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God's Plan for Lay-Members

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THE Advent movement is nearly a hundred years old and may yet celebrate its centenary. Early adherents to the claims of the Advent message never imagined such a duration to be possible. But here we are, the movement is still proceeding with its God-given task and its message is being borne to the world's peoples in nearly nine hundred tongues.

But if the movement is moving, surely it is not moving fast enough! The tempo is tragically lethargic even though we have come to a time when final movements are taking place in all the world and when moves and counter-moves indicate a hurried preparation for the last great crisis. Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia, are place-names to-day with a common interest, and the "king" who was to "honour the God of munitions" may soon be ready to "plant his tabernacles" in Jerusalem—the signal for the "standing up" of Michael. In the area of the Euphrates, unusual activities are in progress in preparation for the day when the stage is set for the "battle of God Almighty."

The "final movements are to be rapid ones" was the warning issued to this remnant people. Such a message was but a reiteration of the earlier prophetic word that God would "cut short" His work in the earth and that "in a little while He that shall come will come."

Surely, brethren and sisters, we must not have so dimmed a vision as to imagine that individually we are not to figure in this "quick work" which the Lord is to do in

the earth? The work of God can only be done by human agencies and every soul called into His fellowship should become an addition to the spiritual forces which God is creating for His use.

Is this fact forgotten? Is the enemy secretly laying a smoke-screen so that our vision is dimmed and our obligation disregarded? Are we to be so involved and pre-occupied in a world convulsed by war that we suffer from inertia to duty and indifference to the claims of our divine Lord?

One thing is certain. Every soul saved from sin and successfully separated from fallen Babylon, is called to "shine as lights in the world." And to all such Jesus says: "Go, work to-day in My vineyard." And to the inactive He says: "Why stand ye idle?"

Fishermen, tax-collectors, tent-makers, house-wives—whoever and whatsoever—are invited to share in the great task of evangelism or soul-saving. No one is excused, no not even the one-talented man or woman. The possessor of an unused talent incurs the wrath of God for, an individual unwilling to have a part in the glorious work of God manifests a lack of the constraining love.

Everything has been provided for a successful completion of the greatest undertaking ever devised—a beneficent God, the substitutionary death of His only-begotten, the

power of the Holy Ghost, the instruction of the Holy Scriptures, are some of the principal provisions. But all these, great as they are in themselves—are quite ineffective unless coupled with the human agent. With these, even with all those who to-day profess to be followers of Jesus, the possibilities are tremendous. With the entire membership, united and empowered from on High for service—what great things might be done! Then indeed we could sing: "Like a mighty army moves the church of God."

Well, it was that way in the early days, following the spiritual baptism of Pentecost when "all that believed were together" and possessed a common interest. And it will and must be that way now. With the "latter rain" coming in copious showers a willing consecrated people will offer themselves to God and join a great crusade to "seek and save the lost."

"God will move upon those in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness. . . . the Spirit will be poured out upon those who yield to His promptings—they will join the army of the Lord."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 26.

If the story of the early church abounds with thrilling reports of the fruitful prospects of lay-evangelists—of men like Aquila, Apollos, and Phillip—surely the last days should see more thrilling reports and larger developments. "Greater works shall

ye do," said Jesus. And that must be true unto the end. Evangelism represents the greatest work and the most important activity this world can know.

"Give us," they cry, 'your cup of consolation;
Never to our outstretching hands 'tis passed;
We long for the Desire of every nation,
And, oh, we die so fast.'"

Someone may ask, "What can I do?" The question may be sincere, as was Isaac's to his father Abraham when he said: "Where is the Lamb?" And just as Abram replied, "God will provide," so God will provide every member with the knowledge of what He would have him do and how and where it should be done, just as soon as he has the willing heart and the readiness for service.

The church's departmental service is in being for just that kind of work and to give that kind of guidance so that the church of God shall be a

working church—working for one objective only—the winning of souls. Seek its help, ask its counsel—but *do* set your own machinery in motion and let it be accompanied by the song:

"To the work, to the work,
We are servants of God."

Have you a prayer-list? Have you a readers' list? Have you yourself, or are you vitally connected with a Bible-study group? Are you watching for those who are without hope, disconsolate, and heartbroken? There are many such everywhere to-day waiting for your loving word, your prayer, and your sympathy. Such, too, are waiting to be wooed and won to that wonderful Jesus. Will you help and thus hasten the day when God's great programme is completed?

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
And publish abroad His wonderful name."

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Notes from the President

MERSEYSIDE

WE have lately had the opportunity to worship with the members in bomb-scarred Merseyside. They are of good heart and adding to their members in spite of terrifying experiences. We wish you could have been with us as we stood in the ruins of the houses from which Pastor J. E. Bell and his wife, our workers there, had to move. Yes, the plural is right—houses—for they have twice had to leave ruined homes. Their badly-damaged furniture is now stored and they occupy two rooms, with very few comforts. They are the oldest workers in the conference and have indeed had a nerve-shattering experience, but, though the suggestion was put to them that they might like to move to a district less liable to enemy attention, they want to stay at their post.

DENTON

At Denton we found an encouraging meeting in progress on a very hot Sunday afternoon. The choir of

eighteen, tastefully dressed in navy blue, added appreciably to the service in the items contributed, under the leadership of Brother E. Halstead. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick and his helpers are working and praying for an organized church in this town.

WITH THE COLPORTEURS

BROTHER LESLIE BLOMERLEY has taken orders for £200 during the past six weeks and has delivered £100 already. His goal is £300 for the summer, an increase of £40 over last year's splendid record.

Miss Marjorie Dearing, working on the Humberside, is leading the young ladies in sales of £10 to £11 weekly. She puts in long hours. One customer is already attending services in the Hull church.

Time flies. Pray for all these young colporteurs, and especially for any who may be discouraged.

The faithful "regulars" are breaking records and are of good courage. We now have only thirteen full-time and three part-time colporteurs. We

must have some more new recruits.

Brother J. Cundey and his wife are working Wharfedale in a caravan and are doing good steady work among the country people.

HARVEST INGATHERING

I HAVE no special ability as a collector, but I can and do plod from door to door. I believe that all conference workers should collect and that they should spend some time collecting with those who are timid about making a start, and non-members who are keen to help. For once I thought I would keep a record, and here it is—an exact record of a hot Sunday morning's Ingathering on "small house" territory with a band:

Amt. Rec'd	Reasons for ref'l & rem'ks	Amt. Rec'd	Reasons for ref'l & rem'ks
—	Out	6	
6		2	
6		2	
6		3	
3		6	
6		5½	
1 0		6	
—	Out	1 0	
6		—	Very aged
2		—	Charlady
6		2	No change
4		—	
6		—	
3		—	
—	Very aged	3	Child
1 0	Cantankerous repented later and sent boy after me with 1/-	—	
3		6	Milk girl who on road asked me what I was doing and gave me 6d.
3		6	
6		2	
1	Given with regal graciousness	—	
—	Laughed ceaselessly and uncontrollably	—	Give to church
3½		3½	
4		3	
—	Obviously got out of bed to shout from window	4	
1 0		2	
9		1 7	Parted with box, which usually is not advisable, but it was returned heavier by 1/7
2½		—	
—	Out	3	
2		6	
—	Give to chapel	2	
—	Old-age pensioner	—	Out
3		2	
—	Too many calls	6	
6		6	
6		6	
—	Too many calls	6	
4		179	

So ended two hours' interesting collecting, with a non-member. The only unkind person repented. If only every able-bodied member would give some time to do their bit from door to door before the end of July, the prophecy in Amos could be fulfilled NOW, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that

soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt."

This is a year of outstanding opportunity for the Adventist church. Thousands more are being employed and millions are receiving good wages. Because of this, North England should pass the peak year in sales of literature and in Harvest Ingathering. But of more importance to us than the increased "buying power" and "giving power" of the public is the universally intensified interest in the question, "What next?" This is our day of opportunity in tract distribution, canvassing, and Harvest Ingathering, and even in talking to our neighbours and chance contacts. Are we making the most of our God-given opportunity?

R. S. JOYCE.

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Evangelizing in War-Time

LATE last autumn we were fortunate in being able to secure a suitable hall in Manchester for the evangelistic meetings which we planned to conduct. It was a large select hall with subsidiary halls convenient for follow-up, mid-week, and Sabbath afternoon meetings. We had made appropriate bookings of these halls and were busy with preparations to launch our campaign early this year when Manchester's Christmas air-raid blitz came. The corporation quickly took over all suitable halls throughout the city for rest-centres—the halls we had booked among the number!

We were thus compelled to look beyond the city's boundaries for a

district to evangelize. We chose Denton and were blessed by God in obtaining the use of an attractive hall, smaller than we have heretofore used for opening meetings, but yet large enough for the audience we could reasonably expect from Denton's small population of seventeen thousand.

We decided to hold our meetings on Sunday afternoons throughout the campaign. From the very first the attendances have been good. After nineteen weeks the interest continues encouragingly. Already some have taken their stand for God's Sabbath.

We have been a happy band of workers. My associates, Miss B. Cleary and Mr. S. H. Parkin—yes, and Mrs. Madgwick also for she has worked as hard as any minister could expect his wife to do—have worked well and faithfully.

A special tribute of praise and gratitude must also be given unstintingly to the Manchester members who have identified themselves whole-heartedly in this campaign. No small part of the success of our meetings is due to the choral and musical help rendered by the Parkfield Ladies Choir, Mr. Edgar Halstead, A.R.C.O., our organist, and Mr. Albert Connolly our violinist. At our request the Parkfield Choir arrayed themselves in navy blue dresses with white gardenias and chose as their aim and motto, "Sing to the glory of God for the saving of souls." And they do sing well—a fitting testimony to the skill and untiring labours of their conductor, Mr. Edgar Halstead.

W. R. A. MADGWICK.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

Books Sold in a Duke's Home

I HAD an interesting experience last week when I called at the Duke of Wellington's home. I did not see the Duke himself, but I saw his private secretary and I explained the purpose of my call to him. He retired for a little while then returned with a ten shilling note for *Bedtime Stories*, etc. I followed this up by visiting other houses on the Duke's estate and sold ten more.

So in about half-an-hour I made five calls, and sold twenty shilling books. Quite encouraging, was it not? It is to be hoped that the children, including those of Lady Anne, the Duke's daughter, may get a blessing from reading the stories.

H. WELCH.

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Mayoress Sends 100 Books to Service Men

I MET a lady yesterday who was very much struck with *Steps to Christ*. We had a long talk about the Advent message and during our conversation I said how much I should like every Service man to have a copy of *Steps to Christ*.

To my amazement she said: "If you can persuade the Mayoress of Exeter to enclose one in one hundred parcels I will pay you for them."

So this morning I interviewed the lady and she said she would do this with pleasure.

E. SLIGHT.

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On Her Prayer List

A LADY down on the Cornish coast purchased a copy of *Good News* and wrote to the Press saying that she had enjoyed reading it very much. She has passed it on to soldier friends and now wishes to have more literature. She says: "I shall add the circulation of *Good News* to a list of subjects of prayer which I use."

What a helpful reminder for all of us to "put the circulation of Gospel literature on our prayer list."

A.W.



The Manchester Advent Mission Ladies' Choir.



Some of Glasgow's enthusiastic collectors. £231 has already been sent in, and more to follow. More than eighty per cent of the churchmembers have taken part.

Better and Better

EVERY successive week in the 1941 Ingathering campaign has given fresh evidence of the blessing of God upon our efforts. We started with £236 for the first Sunday, then a full week yielded £816, followed by £1,168, £1,218, and £1,432. Now for the week ending July 6th, the total is £1,513.

Here is £6,384 in thirty-six days—a sum never expected in so short a time. It reveals a marked degree of zeal and faithfulness on the part of our loyal army of collectors, and also a very generous response on the part of the public.

A good brother who has worked in a small inland town on Sundays during past years, has collected £11 in twenty-four hours. He has never done so well before.

Concerning our work in a badly blitzed town in Scotland, one of our Bible-workers says: "In places where the windows were blown out, and doors and ceilings down, even there, in cases when people lived on in spite of the destruction, they gave willingly."

In the far north of Ireland, a doctor was interviewed. He had usually given 5/—, but when approached this year he gave 10/—, with the remark: "With the war, I am sure there are increased needs, and I had better double my subscription." Another donor, a small shopkeeper who had usually given 1/—, threw down a 10/— note on the counter, saying: "Take that, it is needed." Again, still another comes from the

same source. The collector had made reference to a business man's burnt-out premises. "Yes," he replied, "my business has been practically burnt to the ground, and my income is consequently cut a good deal, but if you are collecting for the Advent Missions I must give you something." He handed over 10/—.

Who can tell what blessing may come into these and thousands of other responsive hearts, who are giving so willingly in these days of tragedy and destruction? More and more we must seek to make the most of our contacts with the people.

Up to the present, about fifty churches and companies have reached or exceeded their objectives. The total amount of overflow from these places exceeds £500. Several churches have reached a double goal. Some of these are now helping the places handicapped by evacuation.

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GROUP 1

				Per Cent
Bristol	129	15	3	65
Plymouth	97	5	7	60
Newport	90	0	0	60
Hull	135	0	0	68
Newcastle	45	9	4	30
Holloway	51	8	10	26
Chiswick	54	1	2	32
Wimbledon	22	13	6	14

GROUP 2

Edinburgh	118	16	4	84
Darlington	114	10	4	82
Bournemouth	100	16	1	78
Manchester	99	13	11	77
Leeds	99	9	7	76
Cardiff	96	18	8	71
Brighton	67	10	10	67
Watford	85	0	0	65

BRITISH HARVEST I Campaign

TOTAL TO DATE

South England £3,011 62%

North England £2,156 63%

Ireland

GOALS REACHED

	To Date	Overflow
Second Week		
**Slough	56	28
Third Week		
*Leicester	132	58
**Greenock	22	12
**Brean	8	4
Fourth Week		
*Glasgow	231	31
**Taunton	80	40
*Exeter	63	13
*Stockton	59	25
*High Wycombe	53	17
*Rochdale	36	14
*Folkestone	28	8
*Swindon	26	2
*St. Mabyn	24	12
*Wallasey	22	12
*Accrington	20	12
Fifth Week		
*Reading	122	12
*Cheltenham	80	22
*Torquay	79	9
*Wolverhampton	62	12
*Colchester	48	2
*Ipswich	44	8
*Stirling	34	14

STANDING OF

Ilford	32	6	0	29
Walthamstow	31	2	5	27
Clapham	30	1	2	25
Ealing	20	7	7	20
Wood Green	21	6	11	18
Lewisham	15	6	0	15
GROUP 3				
Birmingham S.	76	11	4	74
Derby	69	19	6	69
York	82	0	10	67
Southampton	68	10	0	68
Handsworth	72	11	7	60
Sheffield	50	0	0	50
Belfast	50	0	0	46
Liverpool	46	14	10	46
Newbold	7	17	3	10
Edmonton	13	3	0	19
Croydon	12	12	10	18
Forest Gate	7	14	4	12

UNION GATHERING 1941

£384 0 0 64%
 Wales £554 65%
 Scotland £526 87%
 £137 39%

AND OVERFLOW

*Chelmsford	34	4
*Northampton	26	4
*Medstead	27	5
*South Stoke	19	1
*Mansfield	24	4
*Blackburn	24	2
*Brentwood	16	4
*Enham	12	

Sixth Week		
*Stanborough Park	555	5
*Nottingham	157	15
*Norwich	98	
*Coventry	76	8
*Swansea	75	3
*Southend	65	5
*Barry	62	10
*Rhyl	60	10
*Killamarsh	55	5
*Dundee	53	13
*Edgware	46	
*Grimsby	28	4
*Dowlais	21	11
*Poole	20	
*Weymouth	20	
*Isle of Wight	10	
*Bromsgrove	10	
*Mountain Ash	7	1
*Henllan	6	

THE CHURCHES

GROUP 4				
Middlesbrough	70	0	0	84
Luton	53	0	0	75
Kettering	54	10	3	71
Portsmouth	50	0	1	62
Bradford	34	7	2	52
Stoke	32	13	0	51
Aberdeen	34	17	6	50
Stretford	36	1	2	44
Wembley	21	11	0	43

GROUP 5				
Rhyl	44	7	4	88
Romford	47	5	3	76
Aberdare	14	3	3	70
Cambridge	45	0	0	58
Shankill	37	0	0	52
Caerphilly	17	3	6	48
Croscombe	22	17	11	44



By coach, train, bus, cycle, and on foot the members of Stanborough Park have completed their speediest campaign on record.—Now have £90 overflow.

South England is Doing Well!

WE have had good Ingathering campaigns in South England in the past, reaching the high level of £5,320 last year. We are praying and working for even better results this year. Our official goal of £4,800 is divided between the provincial churches which are collecting in June and July, and those in London collecting in July and August. The figures are £3,200 and £1,600 respectively.

The fifty-four churches and companies in the provinces have collected £2,625 in the first six weeks. If this good progress is maintained to the end of the month they will have helped us considerably toward the overflow of £600 we would like to see. Slough led the way, and now no less than twenty-five places have reached their goals. Four of them, including the new company at Taunton, which has collected well over

£100, have already doubled their goal. All are still helping.

The activity everywhere might be illustrated by the achievement at Stanborough Park. The goal of £550 was accepted in *working* faith which does not expect things to happen by themselves! Under the able leadership of Brother Normington and with the loyal co-operation of the institutional managers, church officers, and membership the goal was passed in thirty days! The secret of success is good Sunday campaigns supported with organized work during the week. Many evenings groups of collectors have been seen walking, cycling, or going by bus to their allocated territory. The young people's society accepted the responsibility for raising £100 and, including the proceeds of a most inspiring missionary concert, have gathered in more than twice that figure. May our young people everywhere follow their good lead.

Places which have not yet reached their goals give us great encouragement. For example, the much-raided towns of Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Southampton, all of which accepted high goals, are making good progress and should be "home" on time. Of course, this year places which are not "home" on time will not be "home" at all! Except in London, Ingathering must stop everywhere on July 31st. So hurry up!

London, which needs to raise at least £200 each week, has made a

Rotherham	10	4	10	20
Enfield	3	15	6	8

GROUP 6				
Gillingham	19	3	11	90
Worcester	37	9	7	81
Scarborough	36	2	10	80
Bedford	18	14	6	75
Lowestoft	30	0	0	66
Yarmouth	20	0	0	66
Barnsley	20	5	6	63
Gloucester	14	13	10	62
N. Shields	20	12	5	58
Sutton	17	18	7	53
Salisbury	15	3	7	51
Stockport	21	7	10	48
Wakefield	18	16	9	41
Bath	10	0	0	33

of the second week was only a little short of £400. Edgware leads the way with the goal reached, and faith, we believe, to double it. The new church at Wembley has nearly reached half its goal in two weeks. Chiswick, Clapham, Holloway, Ilford, and Walthamstow, all of which have large goals to raise in "blitzed" areas of London, are up to "target-time." At our great gathering at Holloway yesterday there was evident enthusiasm for the work in all London churches. It will be interesting to see how London and the provinces compare when all is gathered in.

Individual collectors are again having wonderful success. Some for whom this is the first campaign have already collected over £5. Veterans are bringing in their £10, £15, or more again. Many conference workers, the personal goal for whom is £20, have passed beyond this figure. Friend, are you doing your part? E. R. WARLAND.

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It Can Be Done!

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible." Acts 26:8.

It was the seventh of July—exactly thirty days after Stanborough Park's "grand offensive" had begun.

Housewives had gone out in pairs in the mornings to the immediate neighbourhoods; bus and train parties had been organized four evenings a week to take advantage of the lengthened daylight; those who couldn't collect at all had sold garden produce; the young people, with their leader, Horace Pearce, had entered with zest into making an outing of Ingathering rides into the surrounding villages, seeing that scattered territory was faithfully worked; and, of course, Sundays had seen especial activity with up to seventy members going by train or coach to the more distant parts which Stanborough Park has to visit.

Now as canisters, pledges, and reports flowed in our hopes rose higher.

What we had barely dreamed of a week earlier began to appear as a possibility. The full church goal of £550 in a month! How it had been talked of. Had we achieved it?

The 'phone rang.

Mr. Rigby speaking. "You can

report £135 for Granose Foods—£45 over our goal and don't be surprised if we add some more to it later." That was an excellent start.

Here's a messenger from the B.U.C. Mr. Carey is "better than his word." The handful of workers at the Union office accepted a goal of £50 and now they report £90 with the promise of another £10 to make a double goal a little later.

How is The Stanboroughs faring we wonder. Under Government control Ingathering for missions seemed almost an impossibility, but meeting cheery Mr. Thompson, the manager, we're delighted to find that they are almost to their goal of £40, office and domestic staff having gone out evenings and short periods to raise it.

Now while we wait for the final result for the first Press field day let's add up the total of the non-institutional members whose goal was set at £200. Including the senior students and faculty of the Secondary School, who raised over £30, their score rockets up—£150, £200, £250, to £270, with promise of well over £300 when the campaign closes.

But here comes Mr. Craven to tell us how the Press have fared. For the number who were able to be released it is their best day ever, and the report of £33 swells the total right over the £550 mark.

We have done it! Victory in a month! Members and young people alike have worked, in the words of one of our evangelists "as if it depended entirely on them, and then

prayed as if what they had done counted for nothing." And God has crowned our efforts with success.

Now as the fruit of our labour goes to warn and succour the needy in mission lands we pray that it will raise for us brethren and sisters in lands across the sea.

STOP PRESS.—The Press over its goal by the second field day. The Stanboroughs, too, has arrived. Other amounts bring the total for Stanborough Park to £640.

L. W. NORMINGTON.

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Better and Better

(Continued from page 4.)

A great story lies behind the large sum collected in so short a time. Stanborough Park, Glasgow, and many other churches could be mentioned in this connection. Reference will be made to these elsewhere in this issue. The young people have rallied wonderfully. So have the churches in those towns that have been badly battered and bruised. Look at Bristol, Plymouth, Hull, Southampton, Portsmouth, Swansea, and other places in Wales.

As this issue of the MESSENGER is being printed, one more campaign Sunday will have passed. We may look for another £1,000 at least from the next batch of reports. Let the good spirit that has pervaded our united activities hitherto, continue. God will abundantly crown our labours with success. J. HARKER.

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Items of Interest

As these notes are being written, the Harvest Ingathering campaign is reaching its final stages in Scotland. Glasgow is soaring beyond its goal and climbing toward new records. Edinburgh has but one week to go to reach its goal, Greenock and Stirling have already given generous overflows, and the other churches are within measurable distance of their quota. It has been a wonderful campaign, with its difficulties, but with

its own glorious achievements. We take this opportunity of thanking the leaders, organizers, local agents, and faithful collectors who have made success possible.

THE tithe figures for the first five months of 1941 are very encouraging indeed. The gain of £379. 14s. promises a year of financial prosperity for the Scottish Mission. It also reveals that the Lord's people are maintaining their fidelity to God's

cause in these perplexing times. The Big Week gain will also reveal that our interest in missions has not abated amid toil and war and peril. Thus, while the world is sucked inexorably toward the vortex of the final war, the people of God are extending the boundaries of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WE regret to record the passing of our oldest member in the Scottish Mission. Sister "Maggie" Jack was one of the earliest Sabbath-keepers in Scotland, accepting the truth in Kirkcaldy about thirty-eight years ago under the ministry of Brother Ritchie. She was of the patriarchal type, and would have been ninety years of age on July 18th. Our visits were enjoyed, and she imparted as well as received blessing. She loved to recount the time when her home was burned, and her Bible was preserved. She had faith to believe that the Lord would not suffer His Word to be burned, and it was even as she believed. We look forward to the resurrection morn to see "Maggie" rise in immortal youth.

WE hope to announce soon the arrangement of special meetings for members and workers in Glasgow. Just as soon as plans are fixed and visiting brethren appointed, we shall send out notice to the field. But this preliminary notice is to ask you to prepare to attend, and to pray that the Lord will mightily bless us then. We all need a refreshing as we face the perils of another winter. We must have God with us as we enter the gathering shadows of the time of trouble. "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." We must be "able to withstand in the evil day, and having overcome all, to stand." Eph. 6:13, margin.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Congratulations!

BROTHER BERNARD HOWARD of the Glasgow Church has, in spite of difficulties imposed by war conditions, won his B.Sc. degree, and is well on the way to getting his M.A. as well.

Well done Bernard!

L. D. VINCE.

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Notes from the Superintendent

THE sands of "Ingathering-time" are fast running out! Two weeks left and, judging by the earlier reports, a long way from our objective. For some years now, the membership in Wales has had a slogan for the Campaign: "£1,000 for Missions!" Voluntarily, this higher goal has been accepted and obtained. But what of 1941? The issue is in doubt and I appeal to every reader, whether you are an isolated member or not and whether you have done your share or not, to rally these last two weeks and engage in a united drive to realize that £1,000. It must be done now and each day that remains of this month of July.

REPORTING

SOME agents are not reporting regularly or on time. It is a small requirement to send your report on the Monday shaped and fashioned according to Government requirements. Will you please co-operate with us in seeing that this is done next Monday and the Monday after? Thank you.

VISITING BRETHREN

WE have been blessed with the ministry of several visiting brethren recently. Pastor W. L. Emmerson, the Editor, has been in South Wales. Pastor J. M. Howard, the Field Missionary secretary has also been in South Wales, afterwards going to North Wales. The visits of both these brethren have been much appreciated. Then Brother A. J. Raitt, of the College faculty, has had a busy, yet profitable time visiting both churches and young people. We believe that as the result of his visit some new students will be wending their way to Newbold and seeking a preparation for useful service in the cause of God.

Brother Carey, too, the Union secretary, has had occasion to pay us a brief visit and meet with the Welsh Advisory committee. This visit, also, was much appreciated.

RHYL PUBLIC SERVICE

WHILE in Rhyl, a public meeting was arranged for and, by the courtesy of the local authorities, a prominent advertising board was made to display the notice: "Is it Armageddon?" Though we were able to show this for a brief three days, the hall was packed with a very appreciative audience. Contacts were made with many people and we are planning to follow these up with visitation and literature. Some of the audience came from Birmingham, some from Staffordshire, and others from Rugby, Coventry, and Suffolk. A large portion were local people. We hope to see some fruitful results from this most excellent meeting.

S. G. HYDE.

"WHEN Luther was asked how he found time to translate the Bible, he said, 'I did a little every day.'"

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Words Across the Ocean

By H. W. LOWE

I HAD hoped by now to be very close to home again. Instead, I find myself forced to endure an unwelcome delay in New York City, due entirely to transportation problems. I have never found delay so irksome. I want to be back among you all more than anything else just now, but I must leave that to God to work out in His own good time.

Hosts of people across this continent have expressed their good wishes and their prayers in behalf of our people in the British Isles. Some of them take the mind back many years and will be known only to our older members. Elder and Mrs. Marcus were among the last we met, and they still hope to visit the old country again. Then, of course, there were others like S. G. Haughey, E. E. Andross, Dr. Hayton, Mrs. H. E. Baasch (née Miss M. Bacon) among this group of long memory. A. S. Maxwell and his brother Spencer, together with R. A. Anderson, Dr. Clifford Anderson, and George Freeman, in most cases with their worthy spouses, were as assiduous as news reporters in their constant questions regarding folks and things back home. Hosts of others cannot be mentioned, but almost everywhere I found a deep and genuine concern for the work in the old country.

I spoke to thousands all across America about our people in Britain, and there was the greatest admiration for the courage and bravery of our people and ministers under war conditions. True, real war conditions have not come to all our British people, but they are much nearer than our people over here can realize.

Particularly pleasing to our American people were the accomplishments of their British brethren in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year. It sounded almost incredible, but I assured them I was certain 1941 would find no slackening of effort.

It has encouraged me to see today (June 25th) in the welcome little MESSENGER plans outlined for the 1941 missions campaign. Also, I see with great joy that our tithe and mission offerings for the first six months of this year bid fair to go beyond those for the same period of 1940. It is splendid to think of these

good results in such times as these. It is truly the blessing of God upon the faithfulness of His people.

Some of our missionary survivors from the S.S. *Zamzam* came in today. I talked to some of them and they are still courageous, despite their experiences. Some from the sunken American ship S.S. *Robin Moor* are due shortly and they have lost all their possessions. Our own A. G. Rodgers and family have been recalled from a sister ship of the *Zamzam* and are once more in America. Our missionaries who are in transit these days have to face great risks. Many from the Far East have returned to America and it is a sore perplexity to know what to do with them all.

Truly the days look dark and ominous. Yet we as God's children should learn to look upon world-shattering events in the light of God's unfolding purposes in the finishing of His work.

"In the darkest days of her long conflict with evil, the church of God has been given revelations of the eternal purpose of Jehovah. His people have been permitted to look beyond the trials of the present to the triumphs of the future, when, the warfare having been accomplished, the redeemed will enter into possession of the promised land. These visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, should be very dear to His church to-day, when the controversy of the ages is rapidly closing, and the promised blessings are soon to be realized in all their fullness." — "Prophets and Kings," page 722.

The ways of man are fickle and terror may appear to spread over the earth, but we must remember God's "principles are the only steadfast things our world knows," and that in them all our hopes are centred. In them, and in them alone, the church will find her triumph.

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Wedding Bells

DAVIES-WILLIAMS.—Brother Frederick Stanley Davies, an esteemed member and officer of the Rhyl church, and Sister Georgina Williams, also of Rhyl, were united in marriage on June 30, 1941, in the Rhyl Welsh Baptist church (by courtesy of the minister and officers) the writer officiating. Many members and friends were present to join with our brother and sister and their relatives, in asking the Lord's blessing to be granted that the new union might not alone bring personal happiness but strength and blessing to the church and work of God. S. G. HYDE.

At Rest

NEWMAN.—The Advent believers on the Isle of Wight suffered a serious loss when Sister Newman passed away at the age of sixty-eight years on June 25, 1941. Our sister accepted the message twenty-five years ago through the labours of the late Brother E. R. Rose of Wimbeldon and Pastor F. C. Bailey, being baptized with two of her daughters by the writer. Sister Newman was always faithful, loving, and kind; a true Christian and an enthusiastic worker in the cause that was so dear to her heart. Someone, not a member of our church, said: "She was indeed a mother in Israel." Never was truer word spoken. It was our privilege to visit our sister ten days before she died, and to talk with her about the blessed hope. That hope she held firmly to the end. There are left to mourn the husband, Brother Newman, three daughters, and a son. One of the daughters is a member of the Isle of Wight company, and the other two, Sisters A. Matthews and L. Edmunds, and the son, Brother Walter Newman, are now in Africa, having given their lives to God for service in that field. The grief of these dear ones is shared by many friends and neighbours. The funeral service was held in the Ryde cemetery, Isle of Wight, on Sabbath, June 28th, and was conducted by the writer.

F. A. SPEARING.

H. D. CLARKE and children express their thanks and sincere appreciation to all who sent letters of sympathy and for the floral tributes received in their recent bereavement.

Missing

WE are sorry to announce that Brother Dr. John Lennox of the Glasgow church is reported missing in connection with the loss of H.M.S. *Kashmir* off Crete. Brother Lennox was Surgeon Lieutenant of his ship. Our deep sympathy is extended to Sister Lennox, John's mother, Mrs. Lewis his sister, and Pastor W. Lennox of North England, his brother. We pray that God will sustain these dear ones in their anxiety.

L. D. VINCE.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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