damascus, Barnabas, Ananias and Sapphira, Dorcas, Herod, Gamaliel, Cornelius, Silas, all have enriched our knowledge of human nature, and taught us lessons that we shall find profitable as long as we live.

How wonderfully the presence and leadership of the risen, ascended Lord are revealed in every succeeding scene. How full of instructive counsel for those who are to finish the work of the Gospel are the experiences of those who helped to launch it. How wisely the Holy Spirit led the early church through the throes of the circumcision conflict into peace and harmony. How carefully and surely Providence superintended the extension of the work to take in the Gentiles.

Can it be that any of our members have not been thrilled and fascinated by the unfolding wonder of the story. In the Acts of the Apostles God has given to us a literary treasure of priceless worth. It has been a glorious privilege to sit at the Master's feet and watch Him at work. No human dramatist could ever invent such amazing creations. How we rejoice to see the humble disciples confounding the wise and the mighty. The lame man healed by a penniless apostle is an inex-

haustible treasury of Gospel marvels. How splendid the majesty of the truth that puts every falsehood to shame. Every Adventist who comes forth from the diligent study of this spiritual romance ought to resemble Christian in Bunyan's story as he comes forth from the House Beautiful clad in shining armour from head to foot.

What manner of delusion is it that makes so many of our people content to cheat themselves out of the incalculable wealth that is brought from the mine of heavenly truth and made accessible to our people through the Sabbath-school lessons. If the absentees whom we know as missing members could once see themselves in the spiritual poverty due to their neglect of the God-given institution of the Sabbath-school, and contrast it with the picture of what they might have been to-day by the sensible use of their Sabbath-school privileges, we should certainly see a rush of missing members into the waste places of our Sabbath-school system, and the whole church would put on strength and beauty as a consequence.

W. T. BARTLETT.



### Ingathering Work in U.S.A.

WORD has just come to hand from the other side of the Atlantic concerning the achievement in the Ingathering work in America for the past four years. We give the figures in dollars, and also the approximate equivalent in sterling, at the present rate of exchange:

1937	\$826,000	£206,000
1938	850,000	212,000
1939	881,000	220,000
1940	927,000	232,000

We can certainly rejoice with the brethren in their splendid achievement, and in the noble support they are giving to our mission programme throughout the world.

W. E. READ.

## THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

### Story from the Modern Book of Acts

MANY a colporteur to-day is having experiences which sound like stories lifted right out of the book of Acts. The following is illustrative: Three years ago the colporteur couple of the story held positions in one of our large cities, positions which from a financial standpoint would be considered very lucrative. They accepted the truth, gave up their positions, turned their backs on the world and its pleasures, and together entered the colporteur work. Unitedly they have laboured during nearly three years, and God has abundantly blessed their labours. Not only has He supplied them with their temporal necessities, but has given them a large ingathering of souls. More than forty are to-day rejoicing in a knowledge of the truth as a result of their faithful labours.

Recently these workers were travelling south to their field where they were to spend the winter. En route they had a "blow-out." In reporting the experience, they wrote, "The Lord caused a blow-out, and a State Patrolman gave us a ticket for fixing it on the highway which forced us to go to the Justice of the Peace," supposedly to pay a fine. Arriving at the home of the Justice, instead of facing a fine they faced a family that had been praying for a full year for light. Half the following night was spent in an earnest study of the message. The book *Bible Readings* was sold to the family before our colporteur couple went on their way rejoicing.

A few weeks later the Justice and his wife wrote our colporteurs the following intensely interesting letter:

"November 30, 1940

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. —

So glad to hear from you, and to know you arrived safely in Miami. We had begun to be a little worried about you both. It was some time since you left us here, and as we did not hear from you we were worried, for you know there is no certainty of safety on the highways to-day. But we are so glad you are all right; we surely did miss you both after you left, for it seems there are so few people to-day who take God's Word seriously and we often wonder why so many just go along living for "a

good time" as they call it, when they have so many chances to know where it will all end. I thank God that my wife and myself know just where it will end for us.

"You do not know how much it has meant to us both, for you to stop here with us that one night. We have been studying the lessons and Bible, also the Bible book every day since you left and have kept Saturday as the Sabbath since then and have been telling others of the same belief. Our minister, that is the minister of the church we both belonged to and attended, has been to see us twice and had a long talk with us. He is a very fine understanding man and I think he is grand, but I do not approve of the excuses he uses for Sunday as the Sabbath. He says the reason they keep Sunday is that the day that Christ arose from the tomb was the same sacred day. But I said that the Lord did not command us to keep Sunday as the Sabbath, but to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. So we had a right friendly argument but I still think I am right; so will continue to keep the only proper Sabbath as I see it.

"We have talked of you both so much and surely look forward to meeting you again some day if you should come by this way. The door is always open to you dear friends. You must answer soon and let us hear from you often and we will answer as best we can.

"We are both your affectionate friends,

Mr. and Mrs. —"

The above story reminds us of the experience of the early missionary who was told to "Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem." How beautifully the Spirit of prophecy comment on the experience of that early missionary fits into the story from the "to-day's" book of Acts. That comment is:

"This Ethiopian represents a large class who need to be taught by such missionaries as Philip—men who will bear the voice of God, and go where He sends them. There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.

"An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light, and who was ready to receive the Gospel; and to-day angels will guide the footsteps

of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts. The angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow-men."

Yes, "it is His plan that men are to work for their fellow-men." And where can a better place be found for this "man for man" work than right out in house-to-house literature evangelism? C. E. WEAKS.

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### Two More Canvasses for "The Bible and the Outlook"

GOOD morning! Mr. Cook is my name. I have been asked to bring you along our little missionary paper (place the paper in their hands) *The Bible and the Outlook*.

It is good to know that there is a *bright outlook* from all the distress and unrest surrounding us at present. In God's Word it has been foretold that all these things would come to pass.

This little paper will help us to understand why there is so much trouble and fear in the world to-day. You, with so many will be greatly helped by reading it.

It's just complete in one issue! Thank you very much.

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GOOD morning! (briskly with a smile.) I am a Christian worker and I am introducing this splendid little paper, *The Outlook* (place paper in their hands and turn slightly).

No doubt you have often wondered just what the final outcome will be of the present struggle. This little paper helps us to understand the times in which we live. It shows how the prophecies are being fulfilled.

You will find it very interesting and helpful as you read it. Just complete in one issue. Thank you very much. A. W. COOK.

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### After Many Days

I WAS working with *Present Truth* two weeks ago and a lady answered my knock, looked hard at the magazine and exclaimed "*Present Truth!* Why! my mother and father took this some years ago, then moved and lost touch but often wished they could take it again." The lady took

it gladly saying she would send it to them. They are living in Henley.

She asked me to call with the next issue and on doing so, said how

very happy they were to have it again.

These little experiences bring us joy.  
M. I. WELCH.

## Good Word from Australia

AN encouraging communication has just come to hand from Pastor E. B. Rudge, in charge of the work in Australia and its large island-mission field. We certainly take pleasure in passing on to all readers of the MESSENGER paragraphs concerning the work in this great Commonwealth:

"Your very cheery letter of November 17th has brought to us a great deal of encouragement and inspiration, Brother Read, and I wish to express to you the satisfaction that fills our hearts here in the knowledge that the Lord has done so wonderfully for His work and His people in the 'Old Country' in this time of great peril.

"I have read, with much interest, your comment on the Harvest In-gathering work, and other experi-

ences that have come to our people.

"Your letter came during the course of an officers' meeting, and I was happy to share with them the good news contained therein. I have also passed your letter on to the editor of our *Australasian Record* so that our people throughout the field may know of the marvellous way in which our God is caring for His people in this hour of crisis.

"You will be interested to know that, in almost every respect, our work in this part of the field is proceeding more or less along normal lines. The only disabilities we have experienced, to date, are the restrictions on the transfer of funds to and from certain parts of our field, and the increasing difficulties in transport because of the heavy demands made by the needs of the

war upon Australia's shipping fleet.

"We are experiencing considerable difficulty in the transfer of Mission families, particularly to the more remote parts of the field. Even some of our fields that are on main mail-steamer routes have been affected by changes brought about by the war, and, where we were accustomed to having a fortnightly service, we sometimes now go six weeks in having facilities for mails and transport available.

"Enemy raiders have been very busy in the Pacific, and have been very close to some of our stations, but, thus far, no harm has resulted to any of our folk."

Brother Rudge then goes on to tell of the deliverance of the mission boat when enemy raiders came to Emirau. This portion is quoted by Brother Lowe on another page. Brother Rudge's letter concludes with the assurance "that our people here remember you all in England day by day, seeking the help of God on behalf of our kinsfolk in the 'Old Country.'" W. E. READ.

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## Newbold—the Summer Retreat

As inquiries are already being received concerning accommodation for visitors at Newbold College during the summer vacation, this notice is to inform our people generally that plans are being made for the college building and delightful grounds once more to be available as a summer holiday resort.

Last summer the venture proved quite successful and the college management received many unsolicited testimonials both written and verbal from visitors expressing their complete satisfaction and stating their desire to spend another holiday at the college this coming summer.

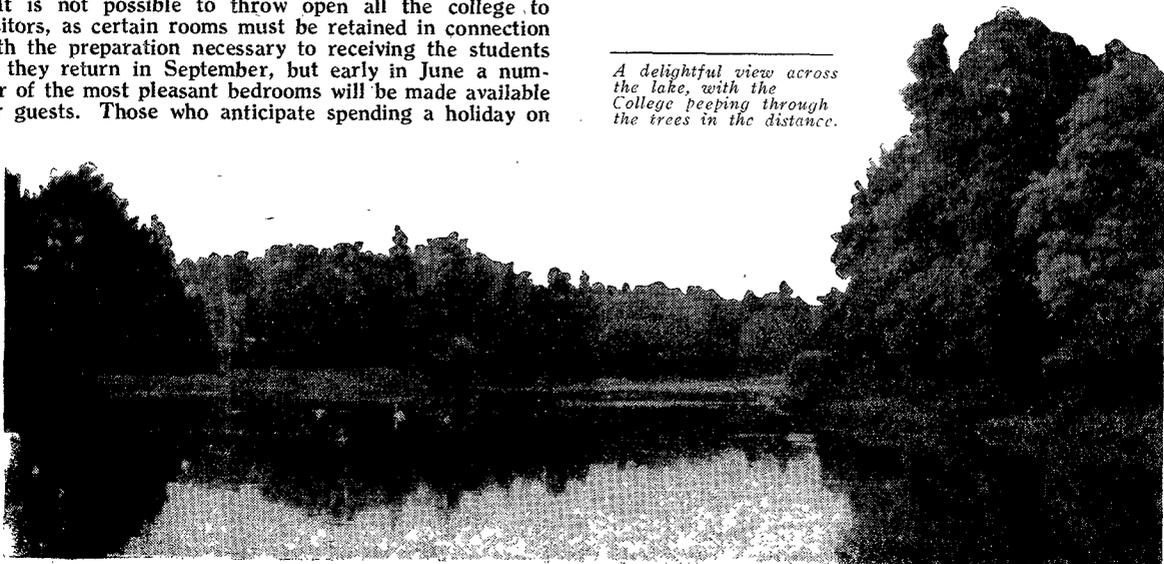
It is not possible to throw open all the college to visitors, as certain rooms must be retained in connection with the preparation necessary to receiving the students as they return in September, but early in June a number of the most pleasant bedrooms will be made available for guests. Those who anticipate spending a holiday on

the college estate are strongly recommended to communicate as soon as possible with

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NEWBOLD COLLEGE,  
STRETTON-UNDER-FOSSE, NR. RUGBY,  
WARWICKS.

who will be pleased to supply you with further details in regard to terms and accommodation.

*A delightful view across the lake, with the College peeping through the trees in the distance.*



# "BRING YE ALL THE TITHE"

## Questions on Christian Benevolence Answered

Question: "I want to know the best way in which to answer a friend who wishes to show (a) when the tithe law was first given? and (b) why it was not embodied in the Ten Commandments if it is obligatory on Christians?"

WE will take (b) first. No one questions that it is a fundamental law to "love thy neighbour as thyself" (see Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39), but it cannot be found as such in the Decalogue. Your friend will agree that it is an obligatory fundamental requirement "to love the Lord with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind" (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37), yet it does not come to us from the Ten Commandments. The same argument applies to prayer. There was no written law against murder before Moses, but the law existed and condemned such men as Cain long before Sinai. In short, the Ten Words from Sinai do not specify many things which God demands of man. They are merely a concise summary, a condensation of the spirit of loyalty and obedience, which was given to man from the beginning. The command concerning covetousness probably covers the whole basis of faithful, financial stewardship.

(a) "The law of the tithe, like that of the Sabbath, had its origin of God in the garden of Eden, and is therefore as old as man." So wrote a Baptist layman author, and so think many Christians of all denominations.

Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:2-8) understood the law which was given 2,000 years later by Moses, for their offerings included "the first fruits of the ground, the firstlings of the flocks and of the fat thereof."

It could not have been a coincidence that Abraham (Gen. 14:17-20) and his grandson Jacob (Gen. 28:20-22) gave "a tenth" to God—500 years before there was a written law. These men were following a law that was passed from God to man and from father to son orally, since the beginning: "Abraham obeyed My

voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, and My statutes, and My laws." Gen. 26:5.

Then followed the written law to Moses, "And all the tithe of the land whether it be of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord, and concerning the tithe of the herds or the flocks, . . . the tenth should be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30-32. "There is no declaration in all the Bible that is more positive or more dutiful in meaning than this one," says a Baptist authority.

H. W. LOWE.

## At Rest

SMITH.—We regret to announce the death of Brother William Smith on January 30, 1941, after a long illness borne with patience and Christian fortitude. Brother Smith was a regular attendant at the Rotherham church for a number of years before his baptism by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick on July 3, 1936. He sleeps in the Kimberworth churchyard, in the sure and certain hope of a soon-coming Saviour. Brother Handysides spoke words of hope and comfort to the family, who sorrow not as those without hope.

IRENE R. HUDSON, Church Clerk.

STEBBING.—The Yarmouth church mourns the loss of its first war victim, Mrs. Eva G. Stebbing. Suffering from shock as a result of enemy action, our sister passed into a coma from which she never recovered, and fell asleep on February 24, 1941. Accepting this message through the ministry of Pastor R. S. Joyce, our sister with her children, had the joy of the Advent hope to cheer her last days. We feel deeply for the children who now have lost both mother and father. May they find in God, their heavenly Father, consolation in their loss. The writer conducted the service before we laid our sister to rest in her last resting place. We were grateful for the sake of the mourners that it was a peaceful scene, unbroken by the noise of enemy bombers which the previous afternoon had machine-gunned a cortege and the minister. May the day soon dawn when Jesus, the Prince of peace, will come to claim His own.

A. G. TAPPING.

Goss.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. and Mrs. Goss. They were on their way to shelter during the recent air raids in Plymouth, when the house received a direct hit and they were both killed. Sister Goss had been a faithful member of our church for nineteen years, being baptized in 1922. She would have been eighty-one years old this next month. On Friday, March 28th, the funeral service, conducted by Pastor A. K. Armstrong, was held in our church, and afterward they were both laid to rest in one grave. We rejoice in the hope of the resurrection morning when Jesus will call His own to everlasting life.

G. ANDREWS, Church Clerk.

SISTER FRASER and her daughter, Doris, of Rustington, thank the brethren and sisters for their very kind letters of sympathy.



## GRANOSE NUT FOODS

As will be generally understood the restriction of imports under war conditions has affected the availability of supplies of edible nuts. Certain kinds are likely to be unobtainable for manufacturing purposes, and, as a consequence, we have been compelled to withdraw some of our standard lines, at least for the present. We hope to announce very shortly our new Soya Nutmeat which will be found to take the place of the other products very satisfactorily.

We expect to be able to continue our Rissol Nut mixture in quantities sufficient to meet normal demands, and we see no reason why any of our existing customers should be unable to obtain adequate supplies of Granose products. You may rest assured that we are doing all we can to meet the problems arising out of war conditions.

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General Manager  
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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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Apr. 18th	8.01	8.08	8.13	8.25	8.32
Apr. 25th	8.12	8.21	8.25	8.39	8.45

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