

The Spring Week of Prayer

at Newbold

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THE Spring Week of Prayer at Newbold is but a memory now, but a memory that will live long with us as something treasured and precious, and altogether worthwhile.

We made it clear from the beginning, that in sharing the privileges of this special week we had come not only to minister, but to be ministered unto. We gladly testify that our own souls were watered and our vision enriched, as quietly and unobtrusively the College ministrations were heaped upon us, by faculty and student body alike.

In what way then were we ministered unto? By the preaching of the Word? Most decidedly! By the practical preaching of the Word in the daily life and atmosphere of the College family around us. Even we were surprised—we who had been part of this College family ourselves not so very long ago—at the contrast with the outside world, where hurry and bustle, fear and anxiety, selfishness and jealousy are the accustomed order of the day. Here we found peace and cheerfulness and friendliness, and it did good to our souls.

Coming from the more rugged bleakness of the industrial north-west, the Binfield countryside immediately appealed to us. What finer setting for a Week of Prayer could we have than the bursting green of the hedgerows, the glories of the early blossom wherever one looked, and the joyful blooming of a myriad spring flowers in the glorious warmth of the spring sunshine? Truly, at the end of the week, winter temporarily returned with its drifting snow and howling gales, but surely this was appropriate, too. Prayer defies conditions, and un-

aided by the sun or untrammelled by the storm it wings its way unerringly to the heavenly courts above.

Many things impressed us during our brief stay at Newbold. One was the happy, willing consideration for one another shown throughout the College home. Courtesy is fast passing into history in this troubled world of ours, and it was good to see how pleasing life can be, when thought for others is instilled into willing hearts by the power of the indwelling Christ.

Nor was that thoughtfulness confined to the immediate College circle. Time and time again as we visited one prayer band after another, we heard heartfelt petitions arising for brethren and sisters in the churches, for unconverted relatives and acquaintances, for the sick and bedridden, for those who had lost the way. Evidently these young folk loved humanity because they loved the Christ who died for all.

It is very easy to feel lonely in a large and busy community such as this. But not so the visitor to Newbold. From the first we were absorbed into the College life and made to feel thoroughly at home. This was as true in the dining room, as when we enjoyed the hospitality of the faculty members' firesides; as evident in our visits to the classrooms as when we shared the relaxation of the Saturday evening concerts in the Bartlett Hall. It is good to feel that one "belongs;" surely this will be one of the lasting joys of life eternal.

Yes, the week is but a memory now, but intertwined with that memory is the satisfying con-

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viction that if, as we declare, the finishing of our task depends upon our youth, then we have nothing to fear. In the young folk of our College, surely we have a band second to none in consecra-

tion and willing, eager service.

In closing this brief report, perhaps we may be allowed the space to record our appreciation for the personal kindnesses received so freely. Our thanks go to the Principal and his staff for the assistance and support they so spontaneously gave; to Miss Richardson and her young ladies for the inviting comfort of our room; to Miss Cumden and her helpers for their welcome attentions to the needs of the "inner man;" and to the student body as a whole for the inspiration they gave us.

God grant that His presence that was with us so markedly during this happy week, will continue with us all until the Bridge of Life is completely crossed and, as transformed men, we stand upon

the farther shore eternally.

A Time of Refreshing and Dedication

NEWBOLD cordially welcomed Pastor and Mrs. K. A. Elias from the North England Conference for the College Spring Week of Prayer, March 21st-29th. Those who have had the privilege of attending weeks of prayer at the College recognize that each has a special characteristic. This year's was no exception.

Pastor Elias struck a unique note by presenting his messages with an evangelistic flavour. He directed our minds to the fundamental doctrines of the church, showing the solidarity of our foundations and thereby stimulating even greater confidence

in our message and movement.

His introductory meeting on the Friday evening gave us a new conception of "The River of Grace" flowing out from the very presence of God, transforming the desert regions into places of beauty and fruitfulness. Pastor Elias drew lessons from the sanctuary services, representing the Gospel in type and then fitted them into the "Three-Span Bridge of Salvation," which he had portrayed on the Sabbath morning. By carefully reviewing the details he directed our minds to some of the hidden truths to be found by a diligent study of these themes. Through the striking parallel of the peace offering we were urged not to wait until we are perfect before coming to the Lord Jesus; the sinless One becomes our righteousness as we yield our sinful lives to Him.

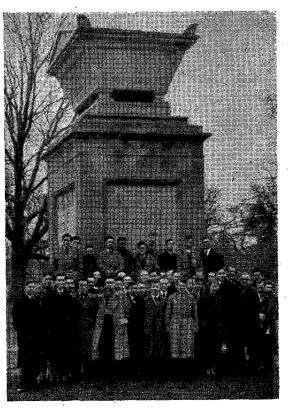
The evening worship periods were divided into two parts, consisting of a short address on the vital messages of Revelation twelve to fourteen, followed by prayer bands. There, under the leadership of this year's prospective graduates, the students and faculty gathered to seek God's blessing in an intimate and personal way.

Pastor Elias' ministry was climaxed in the testimony meeting of the Friday evening, when with quiet resolution many members of the College family expressed their appreciation for the blessings of the week and their determination to walk the full length of the Bridge of Salvation. Most appropriately we celebrated the communion service on the final Sabbath of this special week of devotion, thus placing the seal of Christian fellowship upon the experience of yet another successful week of prayer.

We heartily thank you, Pastor and Mrs. Elias, for your inspiring presence in our midst. That God may at all times abundantly bless you is the sincere prayer of the entire College family. F. Wood.

"For God and Country" Convention at Newbold

THE College provided an ideal setting for the unique convention held there over the week-end April 4th to 6th. The willing co-operation of faculty and students to accommodate fifty-two young men from the four corners of the British Union is something we shall not easily forget. For to provide sleeping quarters, beds and mattresses had to be fetched and carried and settled in rooms specially cleared for the occasion. Some young men even went into the homes of the faculty members. This influx into the College also meant problems for the kitchen staff-but such was the ultimate



Some of the Advent youth who attended the convention at Newbold gathered around the tomb of the poet Gray at Stoke Poges.



The "country churchyard" at Stoke Poges where Gray wrote his famous "Elegy."

comfort and gustatory delight of the entire group that they were able to settle down quickly to the business of the convention.

Adventists have always made loyalty to their government an important part of their faith. This convention was intended to help our young men who had come to the age when they should register for National Service, to know how best to harmonize their ideals for God's service with the service they rightly owe to the State.

The Friday evening service, included a sincere welcome from Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, principal of the Newbold College, and the calling of the roll by Pastors R. A. Vince, H. T. Johnson, and V. H. Cooper. Its theme was "Loyalty" and Pastor Vince showed that to be loyal to God first, resulted in the highest form of loyalty to others, including the State, emphasizing the ancient truth that "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Sabbath was a very full and profitable day. Pastor W. L. Emmerson examined for us in the morning the relationship of the church to the State in the Bible and in history, clearly pointing out the dual obligations of the Christian's heavenly citizenship and his earthly sojourn.

For more than two hours in the afternoon a Forum under the chairmanship of Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, and comprising Pastor Emmerson, the M.V. secretaries, Pastors E. B. Phillips and E. H. Foster of the faculty, and Brother C. Richter from The Stanborough Press, answered questions submitted by the young men via "the question box." Many practical issues were raised and successfully dealt with, and not for one moment did the interest flag.

In the evening Pastor H. T. Johnson introduced the speaker, Brother Richter, a sergeant of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. With the help of four excellent sound films Brother Richter helped us to see the importance of preparing ourselves now for eventual emergency days, by securing a training in first aid through the St. John or Red Cross societies. Here surely was a practical conclusion to a day

filled with serious thinking and the consciousness of our responsibilities as Advent youth to serve God and honour the Oueen.

Sunday morning dawned somewhat uninviting because of the rain. Some young men had to leave early for home, but the greater number however, were able to enjoy a coach trip to places of interest and beauty in the neighbourhood, including Windsor Castle and Stoke Poges, with its associations

with the poet Gray and the famous Penn family.

Many uninvited expressions from the young men indicated that they had received definite help and blessing from the fellowship and counsel of the convention. Some also decided that they must return to College as students. This in itself we hope, besides our sincere thanks, may be a well-deserved reward to Pastor Madgwick and his faculty for providing the facilities for this first convention of its kind.

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Another Baptism in North London

WHEN labourers are few the gathering in of souls is slower. Nevertheless we have been able under the blessing of God to hold a second baptism. The total so far numbers twenty—twelve at our first service and eight last Sabbath, April 19th, two by vote and six by baptism.

A well-filled church assembled to witness this divine service. The young people of Holloway provided the music, which was most acceptable. Pastor J. A. McMillan gave a most illuminating address to the church and the candidates. The new members will be enrolled in the various churches in our district and it is fitting to show appreciation for the excellent work done by our members in bringing these souls to a fuller knowledge of the truth. Sister Adair has rendered faithful service in instructing some of those new-found friends and we trust and believe a blessing will come to them all in their new spiritual home.

Space forbids the recounting of the many exciting experiences these people have had, but I must mention one event of significance. A brother has closed his shop on the Sabbath for the first time and we are hopeful that God will bless him in his beroic stand.

We solicit the prayers of all our people for these new friends who have joined the Advent movement.

W. MAUDSLEY.

loswich Calling!

WE wish our readers could have shared the concluding service in the large Co-operative Hall on Easter Sunday. In spite of the day being gloriously sunny, a crowd of 500 came along and shared an enjoyable evening meditating upon the message provided by the Easter story. The only advertising used was a press notice.

This was the twenty-fifth Sunday! And sadly and reluctantly we had to tell that 500 crowd that we could only accommodate 200 in the future! I don't think I ever felt so troubled in spirit. So often it is and has been, a problem to fill a small hall. But here we were turning people away, through

lack of facilities.

Fortunately, we were providentially led to discover a lovely hall seating, extended, 200, that was soon to be turned over to the Educational Committee. But the Lord revealed it to us, just at the right moment and, by His intervention we have it for our sole use for what we hope will prove to be the period from the close of the large hall meetings until we open the large Baths Hall again in October.

A hundred people attend the Wednesday evening study (where we give the advanced truths); on Fridays a group of voung people enjoy a service for youth, and on Sabbath afternoons we have a more intimate service. Bible studies are being given by the team to approximately 100 people each week.

We are not without our set-backs and problems. The way of the evangelist is never easy, no matter how successful the mission may be. But we are encouraged by the knowledge that the work of grace is going on in so many lives. And we are confident that the method of "making haste slowly" will bring its reward in souls won to the Advent message. This quotation from a sheaf of letters will illustrate the kind of experience our congregation is having. It is from a husband and wife, sister, and mother-in-law:

"We have always been churchgoers and made God the Master in our home; but I have to confess that your ministry here in Ipswich has shed a new light on many perplexing problems. It has been a thrilling experience to note the gradual turning of the keys in the locks which have hitherto held so many secrets, and expressed in such simple language that a child could understand, . . .

"What the world needs is Jesus and while we have such as yourself and your helpers, I am sure that that need is going to be met. .

"We do pray that God's richest blessing will always rest upon you and these good men and women who assist you.

Remember the team in Ipswich, dear friends in the churches, when you present your petitions to the Lord. For we are all in this work, you and we -all labourers together with Him. S. G. HYDE.

Welcome to the Isle of Wight

PLEASE note our meeting place is now the Vectis Hall, Melville Street, Ryde. Sabbath-school, 3 p.m.; Preaching service, 4 p.m. We are anxious that all visitors to the Isle of Wight will give us the pleasure A. G. TAPPING. of their valuable fellowship.

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Leeds Evangelistic Rally

EVANGELISM! How that word thrills our souls! How it fills the heart and mind with a vivid vision of the glorious triumph of the Gospel in our day! Such was the spirit in which the churches of Leeds, Bramley, Bradford, Wakefield, Halifax, Huddersfield, and Keighley met in Leeds on Sabbath, April 19th. "They were all with one accord in one place."

Our hearts were wonderfully prepared by the inspiration of the Sabbath-school. The lesson was taken by Pastor V. H. Cooper on "Christ . . . leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps. Oh! the reality that the spirit of Christ which was

in Noah can still minister through us!

"Jesus the Evangelist" was the subject of the special speaker, Pastor G. D. King. Jesus had the conviction that His doctrine was of His Father, but it was love that moved Him to action. We have the same conviction of the authority of our teachings, the Word of God. "Is our compassion as much developed as our conviction?" was the challenge of the morning service.

A living mission scene had been enacted in the Sabbath-school. Pastor and Mrs. T. H. Fielding were reminiscing on their former activities and reading the news of present-day advancements in West Africa. Two "negro" friends entered to tell of their first-hand experiences. This was further preparation for the address by Pastor King who had just returned from that country and related to us concerning "a new thing" which is happening there.

"Evangelism E-N-L-A-R-G-E-D," under the microscope of Pastor J. H. Bayliss' words, was the theme of the afternoon message based on the words, "Enlarge the place of thy tent." Our Rally Day was concluded with two reassuring promises of Jesus, His presence and His power. "All power is given unto Me" and "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We were reminded of (Continued on page 9.)

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the great city-wide campaign for London, which it is hoped will be a match to ignite the flames of Evangelism throughout these Isles.

BRIAN PILMOOR.

Baptism at Liverpool

In the Kensington church, Liverpool, we were privileged on March 29th, to witness another dear soul pass through the waters of baptism, this being conducted by Pastor J. H. Bayliss, president of the North England Conference.

After the happy ceremony of extending the right hand of fellowship to this dear one, he spoke words of encouragement, wishing her much of God's blessing as she follows in the footsteps of her Lord.

This beautiful service was brought to a close by the singing of that lovely old hymn: "O happy day, that fixed my choice on Thee, my Saviour and my God."

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They See a "Great Light"

THE voice of our Welsh Mission president, Pastor J. M. Howard, was full of enthusiasm. "Brother Knowlson, here's something for you; its in your area—an interest at the College for the Blind, Rowton Castle, near Shrewsbury." His enthusiasm was catching, as it always is, and so it came to pass that three days later a certain bus came to a stop at the entrance to the College grounds, and Brother Kinnersley and I were soon approaching the castle.

A blind young man took us to the buildings occupied by the "boys." Walking at a pace that we could hardly keep up, it was hard to believe that he could not see. We soon met Peter Jackson, who is interested in the message, being a regular reader of our Braille publications, The Christian Record and The Bible Expositor. He was eager to learn more of God's will for his life. Studies were soon arranged, we had prayer together, and then he showed us around.

First, a long corridor, on either side of which were many small practice rooms, for the college is, in part, a music Academy. Peter entertained us by playing varied and appropriate music on both church organ and piano. He is training to become a music teacher in addition to being a piano-tuner.

Our next place of call was a large, modern, well-equipped building where blind young ladies learn to become efficient shorthand-typists. Yes, they actually learn shorthand. We were introduced to a young lady who had lost her sight at the age of twelve. She was bright and cheerful, like all those we met at the college, and she was glad to demonstrate the shorthand machine. It resembled a small typewriter with only seven keys, six for the characters and the other a space key. She explained: "We must memorize over nine hundred different characters in order to use this machine effectively."

I dictated and my words were taken down quickly and efficiently, impressed in various arrangements of dots onto a roll of paper about one inch wide. The roll was then taken out, placed in a special fixture attached to the front of the desk, read by deft, sensitive fingers a portion at a time, and then typed in the usual way, and the typing

was perfect!

I was invited to address a Fellowship meeting on the Sunday afternoon. About twenty-five blind young people were assembled, of both sexes, between the ages of fourteen and twenty years. It was inspiring and touching to see them reading from their Braille hymn books, and to hear them fervently singing the songs of Zion. But you would have been thrilled beyond measure to see those sightless faces light up at the mention of those words of Scripture recorded in Isaiah 35:5: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened." To-day, although in continual physical darkness, they see a great light. To quote Peter Jackson's words: "The next person I see will be Jesus."

After the meeting, one boy of about fifteen years wanted to talk with me. We had prayer together, and then he said, "I would like very much to have a Bible." At first I thought he meant a Braille Bible which has about seventy volumes, but no, he didn't mean that. He said, "I would like a small printed Bible to keep in my pocket and carry around with me, because it is the Word of God."

Please remember in your prayers these blind young people who are seeking true spiritual sight.

C. W. KNOWLSON.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Birmingham Central Church

On April 26, 1952, and afterward, the meeting place of the Birmingham Central church will be: The Advent Hall, Sutton New Road, Six Ways, Erdington, Birmingham.

J. CLIFFORD.

Newcastle-on-Tyne

WILL visitors kindly note that a warm welcome awaits them at 60 Rye Hill, the address of our new church.

R. E. HULBERT.

Ministry of Literature

"What Hath God Wrought in Me?"

REFERRING to the workers whom Jesus chose to educate for the work which He Himself had begun and must leave them to continue, we read: "Jesus chose unlearned fishermen because they ... were humble and teachable—men whom He could educate for His work." And the pen of inspiration goes on to say: "In the common walks of life there is many a man patiently treading the round of daily toil, unconscious that he possesses powers which, if called into action, would raise him to an equality with the world's most honoured men."—Desire of Ares. page 250.

"It was such men that Jesus called to be His colabourers," and He is still calling such men every day. I believe that I am one of them.

I had grown up in a city seething with superstition, idolatry, and worldliness. Working by my father's side, and attending the little church, I had lived a very sheltered life. Now I was thirty and that life I lived did not satisfy my ambitions.

In my desire to spread the message I distributed magazines in my spare time. When Brother Howard came over to launch a special big book in my native city, I felt a desire to help in that work. But I was not at that time fitted for so difficult a task.

Then big changes came into my life, one after another. I had important decisions to make; and as I took them each to God, seeking some sign from Him as to His guidance (for I had never wanted to choose my own path), He led, and I followed.

My first trip out of the Emerald Isle was to join that throng of young people in the assembly of the 1948 Congress. I came to England just for a holiday, but it was two and a half years before I left her shores again. God in an unexpected way, planned for me to remain here.

Colporteur J. Ponder of Plymouth.



I followed my occupation as a decorator for fifteen months. Then—

I heard the call, Come, follow!—
That was all;
Earth's joys grew dim,
My soul went after Him;
I rose and followed—that was all;
Will you not follow
If you hear His call?

I had been selling small literature in my spare time until an urge in my heart constrained me to take the plunge and become a full-time colporteur-evangelist. How the heads around me silently shook; and some even dared to express their thoughts aloud—I was making a big mistake; I wouldn't be successful as I didn't possess the needful qualities of a colporteur.

But this did not daunt us. I say us, because by this time God had found for me a suitable partner to share my new venture with me. That we might be sure and satisfied in our own hearts as to the call, we again sought a sign of God and the answer was clear, so we burned our boats behind us and went ahead.

That was just over two years ago. As we look back and review what God has done for us, we are just lost in wonder, love, and praise. Two years of training under the Master's skilful hands! Two years working with angels going before me to prepare the hearts of the people! Rebuffs? disappointments? cold and wet through? pushing a cycle up hills? facing indifference, ignorance, and, oh yes, sometimes sneers? Yes, I have had a few of these, but the memory of them grows dim in the light of the joys of service. Two years adventuring with the Master! And what has this wrought? Only eternity can tell. I know that I am a better and happier man. We have never lacked the necessities of life for one day.

Think of it!—over 1,365 homes have had one of our larger publications because I answered the call. The influence of 3,000 *Bedtime Stories* must be moulding some young characters for the kingdom—because I followed. Then think of last Christmas morning when some 260 boys and girls opened their eyes upon a beautiful book of Bible truth—*Uncle Arthur's Bible Stories*—because we were willing to go many weeks to collect what Mother could spare, sometimes 2/6 and very often, "Nothing today, my love!" We found one of these mothers seeking for light and truth and Christian fellowship, and after some weeks of study and earnest reading, she has just made her decision to join the Advent family. What hath God wrought?

"Christ, in His life on earth, made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple out-working of His will. As we commit our ways to Him, He will direct our steps."—Your Home and Health, page 362.

J. PONDER.

Wedding Bells

MADGWICK-TRIMMER. — О n Thursday, April 10, 1952, Beryl Elizabeth Trimmer, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer of Bournemouth and Gordon Alexander Madgwick, only son of Pastor and the late Mrs. W. R. A. Madgwick, exchanged marriage vows before a representative gathering of relatives and friends in the Bournemouth Seventh-Day Adventist church. The bridegroom's father, the principal of Newbold Missionary College, performed the ceremony. Both bride and groom are graduates of the College, where their first introduction to each other took place. The bride's younger sister, Mary, charmingly discharged the duties of bridesmaid, while the bridegroom was ably supported by Mr. R. Surridge, his College

Other links with Newbold were provided by Mr. F. Wood, the preceptor, who appreciatively rendered appropriate music for the occasion, and by the writer who, with Pastor F. L. Stokes, the local minister, assisted at the service.

The reception proved to be a happy rendezvous where, among the customary yet uncommon speeches, Pastor G. D. King spoke on behalf of the parents.

We are sure that the many friends of Gordon and Beryl who were unable to be present at the nuptial rites will join us in wishing them Heaven's choicest blessings in their future life together.

E. H. Foster.

Until the Day Break

GALLAHER.—Sister F. A. Gallaher, another faithful member of the Stanborough Park church, passed away on February 21, 1952, a g e d eighty-six years. She accepted the message forty years ago in Leeds through the labours of Pastor J. A. McAvoy. Sister Gallaher was a faithful wife and mother who lived a life of Christian example. She spent the last two years of her life at the Stanboroughs Hydro, where she was very happy and was loved by all for her cheerful and kind disposition. The service was conducted by the writer, and she was laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery to await the resurrection of the righteous.

A. K. Armstrong.

ELLIOTT.—Miss Edith Elliott passed peacefully to her rest on February 25, 1952, aged seventy-five years. Our good sister was baptized as long ago as November 26, 1904, by Pastor Ballinger. At that time her mother and brother Edward were also baptized. These, too, died in the Advent faith. Miss Elliott had always been delicate

and suffered much over the years. Previous to her last illness, our faithful sister expressed to the writer her strong love for the Saviour and her desire for the second advent. We extend our sympathy to her brother William, and all other relatives. A service was conducted in the private chapel, Grafton Street, Newport, Mon., and the interment was in St. Woolas Cemetery.

H. HUMPHRIES.

IRVING. — After a short illness, patiently borne, Sister Irving passed to her rest on February 26, 1952, in her seventy-sixth year. Sister Irving accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor J. P. West in Leeds. Later her membership was transferred to the new Bramley church, where she became a charter member. Although unable to attend many church services, her interest in the work of the church was a lively one, and we are certain that she rests in the hope of resurrection to eternal life when Jesus comes. Services were conducted at the cemetery chapel and graveside by Pastors B. F. Kinman and T. H. Fielding.

CHURCH CLERK.

EASTHAUGH.—On February 26, 1952, Sister Mary Easthaugh, another faithful member of the Hull church, passed to her rest at the age of eighty-two years. Our sister had not attended the services of the church for more than a year, due to failing health, but her faith in the message and her love for God were always revealed to those who knew her. Sister Easthaugh accepted the truth in 1941, and was baptized by Pastor L. Murdoch. Our sister leaves behind four sons, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. After a short service in the Northern Cemetery chapel, conducted by the writer, our sister was laid to rest awaiting the call of he Saviour.

A. H. Cowley.

Bolderston.—The Ipswich church has sustained a great loss in the death of Brother William James Bolderston, on February 29, 1952, at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich. Our borther, with his wife, accepted the message through the labours of Pastor L. E. A. Lane and was baptized some five years ago at Norwich. The "blessed hope" sustained him during his closing days, and his wife, his parents, and his large family of sons and daughters, look forward to the great day of reunion. We laid him to rest on March 4th, in the little churchyard at Knodishall following a service in the home attended by a very large circle of relatives and friends. Another child of God rests, sharing the divine blessing: "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." S. G. Hyde.

Pinnock.—Brother S. Pinnock, of Newport, Jamaica, passed to his rest in the General Hospital, Birmingham, on March 30th, at the age of thirty-one years, and was buried in the Witton Cemetery on April 3, 1952. A few months ago Brother Pinnock came to Britain to work, hoping at the same time to improve his education so that he could better serve his Lord. At an early age he had given his heart to Christ and joined the church. Soon after his arrival in England his health failed and he spent eight months in hospital. He suffered much, but his faith was unwavering. Our hearts go out in sympathy to his wife and two-year-old daughter, who remained in Jamaica. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, in the presence of a number of his fellow countrymen and members of the local churches.

J. CLIFFORD.

Brother A. Jackson and his daughter, Sister H. Jackson, of 34 Greenwood Drive, Kingswood, Watford, Herts, wish to thank all friends and members of the churches for their letters of sympathy, also for the beautiful floral tributes which were sent in their recent sad loss. Thanks are also tendered for the personal and material help given. Will all friends please accept our heartfelt thanks.

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"ALL POWER IS GIVEN LINITO ME

... Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time."— "Christ's Object Lessons." page 342.

Only four weeks left for Ingathering

"BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE" (JOSHUA 1:9)

On the eve of their conquest of Canaan, these encouraging words came to strengthen the resolve of Joshua and of the people. As they went forward to battle it was in the consciousness that, if fully consecrated to God. complete success would be theirs. Jordan's waters were opened! Jericho's strong walls fell down!

How thrilling it must have been! The Lord and His mighty angels were with them. Fulfilling God's plan and

purpose, complete success would be theirs! And the same assurance is ours to-day.

By the time this Messenger reaches the churches, the first week of our "Month for Missions" will be over. One-fifth of our time will have gone! Will it find us, with a fifth of our Conference goal—our church goal—our personal goal—achieved? The rising cost of all medical and educational supplies for our missionaries; of general equipment and of buildings, challenges us to do better than ever before. We can and we will, if everyone does his best.

E. R. WARLAND.

Nehemiah—The Ingatherer

"In years past," wrote Sister E. G. White, "I have spoken in favour of the plan of presenting our mission work and its progress before our friends and neighbours and have referred to the example of Nehemiah." -Christian Service, page 171.

His Preparation by Prayer

"As Nehemiah prayed, his faith and courage grew strong. His mouth was filled with holy arguments."

"As he prayed, a holy purpose formed in his mind."

"Nehemiah pressed into the presence of the King of kings, and won to his side a power that can turn hearts as the rivers of waters are turned."-Prophets and Kings, pages 629, 631.

His Solicitation of Help

Nehemiah "awakened the sympathy of the monarch without arousing his prejudices.

"His request to the king had been so favourably received that Nehemiah was encouraged to ask for still further assistance."—Prophets and Kings, pages 631, 633.

His Example to Us

"He united his petitions with holy endeavour, putting forth earnest, prayerful efforts for the success of the enterprise in which he was engaged. . . . The means that he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow. The Lord is still willing to move upon the hearts of those in possession of His goods, in behalf of the cause of truth. Those who labour for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give. These gifts may open ways by which the light of truth shall go to many benighted lands."-Prophets and Kings, page 634.

"THE LORD WOULD . . . IF WE WOULD . . . "

"THE Lord would move upon worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of the work, if we would approach them wisely, and give them an opportunity of doing those things which it is their privilege to do. What they would give we should be privileged to receive."—Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 197.