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## The Young Peoples' Congress in Denmark

By F. W. GOODALL

ALL young people, especially those who are aspiring to become leaders of youth, are anxiously looking forward to this great congress. Our Missionary Training College at Vejlefjord, Denmark, will be the centre of interest for all our youth in the Northern European Division. Not all will be able to go, but we know that everyone will be keenly interested in what is going to happen at this great M.V. Congress. Leaders of our world movement will be there as well as M.V. secretaries from all the countries of our Division. The youth of Britain must be well represented. How we wish it were possible to transport you all—every one of the 1,500 young people in this field. That is not possible, but we feel sure that every M.V. society, yes, and every church will want to be represented. This means that each church will have at least one delegate, so that we might look for about eighty to one hundred young people attending from the British Union.

Can you imagine one hundred of our brightest youth, each desirous of becoming more efficient in their leadership among the young people, travelling together? Then picture, if you will, many similar groups, perhaps larger groups, of youth coming from other countries, and all uniting in this great congress for counsel, instruction, and inspiration. They will come from

Norway, the land of the midnight sun; from Sweden, the land of wonderful scenery; Finland, the home of a thousand lakes; from Latvia, and Lithuania, and, we hope, from Poland as well as from Denmark itself. Listen to those national songs, and mingle with the youthful leaders of other lands and gather inspiration for greater conquests for Christ in our own well-beloved land. We are anticipating great things and know we shall not be disappointed.

Now for some details as to plans:

1. *The Date.*—Make a note!

August 9-17, 1939.

2. *The Cost.*—Make a special note.

From Harwich return (approx.)	.....	£3
Accommodation and Food (approx.)	...	£3
Total	—	£6

Add on fares to Harwich return from your home town.

3. *Requirements.*—Make an extra special note! To have a seat reserved for you in the Congress Hall necessitates your having met all the requirements and passed the tests in the "Friend" and "Companion" classes of the

M.V. Progressive Courses. Only those who desire to fit themselves for larger and more efficient service should go.

4. *Delegation.*—Underline this! We are asking each church to select its delegates in counsel with the young people's leaders. These names should then be sent on to the conference M.V. secretary for final approval.

### GET READY NOW

We are asking each church to open a Congress Fund to assist needy young people. The young people themselves should also start saving: first, of course, finding ways and means of obtaining money: for instance, by the sale of literature—shilling books, etc. Keep a separate record of all profits from the sale of literature; it will be useful!

*Note.*—As it will be necessary to book our tickets early on the steamer, we should have the names of all who expect to attend this congress as soon as possible, and not later than the first week in January. Send all names to your conference M.V. secretary. Do not delay—you may be too late if you leave it.

Don't forget to complete your requirements for the "Companion" Course.

See you at the M.V. Congress, Denmark, August 9-17, 1939!

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### Exeter Calling

If the people of Exeter are not "church-minded" it is no fault of their church-building ancestors! Here indeed is a city of churches, old and new, high and low, all around their magnificent cathedral. In our exploring during our first days here we were greatly impressed by their number, and we come from East Anglia, the home of great churches.

But as we had not really come to Exeter to study its wealth in ancient architecture, we turned our attention to the more modern branch of this same science, and we went to inspect the most up-to-date cinemas.

We found the very thing we wanted. This was easy. In Exeter anyone can hire a cinema, but it takes an Adventist to pay the bill. The Savoy Cinema had everything we could wish for. It was new, it was popular, its seating capacity of 2,000 was divided proportionately in the balcony and "downstairs," which makes hearing easier, not to mention economy in "Zubes" for the evangelist. It had a mighty Compton organ, too, and an organist who was willing to take an interest. It had everything, oh, but the price! Still, that is another story, which we would be pleased to tell at any other time.

Not only had we found the ideal cinema but we had also found the champion billers, who cheerfully put out 2,000 bills in a morning, and asked for more bills to keep them going in the afternoon. We were very grateful for this service.

Had we had time to grow anxious we should no doubt have worried even more than we did. But we tried to remember all the things that had to be done before the first service, and there were so many that we had no time for anything else.

Then came the night. Had we everything? Had we forgotten anything? Not that we could remember. Then let us pray. And

so to the cinema. What a night, lovely moon, warm, and fine. (We remembered a little voice in the junior Sabbath-school the day before praying, "Please, Jesus, give us a fine evening to-morrow." And we thanked Him that He had given it to us.)

Before the doors were opened there was a nice little queue outside, and we felt cheered by it. But the cinema attendant pointed out that, "That won't look nothing inside." We were made thoughtful at that, but the rest of the prayers, they surely would be answered? They were. The first sermon was preached to a crowd of over 1,300, telling them that the Lord was coming. We received over 300 requests for free literature.

After the week's visiting, there was no doubt in our minds whether the people enjoyed the service. We longed for Sunday night.

The second night came—Armistice Sunday. This time there was a real queue outside. Even the experienced eyes of the cinema attendant could not belittle it. It grew and grew till a policeman came to control it, then another policeman, finally the inspector came in to see just what was happening. How our hearts thrilled as we saw those folk come in, over 1,900 of them. What a service! A minute of silence broken by the Last Post! How the choir sang! How we longed to get somewhere where we could thank God for hearing all our prayers!

Last week again there was a queue waiting for the doors to open. The popularity of the services was evidently keeping up. We are all ready to take the good things God gives us. So are they. But will you pray with us that they will also be ready to give the things to God which He demands? It is early days. The Sabbath has not yet been preached, though many know of it. Let us all pray for all those in all places who will soon hear it, that they may be ready. F. BARR-HAMILTON.

### Another Baptism at Bournemouth

FIVE more people of the Southern District in the Bournemouth circuit have gladly answered God's call to "Come out, and be ye separate."

For the second time this year we met in the Bournemouth Church for the solemn yet joyous service of baptism.

After a short season of community singing Brother G. R. Bell opened the baptismal service. Pastor G. D. King then addressed the congregation, and particularly the candidates, on the calling and making of a disciple, after which he baptized the candidates. Brother Bell related certain experiences of the candidates, who were then received into the Bournemouth church fellowship. Each candidate was presented with a copy of *Steps to Christ*. HILDA FISK.

### Baptism at Kilburn

ON Sunday, October 16th, nineteen souls were added to the church by baptism and vote as the result of the work of evangelism begun in January; these, with three others who followed a few weeks later, make a total gain in this district of twenty-two new members.

We were glad to conduct this service in our own church at Chiswick, with its excellent facilities and highly-efficient members, who demonstrated their love for the new believers by tastefully decorating the church, and showing every possible care to the candidates.

At 6.30 p.m. every seat was occupied, leaving other worshippers standing in the vestibule. This crowded condition seemed to inspire every heart as Brother A. Lacey conducted the community singing; on and on the singing went, hearts were glad, God was being praised.

Pastor R. S. Joyce preached a message of courage and strength to the waiting congregation. Addressing the candidates in particular, he said how glad he was that they had responded to the Advent message, and assured them that there was joy in heaven over their brave decisions. He told of struggles that were bound to come, but

reminded his hearers that "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

All hearts were touched as Sister Veronica Warren, our beloved Bible-worker, lifted into the water and out again one little cripple lady who was radiant with joy that she was following in her Master's footsteps.

It has been a joy to have Miss Warren associated with us in the work of evangelism. Her unflinching happy nature has won the hearts of our people, and her tireless energy in visiting and studying with them has won many for the truth.

There have been many factors that have contributed to our happiness in the West and North-West London churches during the past year. Pastor J. B. West's fatherly and godly influence, the loyal support of the local elders, Brethren Lacey, Hopson, and Watson, and the faithful members who accomplished, among other things, three full church Harvest In-gathering goals before the end of the campaign.

In the effort itself the weekly visits of Brother Horace Pearce as song-leader, assisted by Sister Slight at the piano, were invaluable, as was the very much appreciated co-operation and sweet singing of the Stanborough Park male voice choir which, on three different occasions, delighted the waiting people with their harmony, and touched every heart with the words and music of these beautiful hymns: "I need Thee every hour" and "My anchor holds."

So now, bidding farewell to all who have held up our hands in prayer and work, we move to Glasgow, that "great city," the second in the empire, with its massive buildings, its multitude of closes and teeming population, to preach the "Gospel among them also." Brethren and sisters, pray that many will accept this precious truth before it is too late.

L. D. VINCE.

### Baptism at Cambridge

OCTOBER 22nd was a red-letter day at the Cambridge church. A baptism was conducted in the Arbury Road Baptist Church (lent to us by the kindness of the

minister and deacons). At 2.30 p.m. quite a number of members and friends were in attendance.

Pastor J. J. Hyde gave a very inspiring address on baptism, Pastor S. Joyce baptizing the five candidates: two sisters from Ely, one from Castle Camps, and one young sister and brother from our own church.

Brother H. Pearce gave valuable help in conducting the service and assisting in the singing. Mr. Allen again gave us great help, too, at the organ.

The whole day was a very happy one. The morning Sabbath-school lesson was taken by Brother Pearce. Brother J. J. Hyde gave a very interesting talk on Revelation 7:3 at the morning service. The two sisters from Ely were brought into the truth through Brother Bowden and his dear wife, who are preparing others for baptism.

We thank God and take courage.  
(MRS.) E. S. RULE.



### Luton's New Place of Worship

ON Sabbath, October 1, 1938, the members of the Luton church met with joy and thanksgiving in their hearts; for on this first Sabbath of the last quarter in the year they were to worship God in their newly-erected hall in Rothesay Road. For some time there had been felt an urgent need for a more suitable place, one which could be entirely consecrated to the use of the Master. At last our desires were realized. Brother Uffindell, of Watford, was in charge of the services on this memorable day, and led us in praise and thanksgiving.

The following Sabbath Pastor S. Joyce was with us, and a goodly number were present to celebrate the ordinances, and dedicate our own little sanctuary. Appeals for funds for furnishing were generously responded to by all the members.

The hall is decorated in green and cream, giving it a very bright and cheerful appearance. Sunday evening meetings have been commenced, and though the attendance was small at first it is now gradually increasing. Brother Uffindell, by means of lectures illustrated by lantern slides, is endeavouring to

bring out the truth concerning the return of Jesus.

Recently on a Friday evening, in the Park Street Baptist Church (kindly lent to us for the occasion), we had the joy of seeing six of our young people dedicate their lives to the Master by passing through the waters of baptism.

Pastor S. Joyce and his son, Pastor R. S. Joyce, officiated on this occasion.

The five sisters who went forward in this ordinance were children of Adventist parents, and the one brother, who has been worshipping with us for some time, had accepted the message through reading *Present Truth* in Liverpool.

Another brother, living in a neighbouring village, who had already been baptized, was given the right hand of fellowship and received into full church membership.

We ask your prayers on behalf of these dear young people, that they may be kept strong and faithful unto the day of Christ's appearing.

The address of the Luton church is now: The Clifton Hall, Rothesay Road, Luton, Beds.

Visitors will be warmly welcomed.

F. L. WELCH, *Church Clerk.*



### A Beginning at Beccles

THE first-fruit of our labours in Beccles, Suffolk, a widow who is the mother of three children, was baptized with others from Lowestoft, Yarmouth, and Colchester, on Wednesday, November 30th, in the Lowestoft church. The blessing of God was manifestly felt by all who attended this impressive service.

What God can and will do through this sister's faithful witnessing among the six and a half thousand population of Beccles, only He knows at present. We believe great things will be accomplished as time goes on. Do you, fellow-believers? Then, will you beseech for Beccles to this end with us? In the name and for the sake of Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, we anticipantly thank you.

Over fourteen other souls are keenly interested and attending

the services in Beccles regularly. Long and trying has been the story of the giving of the Advent message in this little town, ten miles from Lowestoft, where people "stick tight" to their churches! However, we have only praise to God in our hearts for His definite leading and guidance so far. We strongly believe that more "fruit" will be produced there by the Spirit's continued operations in the near future.

Our appreciations and thanks are given heartily to the Lowestoft and Carlton brethren and sisters and young people for their sincere prayers and help in the campaign held in Beccles. Pray, yet, for "much fruit" that our "Father" may be "glorified."

L. A. WATSON.

### Investiture at Reading

THERE are certain special occasions in church life which stand out in our memories. The members of the Reading church had such an experience on Sabbath afternoon, November 25th, when Brother E. R. Warland met with us for the investiture of twelve young people. The attendance was a full one.

For months past we have seen the young people, under the leadership of Mrs. Bonney and Miss John, taking rambles through the lanes and fields studying the handiwork of God in nature, and looking with admiration and awe at the vastness of the starry heavens, learning the names and peculiarities of the various stars, constellations, and planets.

At other times the church schoolroom has been the centre of busy activity, when the tying of knots, learning of Scripture passages, and other items connected with the Progressive Course, have occasioned keen interest and attention.

All these exercises have been with the one aim of becoming more efficient, mentally, physically, and spiritually, in the work of God.

Those invested were as follows:

#### COMPANIONS

Mrs. C. R. Bonney Miss M. John

#### FRIENDS

Miss G. Alder	Miss G. Allen
Miss L. Barnard	Miss M. Cowdery
Miss D. Hearne	Miss C. Sturgess
Miss E. Sturgess	Miss G. Symonds
Mr. L. Shaw	Master E. Vick

Mention must also be made of the work done by Brother Norman Benwell in helping to train these young people.

All these Companions and Friends are now busily working to reach higher qualifications in the course. C. R. BONNEY.

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### The Hull Campaign

WE feel that as a direct answer to the prayers of our churchmembers, we were able to secure the beautiful Tower picture palace at a rent of £6. 10s. per night, instead of £15, which is the usual cost. It so happened that the proprietor had just returned from Scotland where he had spent a very pleasant holiday, and recognizing that I was a native of that country, he told me that I could have the palace at my own terms, stating at the same time that he would not let it to anyone else even if they were willing to pay the full amount. As our budget is unusually small, we felt that the Lord had gone before us.

Four efforts have been conducted in Hull during the past four years, and our methods of advertising are very well known, as was evident on the opening night. Despite this fact, it has been most gratifying to see our audience more than double itself since then. The last two Sundays have witnessed the picture palace well filled.

We believe that there are still many in the city of Hull who are seeking for light. Pray that the Lord may help us to find them, and that we may present the message in such a way that it will appeal to their hearts, and that many may be led to accept the saving truths for this hour.

It is a great pleasure to be associated with this church, where all the members are doing their utmost to make the effort a success.

L. MURDOCH.

we were wondering what this special season would be to us. We sought God most earnestly that first evening; also on the following noon, and Sunday, and Monday evening. Tuesday evening found a message for special prayer on behalf of the daughter of one of our members, who had that day been taken seriously ill and removed to hospital. The young lady had been coming regularly to our meetings of late.

Brother J. C. French, followed by others, led out in earnest prayer for her recovery. Again the following night a deep earnestness was manifest, and on Thursday evening we were happy to have in our midst that same young lady, healed in hospital and sent home, the doctor unable to give any reason.

It was the writer's joy to hear the healed one give her heart to her Saviour in grateful acknowledgment of her physical and spiritual healing.

The last day of the feast saw a glad and happy congregation gather at 3 p.m. to thank God for the wonderful answer to the prayers of His children.

Those not in office and those going out prayed selflessly for God's blessing and wisdom on those coming into office; others that faith might be given them to stand out for the truth; and others who had never prayed in public now did so.

Was this the finish? No, indeed; for from old and young testimonies of the loving Father's goodness and mercy were now forthcoming.

It was nearly 5 p.m. ere we closed the most blessed Week of Prayer that God's people in this cathedral city had ever enjoyed.

B. H. C. DAVIES.

### Wakefield's Week of Prayer

COMING together for our opening meeting on Sabbath evening,

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### Notes from the Superintendent

THE Week of Prayer, according to reports from the churches, was enjoyed by all. Everybody felt the solemnity of the occasion and appreciated the special messages provided. Shall we seek to profit by the influence of the Week of Prayer in all our relationships during the days ahead?

We were glad to welcome to Wales, as special visitors at varying times during the week, the following brethren: H. W. Lowe, G. E. Nord, G. D. King, W. G. Baldry, and E. E. White. Their presence and help was greatly appreciated.

If some of our friends in the churches did not get their Week of Prayer Review this year, or if they received it late, may we humbly apologize. Our supply failed to arrive, and it was by courtesy of the other fields in our Union that we were able to send out a skeleton supply at the last moment. A new supply was cabled for. These arrived at the opening of the prayer season, and were distributed evenly throughout the field. The original supply arrived on December 12th, after having been sent to "S. Wales, Australia!"

BROTHER D. A. CONROY opened his campaign in Shrewsbury in the Morris Hall, on December 4th, when he spoke to an appreciative audience on "The Crisis of the Nations: Is There no Healing for a Wounded World?" Brother Conroy is well supported by the members of the local church who, naturally, are delighted to have the benefits of such a campaign. As this is Brother Conroy's first big venture, the entire membership in Wales, particularly, will pray earnestly for its success.

THE last baptism of the year took place on December 11th, in the Newport church. Unfortunately, Pastor H. K. Munson was

unable to join in this service through sickness. Three sisters—two from Cardiff and one from Hereford—and two brothers from Newport presented themselves for baptism. Brother Rutherford, the leader of our Hereford company, brought over the candidate from that town. It is a joy to know that soul-winning work is going on in our companies through the voluntary efforts of members.

SPEAKING of voluntary efforts reminds us of the Bible Service Training School, which is being fostered throughout the Union. We hope that all our churches and companies will take an interest in this effort to have more and still more trained soul-winners in our section of the field. Let our isolated members also join in this enterprise. Write to Pastor F. W. Goodall, Stanborough Park, Watford, for supplies. If we could have fifty or a hundred members pass this Course and, as a result, each win but one soul during 1939, what joy it would bring to us all! And why not? Surely we should be seeing more of this kind of fruitfulness from voluntary effort! In the early part of the New Year it is proposed to conduct three conventions in Wales in the interests of those who enrol in this Training Course. If you have not already joined, please hurry and enrol.

WE have placed orders with Granose Foods Ltd. for Christmas parcels to be sent to a number of our friends in the Welsh Mission who are struggling against great odds. We have had to "cut" the list somewhat, but sincerely trust that the most needy have been included. Small though the gift may be, it is sent with the best wishes of the Mission and with the hope that brighter days are in store. May we also thank the Union Committee for providing the wherewithal to make these gifts possible.

MENTION has been made of the sickness of Pastor Munson. We were very sorry to find him in such pain when we visited him at the close of the Week of Prayer. There is a possibility of his needing surgical attention at an early date, unless the Lord may see fit to intervene. We invite our members to pray for our brother and for his speedy restoration.

ON the occasion of a recent visit to Swansea, we were glad to find Pastor F. S. Jackson and his church colleagues pressing on with the task of preparing the new church for dedication day. A splendid baptistry was being built under the supervision of the son of Sister Austin. Funds were being raised, too, by the buying and selling of delicious cakes, etc.

Now the Rhyl company have decided that it is time they built themselves a "house of prayer." So, through one of the members they are hoping soon to acquire a site as the first step. We wish them every success in their undertaking.

THE Welsh Mission has been making splendid progress in its tithe income this year, for which we are thankful. Shall we bind off a successful year by remitting our year-end tithe to our treasurers on Sabbath, December 31st? Then if the treasurers and our isolated friends will send in to Brother W. G. Baldry by January 3rd, the year 1938 should prove to be a most encouraging one financially.

THE end of the year is usually a time for making resolutions. Shall one of ours be that 1939 will find us all in active, consecrated service and fellowship for the strengthening and extension of the church in Wales? May we couple that wish with another and say, in all sincerity: "A happy New Year to you all." S. G. HYDE.

GIVE, looking for nothing again—that is, without consideration of future advantages—to children, to old men, to the unthankful, and to the dying, and to those whom you shall never see again; for else your alms or courtesy is not charity, but traffic and merchandise.—Bishop Taylor.

## Field Missionary Department

### Secretaries:

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### Say It with Present Truth

"THE Radio Parson," W. H. Elliott, says that "quite a lot of people have questioned him in regard to his articles in Sunday newspapers," so he says, "I would ask those who don't believe in articles about religion in the Press, to think with some imagination of the enormous public that reads them. It is no exaggeration at all to say," he continues, "that each article passes through millions of hands, for obviously more than one person on an average sees each copy of the paper.

"Get into your mind what this means. From the point of view of a preacher, a congregation of 1,500 represents an inspiring sight, and a big responsibility, yet a newspaper catches the attention of many thousands of times that number. I put it like that because so many people seem to lack imagination. Whether we like it or not," he adds, "the three greatest powers of influence in the world to-day are the wireless, the press, and the cinema."

Which all goes to emphasize the wisdom of the Spirit of prophecy in directing that our campaigns be strongly supported by the "heavy artillery" of the printing press! Most of our periodical distribution work is done on Sundays, nor can we tell how many persons read each paper or pamphlet.

A regular *Present Truth* reader recently told me that after reading her copy she passes it on to a church reading circle, which means that it passes through the hands of twenty-two people. Another one says, "My little girl takes them [*Present Truth* and *Good Health*] to the Cripples' Hospital after we have done with them, and she has received an official letter of appreciation from the hospital."

A Christadelphian was lending a book to a friend, with the remark, "I have never read such a book as this; you read it, you've never read such a book in your

life before." And the book was—*Patriarchs and Prophets!*

Ask the children who have had *Bedtime Stories* how they like them. Then watch the "Sunbeam" smile spread all over their faces, as they reply, "Oh, they are lovely."

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and say, "Thy kingdom come" in a practical way by running ahead—like a herald—with the printed proclamation of it! T. G. BELTON.

## The Advent Messenger Goes Home

A STRANGER attended church one Sabbath. On leaving she received a copy of the MESSENGER. The message therein on faithfulness in returning to the Lord His own, reached her heart and her purse. Straightway she started to pay tithe. The devil, as usual, saw to it that her decision was registered at a most difficult time. Expenses seemed to be piling up ominously. Safely at the back of her purse remained her tithe, waiting to be delivered to the church the following Sabbath. Then the old, old story, ever, ever new was repeated. "The money that I had left stretched and met the demands of the week." Surely the Lord is no man's debtor. G. R. BELL.

## Ministry of Literature

### Multiplying Evidences

EVIDENCES of the fact that people in all parts of the world are being brought to the light of the Gospel message through the reading of our literature are multiplying rapidly. As a young tailor sat plying his needle in a little town in Eastern Europe, a colporteur entered and gave the canvass for his book. After listening to all that the colporteur said regarding God's message to the world at this time, the tailor purchased the book. He was much impressed with all that was said, but especially with the parting words of the colporteur, who in bidding him good-bye, said: "You are a young man, and God wants you to keep His Sabbath and be a missionary for Him in all the houses and towns around here." Although the tailor had a very meagre idea of what it meant to be a missionary, a new impulse gripped his heart. He began reading the book, and prayed to God to show him the path of duty. Before the end of the week he had resolved that he would keep the Sabbath, and informed his employer that he could not work on Saturday. The employer thought the young man had gone crazy, but

permitted him to have the Sabbath free. So the tailor spent the Sabbath in the forest, alone with God. And what a happy day it was, as he listened to the singing of the birds in the outdoor cathedral, and studied his Bible and prayed. There were no other Sabbath-keepers in the town where he lived, but he soon got in touch with the Seventh-Day Adventist mission in that part of the country, and the next year found him engaged in the colporteur work. For a number of years he has been our enthusiastic colporteur leader in a field where, because of much persecution, God's work requires men who are brave and ready to endure hardship for the advancement of the Gospel.

A young African boy, working as a servant in a home, recognized the call of God to go forth with our literature. He not only sold books, but gave Bible studies wherever he found people interested. God blessed his efforts, and in a very short time this young boy was surrounded by a group of fifty-seven loyal believers in the third angel's message, who had been won through the truth-filled literature.

From another part of the world comes the story of a man who was

at one time a thief, making it his business to break into houses and carry away the spoils. On one such venture he hastily gathered up everything in sight, and later found that he had carried away a book bearing a strange title. Although this book was not what he wanted, his curiosity led him to glance through it. A power seemed to grip his attention, for he had never read anything like this before. The still small voice of conscience seemed to speak the message, "steal no more." Then the battle began to rage between right and wrong. To-day that man is no longer a thief, but a humble, happy child of God, spending his life in selling truth-filled literature.

The superintendent of one of our missions in South America writes of difficulties encountered in that field because the population is widely scattered and travelling facilities are very meagre. Railroads and highways are almost unknown, and in the mountainous districts the only means of travel is by mule-back. Under these conditions the faithful colporteur is the first to enter new territory and scatter seeds of truth. He passes on from village to village, not knowing of the result of his seed sowing, and often very happy surprises come to light. Just recently word reached the mission of a village situated in remote territory, where every inhabitant is keeping the Sabbath, having read the literature purchased from the colporteur; and from this village comes an urgent call for someone to come and instruct them fully from God's Word.

In a place where the government had placed a restriction upon religious work, both Catholic and Protestant, a colporteur ventured in. After selling a book to a merchant in the place, he went on his way. But the message in the book spoke to the heart of this merchant, and he responded to the light. He began to talk to his customers and his neighbours, explaining and reading to them from the book. When the colporteur returned to the village some months later, he found a group of one hundred and fifty people meeting with the merchant and his son each Sabbath, and keeping the Sabbath as best they knew. Soon a minister was

sent to care for the interest, and seventy-five people were baptized. Surely this is wonderful fruitage from one copy of a message-filled book, but there are thousands of similar instances on record.

There are to-day practically three thousand Christian colporteurs giving their full time to the sale of literature. One sister, who accepted the message about eight years ago and since that time has sold approximately £3,600 worth of our literature, said, "If it were within my power, there would be 10,000 colporteurs at work instead of 3,000." There is always room for new recruits in the colporteur army, and ten thousand—yes, many times ten thousand would be none too many to dedicate life and service for the enlightenment of the world with the glory of the third angel's message. God now calls every believer to "scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time."—*Christian Service*, page 145. It is a call to the individual, and there must be individual response. If you cannot dedicate your life to the colporteur work, you can scatter the literature broadcast as you go about your daily duties in office, shop, or home. What is your answer to-day to God's call?

C. E. WEAKS,  
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Publishing Department.



### The Transforming Power of Literature

TO-DAY the printed page of truth is available in many languages, and our faithful colporteurs and members of our churches are scattering this literature far and wide. Everywhere, in all countries of the world, men and women are found who are anxiously praying for light. The writer well remembers when the third angel's message first entered Southeastern Europe, in 1898. Among the first to accept the message was an aged Rumanian brother who had been a member of the Baptist Church. This man was unable to read the Bible, but he had a keen and retentive memory, and retained what others read to him. One day he said to his Baptist minister, "Elder, will you do me a favour? You have been read-

ing the Bible to us, and you have always read about the seventh-day Sabbath: now please read to us what the Bible says about Sunday." "Why, brother," the pastor replied, "I cannot read to you about Sunday in the Bible, for the word 'Sunday' is not in the Bible." "Really, is it not!" exclaimed the old man. "Then I want you to know that after this I shall observe the day which can be read out of the Bible."

This illiterate but very faithful brother was one of the first of our Rumanian believers. At that time we did not have even one church in Rumania. This brother secured a supply of all our literature then issued in the Rumanian language, and went from house to house showing the tracts and papers to the people and asking them to read to him. Many of his readers became interested, and it was not long until several churches were organized as the result of the faithful and sincere efforts of this old saint. And this is only one of many experiences showing how doors and hearts were opened to the message through the reading of our literature. In Southeastern Europe during those early days, we were not permitted to do public work, but the printed page prepared the hearts of the people and opened the way for the messengers of truth, and to-day we are reaping the harvest in these various lands, such as Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Jugoslavia, and other European countries.

When one of our colporteurs entered the home of a Hungarian family in Czechoslovakia, he was surprised to see the woman of the house, without waiting for him to finish his canvass, step to a drawer of the bookcase and bring out a fragment of a page of the Hungarian missionary magazine. This piece of paper was handed over to the colporteur, and the woman explained by saying: "Some time ago I purchased a mirror. As I was fastening it to the wall it fell out of my hands and was completely shattered. This I considered a bad omen, but it proved to be not a curse but a blessing. As I began picking up the pieces, there dropped out from the frame this scrap of printed paper, and my eye

caught lines of a poem. This was what I read:

"Behold, behold the Lamb of God,  
On the cross, on the cross;  
For you He shed His precious  
blood,  
On the cross, on the cross."

The words burned into my soul as nothing ever had before. At the bottom of the page I found the address of the publishing house in Budapest, and I sent for more literature."

This woman was very happy to welcome the living messenger of God's truth, and it was not long until she united with the church. Yes, even fragments of truth-filled literature oft-times work miracles.

In all parts of the world the literature workers are blazing the trail, and the living messenger of truth follows into remote corners where Protestantism has never entered and where the Greek Orthodox and the Mohammedan religions have held sway for centuries; and as a result many dear souls are rejoicing in a knowledge of the truth for this time. Truly it is a noble work to carry the precious truth-filled literature to people of all languages in the world. Let us be faithful in the literature ministry until the work is done. J. F. HUENERGARDT,

Editor, German Periodicals, International Branch, Pacific Press.

### At Rest

CHAPMAN.—Sylvia, the daughter of Brother and Sister Chapman of the Porth company, Rhondda, passed to her rest on June 20, 1938, at the early age of seventeen. Sylvia was a member of the Sabbath-school and believed in the Advent hope. She died fully trusting in her Saviour, and confident that when Jesus comes she would share in the glad rejoicings of reunion. We laid her to rest in the Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail, on June 25th, to await the call of the Life-giver. S. G. HYDE.

SHAW.—Miss Maggie Shaw, a faithful member of the Nottingham Church, fell asleep in Jesus on October 7th, after many years of patient suffering. Our sister knew the truth from childhood through her mother, a charter member of the Nottingham church. She was led to her decision to obey God through the reading of literature sent to her home while in Canada. She was baptized at Vancouver by H. L. Wood, the conference president, in August, 1928. She died a happy, trusting Christian. We laid her to rest in the Wilfred Hill Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. O. M. DORLAND.

PRYKE.—It is with much regret that we announce the death of Miss Mary Pryke, charter member of the new Ipswich church. Miss Pryke died of heart failure quite unexpectedly in the Ipswich Borough General Hospital on October 14, 1938. Miss Pryke was seventy-five years old at her death, and we rejoice that she fully accepted the Advent message in the last eighteen months

of her life, being baptized by Brother J. M. Howard on July 18, 1937. Faithful to every church responsibility, and happy in the knowledge of salvation, she went to her last rest. She awaits the life-giving call of the Master. An aged sister remains to mourn her loss. R. A. VINCE.

BROWN.—On Tuesday, November 8, 1938, our beloved Sister Brown passed peacefully to rest at her home in Southampton, at the great age of 92. She was in her place at the church only a week before her passing. Sister Brown and most of her family came into the truth under the labours of Brother J. S. Washburn in Southampton and was baptized with many others in the year 1894. For forty-four years she was a faithful member. She loved the truth and whenever she was able she was in her place at the church. She was loved by all who knew her. We laid her to rest on Friday, November 11th. The church and her own dear children are comforted by the precious promises of the soon return of Jesus, when He will gather all His faithful ones to Himself, and wipe away all tears from our eyes. W. H. MEREDITH, E. ASHTON.

COTTON.—On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in the North Watford Cemetery, Sister Cotton, at the age of seventy-four, was laid to rest. Our sister had been in the Stanboroughs Hydro for more than a year and her health had not been good during that time. At last she passed very peacefully to sleep. To the writer she said only a few days before she passed away, "I am so glad to be here, but I am so tired." Comforted in her weakness with the hope of Jesus' soon coming she patiently waited the Lord's time. She came into the truth under the late Brother A. E. Bacon's labours in Weston-super-Mare, in 1929, and has loved the truth ever since. A brief service was held in the Stanborough Park church by the writer, in the presence of friends and loved ones. In our sorrow we rejoiced in the knowledge that our dear sister was sleeping in Jesus. Her life was hid with Christ in God, and we know that when Jesus comes again He will call her to be with Him for ever. The members of her family who could be present were also comforted in the thought that Mother was at rest, and released from all suffering. W. H. MEREDITH.

MAJOR.—It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of our dear Sister Major, a member of Florenceville Avenue church, Belfast, who passed away on November 25, 1938, after a long and painful illness borne with much Christian fortitude. Our dear sister had been acquainted with the Advent people for a number of years, but finally took her stand for the truth under the ministry of Pastor E. E. Craven and was baptized by him on July 10, 1937. The funeral service at the home and at the graveside was impressively conducted by Pastor Craven, whose words were a comfort to the bereaved and an inspiration to all the listeners. We laid her to rest in Knockbreda Cemetery in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. To the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy in their great loss. MRS. M. BRYANS, Church Clerk.

GULLETT.—Sister E. Gullett, aged 86, passed away on Sabbath evening, November 25, 1938, at the home of her niece. She accepted the truth in 1896 and was a faithful member of the Plymouth church until the day of her death. She was laid to rest in the little churchyard at Egguckland, there to await the call of the Life-giver at the resurrection. GLADYS ANDREWS.

PARRY.—The Welsh Mission has sustained a great loss by the passing of Sister Mrs. Parry, on Sabbath, November 26th, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gaen. Mrs. Parry was among the first converts in Wales, she having accepted the Advent message in Cardiff over forty years ago. For many years she was actively engaged in the circulation of our books in Wales. From 1903-1912 and, intermittently and to a lesser extent, from 1917-1932, she delighted in the task of circulating the precious pages of truth. Sister Parry was a real example of consecrated endeavour. In the Ingathering Campaign she gathered each year a handsome sum from her Port Talbot subscribers. No one ever left her home with-

out first receiving some admonition or spiritual guidance. Herself no mean student of the Bible, she loved to indulge in study or discussion of biblical truth. She was, indeed, a saint of God, and the influence of her life will surely continue to bear fruit in the lives of many who came in contact with her. The service in the house was shared by Brethren F. E. Powell, F. S. Jackson, and the writer, while at the graveside the Methodist minister, Mr. Roberts, was invited to have a part. The daughter, Sister Parry's faithful companion through the years both in the church and home, the two sons and their married partners, are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother. But they need not sorrow as those without hope, for she shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. In that day may she be able to greet every member of her family and thus have her great life-long wish and prayer gratified. S. G. HYDE.

### Beccles

THE Beccles meetings now are held at: 17 Blyburgate Street, Beccles, as follows: Sabbath, 3 p.m., Bible study; Sunday, 6.45 p.m., Preaching service. L. A. WATSON.

### Wedding Bells

WALTON-SEDGWICK.—On Wednesday, October 16th, in the Zion Baptist Church, Barnsley, Brother B. A. Walton and Sister Sedgwick were united in marriage. The chapel was well filled with friends of the bride and bridegroom. Following the service a reception was held in the schoolroom.

The young couple travelled to North Ireland, Brother Walton's field of labour. They go to the West African mission field in the new year in response to a call from the Northern European Division.

We wish them every blessing in their united service in the cause of God. O. M. DORLAND.

### Surprises in West Africa

How surprised I was to find how *Bible Readings* is sold in this land. Yes, even leather copies! Already this year the colporteurs have sold over £500 worth of literature. And most of our new companies are raised by the faithful colporteur even in this land. Surely Sister White's words are coming true concerning the work of the colporteurs. W. J. NEWMAN.

### SUNSET CALENDAR

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Dec. 30th	3.59	3.55	4.12	3.46	4.05
Jan. 6th	4.06	4.03	4.19	3.55	4.15

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