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Adventists and the Crisis

By H. W. LOWE

INQUIRIES continue to reach us concerning the attitude we as Seventh-Day Adventists should adopt to military service, and to various other forms of service to the state in time of crisis. Some inquire as to whether we have made our position clear to the authorities.

So far as military service in time of war is concerned, we feel no good purpose would be served by approaching the government at the present time, but should war come we would immediately make our position clear once more. The last statement of our attitude was made to the Prime Minister, March 13, 1935, since when no change has taken place in our attitude to war. The essential part of that statement reads:

"As a Christian church, believing in the undiminished authority and perpetuity of the moral law, given by God Himself in the Ten Commandments, we hold that we are thereby forbidden to take part in combatant service in time of war.

"We recognize that all earthly governments are ordained of God, and that such governments, in exercise of their legitimate functions, bringing the blessings of order, justice, and safety to their people, should receive the loyal support of their citizens at all times.

"Obedience to law and government, where there is no conflict with the law of God, we hold an

essential Christian duty and the various organizations of our work in all countries whole-heartedly offer consistent loyalty to the governments under whose jurisdiction they operate.

"While we have always held, as a denomination, the non-combatant position in relation to war, which was recognized in all parts of the British Empire during the Great War, we hereby, in this time of peace, reaffirm our position on this matter so that, in the event of any future outbreak of hostilities, there may be no question as to the sincerity of our convictions."

It is not within the province of any committee to say what is or what is not non-combatant service. The nature of such work is a matter for individual conscience and personal decision. This last point is vital, for we must in the last analysis act on God-given personal convictions.

Having stated our attitude to the taking of human life, we must seek to remember the Sabbath in a manner pleasing to God. It is obvious that emergency work, such as caring for the injured, will leave each of us to determine this matter also individually before God.

We must not forget that those who claim exemption from having to take human life should be fully

prepared to render unsparing, efficient service in a non-combatant capacity. For this reason large numbers of our men and women are now found in auxiliary fire brigades, St. John Ambulance units, A.R.P. organizations, etc. Should the necessity arise we have agreed to our Sanitarium and Annex being used as an advanced base hospital. Doubtless it was in this spirit that our Australian believers, according to Reuter's report in the London press of April 3rd, offered to the Government their hospitals, food factories, and 15,000 people for non-combatant service, if desired.

We must remember that according to the New Testament (Romans 13), the governing body is ordained of God, and that we owe certain specific duties to the state. It should not be thought that as Christians we can claim all the privileges and protection which the state offers without rendering in return every possible support and service, short of violating the requirements of God's law.

It is well also to remember that we all deplore the present universal hatred and the growing militarism. Regular fighting forces in any country are not the place where Adventists should be found by their own choice, and we need to avoid the spirit of strife and hatred which lead to war and destruction. We seek to save not to destroy, like the Master we serve.

We suggest to our members that

they read afresh the last seven chapters of *Great Controversy* as an aid to a better understanding of the dreadful movements among men in these times, and of the final scenes which will transpire immediately prior to the Saviour's

appearing. We live in times when it is not safe to postpone for a moment our preparations to meet the stern major issues of life.

Above all, brethren, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

Notes from the Union President

TWICE during the past month our attention has been drawn to private individuals who have solicited and received gifts for missions. In one case there is more than a suggestion of dishonesty, and we remind our members that they should always be on their guard against this sort of thing.

Sometimes some person who is not in this dishonest category talks to our people along the lines that mission funds can be sent to mission fields in a more direct way than passing through the hands of church treasurers, conference offices, etc. We wish to make it perfectly clear that no person of any kind is authorized to receive such gifts, and, furthermore, that there is no more direct or satisfactory way of supporting our missions than through the church and conference treasurers. No one is authorized to sell books on the basis that the proceeds go to missions. Members should not give donations to people who make these representations. We have every confidence in our church and conference treasurers. They are faithful men and women whose books are regularly audited and whose funds come in promptly, and go direct to the causes for which they were given.

So many calls for counsel have come to us of late, that we present a statement in this issue on our attitude to governments in time of war. At a convenient time the Union Committee may be called upon to make a new representation to His Majesty's Government. Such a statement would, of course, be published to our people also.

SECONDARY school teaching at Newbold has now been recognized so that our teachers desiring to take the Teacher's Diploma (Oxford) are eligible to sit for that examination.

A SPECIAL course in domestic science is to be offered at Newbold under qualified instruction. This should be a great help to the young ladies. We should much like to see a modern cooking unit installed for this purpose. It would also replace the antiquated and unhygienic range now in use. Would some of our members interested in training our youth care to help us raise £100 for this purpose? It has long been needed and is now urgent.

In times like these it is worth meditating on this little sentence: "Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man." —*Early Writings*, page 58.

The nervousness of the day is reflecting itself somewhat in our literature sales, and also in our tithes and offerings. Let us not be lacking in courage and wanting in duty to the Lord's cause in such a time as this. Faith grows as time shortens. If we prove the Lord in these matters we should receive abundant evidence of His continued superintendence in our affairs, despite the disjointed days and the amazing disregard of God on every hand.

At Newbold the other day we had encouraging news to the effect that more than forty new people are in attendance on Sabbath afternoons at the Coventry effort, and the evangelist in charge has also sent us this kind appreciation concerning the assistance of our College staff and students:

"College has been a grand help—students and faculty have done all they can to back us. It has been quite an experience."

SEVERAL other encouraging reports reach us concerning evangelistic campaigns. Brother Hyde has had large attendances in Cardiff. A number have signified their

intention to keep the Sabbath in Edinburgh. In far-away Aberdeen a goodly number of strangers are attending the services. The same applies to Greenock.

Let us continue our prayers for our campaign workers everywhere in these disturbing times.

H. W. LOWE.

Anti-Gas Lectures

A COURSE of lectures on the Defence against Gas in Warfare, and the treatment of affected cases, has been given at Stanborough Park during the past few months. An Anti-gas examination was held at the close of this course, and the following have been granted certificates by the British Red Cross.

Miss A. Blackburn	Miss G. A. Rawson
C. Blackburn	Miss D. M. Watts
A. Carey	Miss M. M. Campbell
Miss I. E. Coupees	Miss L. E. Fitcher
Miss N. Frost	Miss M. Heppenstall
R. Harker	Miss H. Hyde
W. C. Liney	Miss G. Jones
R. H. Munro	Miss V. Nash
A. Sanders	Miss G. P. Nickels
A. H. Thompson	Miss G. Nickels
C. Thompson	Miss D. M. Pearce
Miss C. Throssell	Miss R. Richardson
(2nd exam.)	Miss K. Rylah
Miss E. Throssell	Mrs. M. Standen
F. Throssell	Mrs. E. Thompson
Miss G. H. Vince	Miss D. Watson
A. Warren	Miss M. L. Wood
Miss J. White	Miss V. S. Wurr
Miss M. D. Wren	Mrs. N. Leigh

It was stated by the examiner that this was one of the best classes held in the district. Much credit is due to the secretary, Brother A. Carey, as well as to those who took the course. All came out with a high percentage of marks.

What Would Happen If All Did Their Share?

The Record of Christian Work tells of a missionary physician in one of China's hospitals who cured a man of cataract. A few weeks later forty-eight blind men from one of China's interior provinces, each holding on to a rope held in the hands of the man who was cured, came to the hospital. Thus in a chain they had walked two hundred and fifty miles to the doctor, and nearly all were cured.

Does not this give a picture of our share in the missionary enterprise? If we have come to Christ and have by faith received Him and the eternal life He offers, our part will be to lead others to Him. —*The Sunday-School Times*.

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Notes from the President

THE Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the North England Conference will convene, D.V., in the Circus Street Hall, Nottingham, on Thursday, July 20th, at 4 p.m. We trust that our membership will plan, so far as possible, to attend this important gathering. "The days in which we live are solemn and important." "Everything in our world is in agitation." "The nations are angry." "The powers of earth are marshalling their forces for the last great battle." "The agencies of evil are strengthening for the last great crisis." "Fearful tests and trials await the people of God."

WE should not miss these yearly convocations, which deepen our experience in the things of God, and prepare us to stand in the day of the Lord.

THE reports to be rendered at this session will, in many respects, be the best in the history of the conference. The tithe shows a large gain over the previous year, and the book work shows a gain of over £2,000. But our membership has not advanced, and this should call for heart searching by both workers and members.

AT the July meeting it will be the responsibility of the delegates to elect a new president. The General Conference ruling does not permit a local conference president to serve beyond six years, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This six-year period was completed last January.

WE do not know as yet what help we shall receive from the General Conference, but we can be assured that the Lord will meet with His people, and all should plan to be present.

IN many of the efforts the testing truths have been presented and many are beginning to keep the Sabbath. Pastor S. G. Joyce reports over forty adult strangers in

his first Sabbath afternoon meeting at Coventry.

A NUMBER of interested people are receiving studies who were first introduced to the message by the colporteur. We appreciate and should continually pray for these faithful seed-sowers.

THERE is every hope that the new church building at Stretford, Manchester, will be dedicated free from debt by the beginning of next quarter.

THE Hull church are making extensive alterations to their building which will considerably increase the seating capacity of the hall. Pastor Lamont Murdoch is holding an encouraging effort in this important city.

BIG WEEK will soon be with us and it is hoped that every member will do his part, remembering that by this means many new enterprises will be launched in connection with the finishing work by the funds raised.

WE are pleased to say that our total tithe and offerings for the first quarter of 1939 have maintained the good gains of the previous year. We thank the members for their faithfulness.

AN encouraging number of the conference young people have enrolled to attend the M.V. Congress to be held at our school in Denmark, August 9th to 17th. Let the churches help the youth by their means and their words that they may be able to attend.

O. M. DORLAND.



Progress in Hull

WHEN lay members and workers unite together in one common task, good progress can be recorded in a very short period of time, with no one feeling overburdened, and all sharing in the joy of something accomplished. Six months ago we were making our plans and talk-

ing about our objectives; now we are beginning to see results. Our three main objectives were:

1. Increasing our church membership.

2. Doubling the seating capacity of our church building.

3. Training a corps of lay members to conduct a public campaign.

During the past few months our members have distributed approximately two hundred and fifty thousand handbills, an achievement which has been largely responsible for the good attendance which we have had from the beginning of our public meetings. While the campaign has been in progress we have been busy with the structural alterations in our church, which has resulted in doubling the seating capacity as we had planned. We transferred our public meeting to our own church building, and were gratified to see every chair taken, one hundred and sixty in the main church building, and the overflow hall at the rear filled to its utmost as well.

Sister Adair has still a visiting list of one hundred and thirty, and a number have already expressed their desire to keep Sabbath. By the time this report appears we shall have held our first Sabbath service for this new interest in our own church. Pray that the many who are convicted that we have the message for this time may be led to identify themselves with us. We now have a church building in Hull of which the members are justly proud, and although only a converted house, our reconstruction work has succeeded in giving it quite a church-like appearance. There are twenty-seven in the Bible Training Class, the majority are making excellent progress, and already we have a corps of lay workers who are capable of conducting a small campaign. As soon as funds are available they are hoping to begin a tent effort, fully manned by the members of the class, in the outskirts of the city.

In closing may I say that we have greatly appreciated the visits of Brethren Lowe, Dorland, Buckle, J. C. Craven, and Carey, and also the assistance that we have received from the Union to help us to put our work on a good sound basis here in Hull.

L. MURDOCH.

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Edmonton M.V. Society

SOMETIMES when we have looked forward to an event, and that event has become an accomplished fact, we have felt disappointed and discovered that anticipation was better than realization. However, that was far from our experience regarding the missionary concert given at the Monmouth Hall, March 25th, by the Edmonton and Enfield Wash M.V. society. Quite to the contrary, their efforts exceeded all expectations and resulted in a most enjoyable evening for all present.

Space forbids a detailed account of the programme, but every item was indeed praiseworthy. The solos, recitations, and dialogues were rendered in a very capable manner, and although there were some amusing incidents everything was in perfect harmony with the high ideals set forth by the denomination. Much could be said for those who had so kindly given their time in training these young people. We shall anticipate with pleasure future efforts by this society.

F. W. HEYWOOD, *Church Clerk.*

A Youthful Organist

I WAS the appointed preacher for Carlton Colville one Sabbath recently. It is a pleasant journey from Lowestoft, being about three miles inland. On entering the church, I noticed something differ-

ent. The usual organist was not at her place, but sitting with the congregation. Instead, at the organ ready to lead our worship was her nine-year-old daughter, Mary Martin. Mary went through with the five hymns for us, and led our praise as an organist should. How surprised we all were, and what a lesson for us, too. Early she is learning that happiness is found in service.

T.S.

Bournemouth

LAST autumn saw the development of a great world crisis; it also saw the Bournemouth church for the first time in its history secure its goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

What bearing had these two events on each other? The sudden crisis found us lagging; missed opportunities, delayed efforts, undeveloped good intentions, all heaped themselves up in regret.

Faced thus at the moment with the door closed to the hope for a finished work, grateful were we indeed when, with the passing of the crisis, came days of grace and new opportunities. Efforts were redoubled; success crowned them; the goal was reached and passed, and Bournemouth secured for itself a place in the list of Harvest Ingathering goal-winners.

Thus the crisis that loomed as our enemy proved a friend in that it acted as a real incentive to the forwarding of God's work.

HILDA M. FISK, *Church Clerk.*

I Paid My Tithe And—

I SHOULD like to give my personal experience of how the Lord blesses one if faithful in tithe-paying.

I have a garden which the Lord has blessed in a very remarkable manner.

When we came to the house one would have thought it impossible to grow anything in it, as it was, and

is now, nothing but sand. In fact we were told by our neighbours that the soil would not produce anything, and was full of wire-worms. Looking at all the other uncultivated gardens this dismal prophecy looked like coming true.

I started out in faith knowing the Lord to be the Creator of all things. I promised the Lord a

faithful tithe on all that the garden produced. I set about digging the garden, beginning with an eighteen-inch trench to ensure a good drainage and to clear away anything that would obstruct things from growing.

First of all I planted shallots. Our neighbours laughed and said, "Yes, they look all right, but they won't produce anything." But they yielded us twenty-five pounds out of the two pounds we planted. Out of three pennyworth of beetroot seed, we had forty, some weighing ten pounds each. One pennyworth of marrow seeds produced one and a half hundredweight, some weighing fourteen pounds. One shilling's worth of pea seed only supposed to grow two feet, grew to four feet, producing over half a hundredweight. Beans (scarlet runners) costing three halfpence also produced over half a hundredweight. Potatoes, out of fourteen pounds of seed (early Sharp's Express), produced one hundredweight four pounds, while fourteen pounds of King Edward's produced one and a half hundredweight. The leeks and parsnips were a picture.

This surprised all our neighbours around, and they began cultivating their gardens, but they do not get the same results.

They all ask, "What is the secret?" I tell them, "There's no secret on my part, as you see, I do my gardening while you are all around." I even told them how to go to work.

I did tell them I thought my faithfulness in tithe-paying contributed to the good results, referring them to Malachi 3:10, 11. This naturally brought smiles to their faces.

Our neighbour has an apple tree. We have one also, purchased for sixpence three years ago this November. Theirs is much older. This year they only had one bloom on it, while ours was crowded with blooms. In the beginning of May we had a sharp frost. This bit our neighbour's bloom off, but our blooms remained intact and have produced quite a quantity of apples.

Speaking to one of the first-class gardeners of the town of my production, he said, "You beat me. I can't get such production."

Dear readers, test the Lord and

prove Him to be the Creator and give Him a faithful tithe of all your earnings. v.w.

A Vital Connection

A YOUNG man in — was faced with the problem of finding employment in which he could keep the Sabbath. He had just come to see that this Christian duty was expected of him. He left the job he was in and took up temporary work. While he was in this work he determined to be faithful in the matter of paying tithe, in which duty he had been very lax, paying when he felt like it. A fortnight before he finished his work he pledged himself to faithful tithe-paying. On the Friday his work terminated a former acquaintance, who had been working with him, and had later started business on his own, invited our brother to work with him, promising him his Sabbaths perfectly free. He feels that there is some mysterious connection between his faithfulness in tithe-paying and his obtaining the Sabbath off. And there is!

L.G.H.

"The Owner"

"God allows man to use His possessions, but He never surrenders His ownership. We are not owners, for we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out. What we use and enjoy was all here before we came. We do not create anything. We may gather more or less of material wealth around our own personality, but all we gather belongs to the great Creator of all things. As between each other men may be owners. We may have rights and titles to certain estates to which no one else has any rights or titles. But those rights and titles are simply an earthly, human arrangement between man and man. Between us and God, He is the owner."—*The Doctrine of Christ*, page 248.

There is an interesting allusion to God's ownership in Luke 19: 29-34, in which the Lord, approaching Bethphage and Bethany, sent the disciples into the village to secure a colt upon which Christ was to make His joyful entry into Jerusalem. It has been pointed out

that the word translated "the Lord" in verse thirty-three is the same word that is translated "owners" in verse thirty-four, thus producing the rendering, "And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? and they said, The owner hath need of him."

The owner! Someone thought he owned a horse, but he came to understand the supreme ownership of God.

As you count your blessings and handle your possessions will you hear and heed the voice which still says, "The owner hath need" of them? H. W. LOWE.

Adventists and Sacrificial Giving

THE quarterly *International Review of Missions* (April) contains a long review of a report prepared by Mr. J. Merle Davis, Director of the Department of Social and Economic Research of the International Missionary Council. This report was prepared for the special Tambaram Meeting of the above Council and the review gives this reference to Adventists:

"Mr. Davis uses the Seventh-Day Adventist Church as an example of results obtained through continuous emphasis upon sacrificial giving."

H.W.L.

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A Colporteur's Experience

It was a very wet morning and I was drenched when I went to call on a prospect, Mrs. Robson. After much hunting about I found the lady was out, so returning to where I was going to have my lunch I made up my mind that I would not bother about Mrs. Robson any further. I had been told that she was a widow and might not be able to afford a book at all. I went into a newsagents to get a paper to read during lunch (a thing I had not done before). As I had previously received an order from the proprietor we talked a little when a lady came into the shop, to whom he said, "Good morning, Mrs. Robson." I thought at once, Could it be my prospect? Well, it was, and after the necessary introduction I canvassed Mrs. Robson in the shop. The result was a cash sale, showing how God does work on our behalf.

I had twice tried to call on a certain lady but found she had gone out. However, on this occasion I heard voices at the rear of the house, so I went round and found the lady in conversation with a man. I waited until they were finished, and the man came and asked me if I wanted to see Mrs. Kydd, and what was I engaged

on? On mentioning the object of my visit he seemed amazed and took me to Mrs. Kydd, saying to her, "Now what do you think of this; here we have been talking about the Bible and sermons, and here is a man come to see you with a book on the Bible." I told them both during my canvass that God had directed me there at that time: result two orders, the man taking delivery at once.

On canvassing a lady at the door, she said I should go to see her uncle down the road, so, getting the necessary information, I went to call on the old gentleman, aged sixty-six. He was stone deaf, but how he did drink in the wonderful words in *Our Wonderful Bible*. The only thing he was concerned about was how soon could he have it, and the joy he showed when I handed him his copy was a great encouragement to me.

A. PHILLIPS.

This Canvassing Work

"THE canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."

The Ministry of Literature

A Blessed Ministry

The Testimony of a Veteran *Present Truth* Worker

I HAVE been thinking of some visible and continuing results of my *Present Truth* work. Of the invisible unknown results I cannot, of course, write nor will I mention some who have endured for a time and then gone backward. But there are now in this district Sabbath-keepers who were first interested in and grew to love the message through my regular visits with *Present Truth* many years ago. Sister Jackson (widow of the late Captain Jackson and mother of Pastor Jackson of Swansea), Sister Kelly, Sister Hughes, and also Sister Mason, senior, are with us.

Then among others who have become Seventh-Day Adventists but are not members here, I may mention Brethren Matthew Vallance and Musgrave, who were postmen who accepted the truth and lost their employment through doing so. Both these then young men went to Duncombe Hall College, London, and became licentiate preachers. Many a time these young men came to my home and studied with me till very late at night; and I was told that Professor Salisbury congratulated them on their knowledge of the truth.

Brother and Sister Walsh stepped out into the truth through reading *Present Truth*, and I think it would be hard to find a couple of young people more sincere in their efforts to live and maintain the truth. The last time I heard from him he was engaged in proclaiming the truth as a voluntary worker, in the place where he now lives in Lincolnshire. Then there is Brother S. Bevan who accepted the truth he had learned from reading *Present Truth* and my frequent talks with him when he lived in Seaforth, Liverpool. He joined the Luton church.

Just recently a message came from Sydney, New South Wales, speaking of two members of the church out there who had never forgotten my visits and my words

to them when they were in dire distress and trouble in Liverpool.

Many years ago a Mr. Coss was a regular reader of mine and I spent much time with him, but I moved to Bootle and lost sight of him. After some years another worker came across him again. He came to the meetings and eventually was baptized by Pastor Maudsley and his name was added to the church record.

There may be others whom at

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encouraged

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present I cannot recall, and I believe I am justified in stating that there will be others coming out to obey the truth whose minds have been stirred by the reading of *Present Truth* supplemented by talks, Bible studies, and prayers. May God grant that it shall be so and that they in turn will interest others.

I have turned the threescore and ten span of life and am keeping well, so I hope, with God's favour in continuing to give me health and strength and ability, to increase the circulation of the *Present Truth* and so bring the knowledge of the truth to a greater number. I have no intention of

seeking release from my labours this side of death or the fulfilment of the blessed hope, for I have read in the *Testimonies* that those who engage in the Lord's work are to make it their life-work as long as they shall live.

During the war I was injured in the course of my work and was laid by for a few weeks. In this period I was impressed to read Volume five of the *Testimonies*.

This was a long time before the General Conference sent out the message urging Seventh-Day Adventists to especially study that volume. As I read it I was struck with the great number of times the urgency of the fact was put before the church that we were on the very borders of the eternal world and the end of this world. Seeing this was the case, I began to read it all over again, noting the various statements and the pages where they were found.

Just a couple of weeks ago I came across this document and I thought to send it on to you [we hope to include this in a later issue. Ed.] to stimulate a real desire among our membership to be prepared to meet the Lord whose coming must be very much nearer than when those messages were written by the servant of the Lord at His bidding.

S. G. COWLEY.

A Glad Experience

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

WHILST out selling *Present Truth*, I was standing at the door of a small cottage. On its opening, I was faced by a pale-faced cripple girl, who quietly refused me, saying, "I have been out of work for a long time, and have heavy doctors' bills to pay." Feeling the case to be genuine, I expressed my sympathy and gave her a copy.

Some months after this, I was asked by a dear friend to go with her to a mid-week meeting at her chapel. As I was trying hard to

win her, I agreed, on condition she came with me to my church on the next Sabbath.

At this chapel meeting, who should come and sit by me but this very same cripple girl. I at once felt led to speak to her. I asked her if she remembered reading the book I gave her. To my disappointment, she merely answered, "I did glance over it. I believe it's under my copper now." However, we talked together and I asked her if she would let me take her home with me for a chat. Beside the fire we talked on many things. Finally I mentioned the Sabbath, and the article in the *Present Truth*, the headlines of which she had seen but not troubled to read. I gave her some Bible texts on the subject, also some historical references. I could see she was surprised, almost to bewilderment, for she is a good Christian girl.

Later I took her to her home. As I entered I was struck with the smallness of the kitchen and the largeness of the copper. For some reason I seemed drawn to glance at the ashes under the copper. There I saw a remnant of my *Present Truth*, all burnt, except one page, on which although discoloured by smoke, I could clearly read the headlines, "Putting First Things First." It was the article on the Sabbath.

Now this girl was very unhappy. Because of her condition she could not get work. She was learning shorthand; but had failed in all her examinations. I left her saying, "We will pray about it." Recently I had a letter from her saying she had been trying hard to keep the Sabbath at her home, and she wanted to thank me because she knew God had answered our prayers.

Not only was she better in health, but she had passed all her examinations at a second sitting, and had been offered a post. She ended by saying that "the next *Present Truth* I receive will not go under the copper."

For this, my first successful effort to lead another into the Sabbath truth, I praise the Lord. God certainly "moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

ELIZABETH FENTON.

In Mission Lands

The Courage of an African Girl Under Trial

HELENA is a girl of about sixteen to eighteen years in one of our new fields, and prior to learning of this message about two years ago was a heathen. Her own father had separated from his wife. So Helena was living alone with her mother who, with her daughter, had just begun to learn of the Saviour who saves from sin. At this time a heathen man had already commenced to pay over some cattle as part of the usual dowry prior to taking her as his wife, or to be more correct, one of his wives.

Soon the girl began to learn that it was not in harmony with the Word for her to connect herself with a heathen man, and especially with a polygamist. She wrote him twice telling him that she could not agree to become his wife unless he was prepared to forsake his heathen customs and become a Christian. No reply was forthcoming.

Having received two years' instruction she was now ready to consider receiving baptism, but the African evangelist told her that he thought it would be better for her to wait until she had really settled this matter of her marriage. This was already settled so far as she was concerned, and she felt rather disappointed. Seeing her strong determination to do the right thing she was baptized.

This seemed to arouse her would-be husband who met her on the road shortly afterward and demanded to know what right she, a girl above all, had to be baptized and to refuse to become his wife when he had already made all the arrangements with her family. She stood her ground firmly and told him that she did not refuse to become his wife provided he would first become a Christian. The man went on and, unknown to the girl, made secret arrangements with her heathen relations to come and take her by force in the middle of the night. This was done, and though the girl cried out for help her cry fell upon deaf ears and she was carried off. She remained only one night, however, when she was able

to make her escape back to her mother again.

When it seemed as if she was not to be troubled again, she was again met on the road alone by this man and again taken off forcibly to his village. After remaining but a day or so the girl persuaded him into allowing her to return with one of his people to see the teacher of her school and, if he agreed, to get her things and come back. She well knew, of course, that the teacher would not agree. On arrival at her own village where her heathen relations lived she made such a determined stand that she finally succeeded in persuading them to return all the cattle to her would-be husband by the hand of the man who had accompanied her. The return of the dowry of cattle definitely breaks off the marriage, and even her heathen relations will now have nothing to do with the man.

Now her heathen relations are willing for her to make her own choice in marriage, which is contrary to all accepted custom. Her courageous stand is being rewarded, for in the not very distant future one of our own teachers is to become her husband.

The trials which come to our Missionary Volunteers here are not quite the same as those experienced by our young people in the homelands, but they call for the same manifestation of courage and faith in the power of God to deliver those who will honour Him by being obedient to His will. The message we are carrying to these people develops this courageous spirit in the hearts of our youth, no matter where it is preached. Pray for our young boys and girls coming out of heathenism, that they may continue to be faithful and stand among the overcomers in the last great day.

F. H. THOMAS.

Gendia Mission, Kenya Union.

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 "Tis faith in God that wins;
 Brave yet-to-comes, not boastful
 might-have-beens.
 The sword, however keen, what
 good
 Without an arm of flesh and blood?
 And arm, whomever it belong,
 Without God's faith to make it
 strong?"

How God Worked for the Coal Merchant

WHEN the Sabbath truth was presented to me at one of the meetings here, the peace I thought I had with God was gone. In order to regain that peace I knew I must keep holy the seventh day.

Being in a business of which coal-trading forms a part, I fully realized the responsibility which was mine. Trade at that time was very slack indeed and seventy-five per cent of our business in this line was carried out on Saturday. It is the only time when people have money to pay for their week's supply. Cutting out Saturday business was to me a sure way to bankruptcy.

Weary with the anxiety I pleaded with God for a sign to encourage me. And God answered prayer.

Two good customers of mine had always insisted on Saturday delivery of coal, and I supposed all my other customers would be of like mind. But one afternoon, after my prayer to the Lord, one of the two customers I have just mentioned came and asked me if Friday would be a convenient day for me to deliver her coal. I said it would, and forgot all about it. Ten minutes later the second of the two came to me and made the self-same request.

Like a flash it dawned on me. God had answered by prayer! Here was the sign!

The Saturday following I set out with a firm assurance to ask if all my other customers would accept the coal on Friday instead of Saturday. Believe me, not one refused!

It was with glad heart that I returned, rejoicing in the Lord for opening up the way.

On the top of all this my business in that line of trade has increased twenty-five per cent.

From this experience I learn that all we have to do is to step faithfully into the dark in order to find His marvellous light. C.W.



WE are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,

Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

—*Malibie Davenport Babcock.*

At Rest

ALMOND.—We regret to announce the death of Sister M. Almond, of the West Hartlepool company, on February 13, 1939, at the age of seventy-nine years. Sister Almond accepted the truth in 1931 through the labours of Brother F. W. Coppock. Although very infirm, she witnessed faithfully for the Master. She was laid to rest in Stranton Grange Cemetery, Pastor J. E. Bell officiating. Our sympathy extends to her husband and four daughters.
J. McMILLAN.

COE.—Brother Coe passed peacefully into his rest on February 16, 1939, aged sixty-two years, to await the call of Jesus who giveth life to those who love and obey Him. The interment took place at Creek Cemetery, on Sabbath afternoon, February 18th, Pastor A. S. Rodd officiating. To his dear wife, relations, and friends we would say: Do not sorrow as those without hope; but have faith and trust in Jesus, who doeth all things well.
E. WILTON, Clerk.

STARMER.—The Walthamstow church mourns the loss of one of its most faithful members in the passing to rest of Sister Starmer at the age of sixty-six years. She was baptized in 1922 during the labours of Pastor Barras and became one of the first members of the Walthamstow church. Of a quiet and uncomplaining disposition Sister Starmer was loved by all who knew her; though a sufferer for many years she silently endured and bore a testimony to the truth which brought honour to her Master and the highest esteem of those who knew her. Sister Starmer leaves a husband who will greatly miss the companionship and comfort of a godly woman. We laid her to rest in the Chingford Cemetery on Friday, March 24, 1939, in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends, to whom there remains the bright prospect of reunion on the resurrection morning.
-R. T. BOLTON.

CONSTABLE.—After a long period of suffering, Sister E. Constable fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-two years. Sister Constable and her husband accepted the Advent message some three years ago under the labours of Brother Mustard in Holloway. She rejoiced in the prospect of the soon return of her Lord, and was deeply loved by all. A solemn but blessed service was conducted by the writer in the Holloway church, in the presence of a number of condoling relatives and friends. A message of consolation and comfort was offered on the "Blessed Hope." We laid our sister to rest in the Islington Cemetery, and with her mourning husband we rest in the assurance of meeting her again on the resurrection morning.
JOHN H. BAYLISS.

GRAY.—Sister A. Gray fell asleep, February 15, 1939, at the age of eighty-three. Owing to her age and living at Withernwick, a village a few miles from Hull, Sister Gray had not been able to meet with the churchmembers very often. Yet she was a true and faithful witness to those around her. Her kind ways endeared her to all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the village churchyard in the presence of a company of churchmembers and villagers. The Church of England minister and Pastor Murdoch officiated. Sister Gray came to a knowledge of the truth through the labours of Pastor J. Bell.

BANNISTER.—Sister Bannister, of Hull, passed away on Feb. 25, 1939, after a very painful illness. Although of a quiet disposition her life was a witness to all who knew her. Sister Bannister and her husband did much faithful work for the cause of truth. She was laid to rest in the Eastern Cemetery and leaves a husband and family to mourn their loss, to whom we extend our sympathy. Sister Bannister accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor J. Bell.
E. TAYLOR, Church Clerk.

HOWARD.—On March 24, 1939, Sister Howard passed peacefully to rest in her seventieth year, after an illness of many

months, borne with sweet unselfishness. Sister Howard was baptized at Great Yarmouth by Pastor R. S. Joyce on December 16, 1933, since when she has been a faithful follower of our great Redeemer. To those who were privileged to know her she became a spiritual inspiration by her gracious and simple faith. As our sister was residing near Lowestoft at the time of her death, a service preceding the interment was held in the Lowestoft Advent church on March 29th, and was conducted by Brother H. Humphries. In our sadness we were made glad with the thought of the grand reunion when Jesus comes. At the close of the service, "O rest in the Lord" was played on the organ. Our sister was then laid to rest in the Lowestoft Cemetery. Brother H. Humphries also conducted the committal service. The members and friends of the Great Yarmouth church greatly appreciated the beautiful wreath sent by our Lowestoft friends.
E. A. BLOWERS, Church Clerk.

GUENIN.—Sister B. Guenin passed to her rest on February 12, 1939, at the age of sixty-two years, after a period of ill health. A faithful and devoted Adventist for forty-six years, she embraced the message in Switzerland, and of recent years was an active member of the North London church. The funeral service was conducted in the Holloway church, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. A message of hope and consolation was drawn from Isaiah's words: "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." The writer showed how this sentence suitably crystallized the life experience of the deceased: a life which was a worthy Christian example, and will "live again" when the "change" will come.
JOHN H. BAYLISS.

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April 21st	8.05	8.12	8.18	8.30	8.37
April 28th	8.17	8.25	8.30	8.44	8.50

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