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“That Author is Inspired”

THESE were the words of an influential lady after she had been persuaded to read *Desire of Ages* while visiting our sanitarium at Stanborough Park. She returned from her reading all aflame with interest and exclaimed:

“Why, a little people like you ought not to have this book! It should be in the hands of the great London publishers so that it could be brought to the attention of all.”

Naturally she began to read other books by the same author and was amazed at their wonderful teaching. “That author is inspired,” she declared, and she wrote out this testimonial.

“After a lifetime of studying the religions of the world—the efforts of the human soul to get into contact with the Infinite—I have come across a book by Ellen G. White, the very name of which describes its motive, *The Desire of Ages*. Since reading this truly wonderful book my most ardent wish for this suffering, distraught world is that every man and woman should become, through its pages, familiar with its supreme Subject, and that the mind of every child should be nourished on it. I can imagine no gift to mankind that could help humanity more really to live, for in it are, indeed, the words of eternal life.”

In her statement, “That author is inspired,” she recognized the real authorship which is given to us not only in *Desire of Ages*, but

By C. E. WEAKS

in many other priceless volumes which have come to us through the servant of God.

One of our colporteurs down in the West Indies approached a professional man who had already secured and read *Great Controversy*. He had been so impressed by the reading of this book that he exclaimed to the colporteur: “That book was not written by education; it was written by inspiration.” He, too, recognized its divine authorship.

One of our French colporteurs working in the French Catholic islands of the Caribbean has among his customers a Catholic priest who has bought a large number of books from him. Among them are at least six books by Sister White. They are, *Ministry of Healing, Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, Desire of Ages, Education, and Steps to Christ*. Through the reading of these books this priest has become very friendly with the colporteur and toward the literature which he carries. Recently when the colporteur called on the priest he exclaimed: “Another book by Mrs. White? I like these books by Madam White. They are well written. I believe I will make this writer a friend of mine.”

What a treasure house we have in these inspired books God has given us! To read them is to love them. To read them is to be strengthened in the spiritual life. Aside from the Word of God, no other reading so fortifies against the deceptions which are so rampant in our world to-day. What a reading course they provide us! If we were to read ten pages daily from them, increasing the number to twenty-five on the Sabbath, we would have more than sufficient time to read through the following volumes in one year: *Patriarchs and Prophets, Prophets and Kings, Desire of Ages, Acts of the Apostles, Great Controversy, and Ministry of Healing*. Nothing could strengthen our spiritual life more than to follow a course like that during the coming year.

In order that more of our people may have access to these wonderful volumes, a special discount is being given to our people on the *Testimonies* and the *Conflict of the Ages* series from now until the first of September. If you do not have these books in your possession, by all means endeavour to secure them. If you are going to conference you can secure them there. If you are not going, write to your publishing house and they will provide you with them at the reduced price.

DO NOT MISS THE CONFERENCE BOOKSTALL

Gathering Shadows

WARNED by the Spirit of prophecy we, as a people, have long expected that there would come a time of fiery trial, when the opposition of the enemy would reach a crescendo of hate toward true commandment-keepers.

We live to-day in a world in which anything may happen. Even now we can see "coming events cast their shadows before them." A recent issue of the *British Weekly* carried a striking article on the state of evangelism in Italy. Describing the persecution and restrictions imposed upon evangelicals the writer goes on to say:

"The Seventh-Day Adventists received orders to close their stations, but have been temporarily spared through the intervention of a high foreign official and personal friend of the official charged with carrying out the work."

Reading these words brings vividly to mind the statement of Sister White in *Great Controversy*, page 610:

"God also has His agents among the leading men of the nation. The enemy moves upon his servants to propose measures that would greatly impede the work of God; but statesmen who fear the Lord are influenced by holy angels to oppose such propositions with unanswerable arguments. . . . When the final warning

shall be given, it will arrest the attention of these leading men through whom the Lord is now working, and some of them will accept it, and will stand with the people of God through the time of trouble."

Referring to the persecution of one particularly aggressive group of believers in the above-mentioned country, the writer of the same article remarks:

"These persecuted people still manage to maintain their meetings in secret places, such as caves and other secluded spots."

We are told that this will yet be the experience of God's faithful people.

"As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment-keepers shall withdraw the protection of government, and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages, and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places. Many will find refuge in the strongholds of the mountains."—*"Great Controversy,"* pages 625, 626.

Let us be forewarned. Let those of us who enjoy unrestricted liberty improve the swiftly passing opportunity to win souls to the truth. The night cometh!

C. A. REEVES.

Another Training School for South America

By V. Wissner

ONWARD, forward, that is our world motto and every Seventh-Day Adventist believes in it. We are a missionary people with a message, and it is our solemn charge to proclaim it. We must be ever advancing in spite of difficulties. These will never be less, yet promises of victory are given to God's people.

South America offers unique opportunities for the preaching of the Advent message. The two main languages spoken are Spanish and Portuguese; the latter, however, is only spoken in Brazil, which comprises nearly half of the South American continent and includes twenty states with a population of

over forty-four millions. Of these a little over half a million are Indians. Brazil is a progressive country, with large modern cities dotted along the extensive Atlantic coastline. Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, and famous for its beauty, is surrounded by evergreen vegetation, kissed by bright sunshine, bathed by the blue sea, and is attracting tourists from all over the globe, and challenging our people to more aggressive work among its unwarned millions.

Brazil is organized into three Unions with about eighty workers. It has one publishing house and one training school, both located close to the industrial city of Sao

Paulo. To give the message to these millions in Brazil is one of our great problems. As in other countries nationalism is coming more to the front and we must look to the youth of Brazil to carry, in a large measure, the message to its own people. Our training school has furnished a number of workers, yet it is the conviction of the leaders that, due to the immense territory, only a limited number of our young people can attend the school. The South American Division, during its annual meeting in December, has approved of the establishment of another training school more to the north, which can serve the northern field with a population of about seventeen millions. Elders E. E. Andross and D. A. Ochs, representatives of the General Conference, were present at this council and described this resolution the most outstanding and progressive decision.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on September 25th will benefit this project. We are indeed thankful that its overflow will help us to swell our funds, and that a new educational centre may soon benefit hundreds of young people in the northern part of Brazil.

We appeal for a liberal offering for Brazil. The need of the hour demands it. The Spirit urges us to go forward and blesses you as you share with us in helping to solve the problem of a more rapid advance of the message.

Camp Application Form

Kindly send me a registration form for camp.

(Signed) Name

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For South Camp post to Pastor E. R. Warland, Midland Bank Chambers, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7.

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Notes from the President

ANOTHER conference is upon us. I have been reading of the arrangements for the first gathering of this kind held seventy years ago! Since then these Annual Meetings have come to be very important gatherings in the history of the church. They unite the hearts of the believers and deepen their religious lives. I earnestly hope that every believer in the South England Conference will avail himself of these services this year.

Some weeks ago we went to meet Brother C. L. Bond. He told us that he had been invited to change places with another leader from the General Conference, but had declined because he was most anxious to meet the believers of this conference. On this page you will see his photograph.

Workers' meetings are planned for the day previous—Wednesday, July 28th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The workers will be looking for you and will welcome you. Arrangements are being made for the children, and the babies will be in the care of nurses kindly sent from the Hydro at Watford, so that mothers of families will enjoy the services, too.

Three ordained ministers have been appointed to take charge of the apartments. They have been working energetically to make sure everybody will be located comfortably. If you have not already written for accommodation, do so without delay. If possible, use the special form which has been supplied to all churches.

The same brethren will constitute the Reception Committee. They are well acquainted with the locality, and so will be able, not only to extend a hearty welcome to all who attend, but to assist in finding the apartments. Even if you have never been to London before, you will have nothing to

fear. These brethren will be on duty in the entrance hall of the Holloway church to meet and aid you.

You will be glad to know that we have made arrangements so that we can use the acousticons in the Baptist church all day Sabbath. If you have difficulty in hearing please write immediately to the conference secretary, and he will



Pastor C. L. Bond, who will represent the General Conference at the South England Annual Meetings.

reserve you a special seat where you will be able to use the special apparatus.

To attend the annual gathering is always a happy experience. Old friendships will be cemented, new ones made. Come expecting a blessing. What you will receive will depend largely upon your attitude of mind and your willingness to let Christ have His way with you.

And now pray for these meetings. When you wake in the morning, at your family worship, as you go about your daily duties, at your services—let us make a mass movement of prayer for these meetings, and then be there to receive the blessings God has for His people.

As it has been said: "What is the use of telegraphing to heaven for God to send us a cargo of blessings, if we are too busy to be at the wharf to unload the vessel when it comes?"

Paul often uses the phrase, "together with Christ." As a large, scattered family, let us meet together under His leadership, from Thursday, July 29th, at 7 p.m. to August 2nd at 9 p.m. A special programme has been prepared for the opening meeting which will commence at 7.30 on Thursday evening, July 29th. There will be community singing at seven o'clock. *Do not forget to bring your Bible and "Advent Hymnal."*

In closing, I will quote from the appeal sent out for the first conference meeting held in 1867:

"If you are discouraged and on the background, come, and be encouraged and revived. If your love for the Lord and His truth is waning away, come, and consecrate yourself anew to His service. If you feel strong in the Lord, come, and grow stronger, and help impart spiritual life and vitality to those that need. And if you think you cannot spare the time, you are the very one that needs to come."

R. S. JOYCE.



South England Finances

MORE records broken! £1,288 increase! Such is the encouraging result from a comparison of the tithe income for the first six months of this year with the same period of 1934. Excelsior-like it has been going up each year, and we praise God for it. The gain compared with last year is £202. There are also gratifying increases in all the offerings compared with a year ago, especially from the Sabbath-schools, the amount in this case being £105 for the half year. May God bless all His faithful people.

J. H. PARKIN.



Parents, Bring Your Children

SPECIAL meetings for children of all ages will be held throughout every day of the coming South England Conference. A feast of good things has been prepared for

them. The tiny ones will enjoy the bright kindergarten lessons, and cots will be provided for the babies. Do not let your children keep you at home. Bring them with you.

E.R.W.

Holiday Camp

DURING the past week further enrolments for the Swanage Bay Camp have arrived from England, Wales, and Ireland. There is still room for another *twenty* young people. For the happiest holiday in the best of company, fill up the form on page 2, and post *to-day*.

E.R.W.

Edmonton Dorcas Society

MANY sisters at the Edmonton church think of the Wednesday afternoons from January until the middle of June as afternoons of special happiness; for at this time we have held our weekly Dorcas meeting, first at the church, and

afterward at the home of one of our sisters.

As one sits down to write a short report, what a number of memories come into one's mind, memories of little talks about our loving Father in heaven and His dear Son, of happy choruses sung, and tender, loving prayers offered: above all, of the united love as we worked together to help those who were finding the way hard as they pressed forward in the pathway of God's commandments.

As one's thoughts linger over all these things we feel sure the blessing of God goes with the sixty or more garments and many food parcels which were sent out from our Dorcas society.

So, thanking our Father in heaven for past blessings, we look forward to reopening our meetings in September, and to enjoying once again the privileges of working for Him through helping to meet the needs of His children. c.w.

WE have been glad to welcome to our book work in Wales Brother George Roper, a graduate from Newbold, and a native of South Wales. While situated in the Neath area he will join our group of local preachers. We wish Brother Roper much success in his endeavours to scatter the printed page.

It has been decided to convene three district meetings in September and October. The first is to be for North Wales at Rhyl, the second for the Swansea district, in Swansea, and the third for the Valley churches at Aberdare. Definite dates and plans will be sent out later.

WE were glad to welcome, recently, Pastor G. Baird, the principal of the College. He was able to visit the three major churches—Cardiff, Newport and Swansea—where he met several would-be prospects for the College. We hope the number of students from the Welsh Mission will be augmented as the result of this much appreciated visit. S. G. HYDE.

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Notes from the Superintendent

GREETINGS to all our Welsh Mission members, especially those who are isolated and separated from others of like faith. Please be assured of our interest and prayers on your behalf. We thank you, too, for your prayerful interest in the work that is being done by the ministers and their colleagues.

OUR Advisory Committee met recently in Cardiff and spent a busy time planning for the immediate future. Pastor T. H. Cooper, who has endeared himself to many in the Cardiff, Barry, and Cærphilly areas, is shortly to move to Harwarden, N. Wales, to take over the pastorate of our northern interests. We shall miss him in the south, but we are glad that the north will gain by our loss.

BROTHER P. CUMMINGS is now in the Rhondda Valley and dividing his interests between several

Valley communities until he opens up public work in Porth in or about September.

ALL hands have been called to the Ingathering "deck." The 1937 Ingathering is "on" and Wales is after that £1,000. We especially invite our isolated colleagues to join us this year in the solicitation of the needed funds for the world field. May we urge our churches and companies to organize strongly and endeavour to shorten the campaign this year.

YOUNG people of Wales! Listen! We are invited to join with the youth of the South England Conference in their camp at Swanage. This promises to be the best camp ever. Have you sent in your registration form? Post to Pastor E. R. Warland, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7. It is not too late to make up your mind to go for either a week or two weeks during the first half of August.

Gifts for Wales

FROM time to time gifts of clothing etc., arrive from various Dorcas societies, churches, and individuals for distribution among the needy in our Welsh Mission. These gifts have been much appreciated and we hope that this interest will continue, for the need still exists.

But we would like to make one suggestion. Before sending your gift would you kindly write us for an address so that you can send direct to one of the groups or churches where the need is greatest?

We believe this direct communication will be appreciated both by the senders and the recipients, and at the same time will save a lot of unnecessary time and expense in redistribution.

Thank you so much for this favour and may your efforts for your needy brethren be blessed of God. S. GEORGE HYDE.

The Ministry of the Literature

"Rush To Us Another One Thousand Copies"

This Century of Wonders, our new sixpenny magazine, is having a good reception. About 29,000 copies have been sold in the home field and 5,000 overseas.

As soon as our brethren in the Far East saw the cover they called for a thousand magazines. Several hundred went to West Africa, Jamaica ordered a thousand, and Australia seventeen hundred.

Then came another letter from Jamaica: "Please rush to us another thousand copies. Calls are coming from all parts of the island. Warmest congratulations to the Press for putting out such an excellent paper."

This Century of Wonders describes the stirring progress of the century just ending, in the light of the Bible. It will sell well until the end of next year. Do all you can to circulate it widely in your neighbourhood.

A.W.

The Japanese Fighting Outside Peiping

THIS week come reports of a conflict between Japanese and Chinese outside Peiping (or Peking) the ancient capital of China. Both Japanese and Chinese are rushing troops to the spot, and there are once again grave possibilities of war.

As the offices of our North China Union Mission are situated in Peiping, our property and believers are in the danger zone, should hostilities break out in earnest.

In North China it is felt that we have reached a new era in our literature work. Pastor Esteb, the field missionary secretary, whose office is in Peiping, says that they have a "Flying Squadron" of thirty-nine cycling colporteurs, most of whom are working in country districts where it was felt to be difficult to sell our literature a little while ago. Remember the colporteur work around Peiping.

A.W.

The Book Kindled a Flame of Zeal

UP among the hills of East Lancashire a lady came into possession of a copy of *Our Paradise Home*, published many years ago. She was deeply stirred by its teaching, and especially when she found that the Sabbath had been changed and God's holy day trodden under foot. She determined to awaken her friends to a realization of the truth.

She sent to our publishing house inquiring if *Our Paradise Home* was still available. We answered that we could obtain it, and she ordered two copies.

Then came a letter ordering five more, a little later, and still another calling for other books. Her latest letter asked for twenty-four copies of *World's Quest*.

"Not until I read *Our Paradise Home* was I awakened to the fact that our Sunday is not the Sabbath of God. I know I had blazing feelings to think that anybody had had authority to make the change," she writes. "I am set about to waken them (the neighbours). . . . In the meantime I keep the Sabbath as well as I can."

Young men and women will be used of God to kindle many a flame like this as they join the ranks of the colporteur army.

A.W.

"Bedtime Stories" in the South Seas

If you were to take a cruise round the world to the Fiji Islands your vessel would probably come to anchor in the harbour at Suva, to be boarded at once by smiling, brown-faced men and boys offering curios for sale.

To your surprise you would find many of these curio-sellers were Seventh-Day Adventists. And they would be as pleased to see you as you would be to see them!

What a story some of them could unfold! Here is a boy—well, if he isn't selling *Bedtime Stories*! In this remote end of the earth! What

a tale is his! He was attacked by a shark in this very harbour and lost both his arms in consequence!

But the brown salesman goes ahead selling his books to the local residents and to passengers on the ships which sail into the harbour—and glad that the great fish did not get all of him. A.W.

Good News from Spain

ONE of our evangelists from Spain, who recently passed through London, brought the good news that none of our people have been killed in the insurrection.

Some of the Spanish believers have had to seek refuge away in the hills. One was hiding in a cornfield when, just a few feet away, the soldiers were burying others they had slaughtered.

Our evangelist himself was in great danger. Four armed men seized him; the fanatical officer raved and threatened him. "This man is a Protestant; send him out of the country! Turn the Fascists loose on him," he commanded. Only the prompt action of the consul saved him from assassination.

One of our believers is doing good work in the hospitals of beleaguered Madrid, where he has opportunity to help the wounded and care for the dying. While shells are screaming around and bombs are falling he is carrying on his work of mercy and compassion.

Until the war broke out almost a score of colporteurs were at work selling Gospel literature in Spain. Saragossa, Valladolid, Toledo, Valencia, Madrid—these centres were all visited by colporteurs with the Spanish *This Mighty Hour!* Half the edition had been sold before the fires of revolution flamed up. "People have been reading *This Mighty Hour!* and *Great Controversy*. Many souls in Saragossa are waiting to be baptized," declares our evangelist. "There will be a harvest of souls from Spain," he avers.

The great power pointed out in prophecy will soon endeavour to hinder Adventists from spreading the Gospel in our own free land. Let our believers scatter tracts and papers in every city, village, and town, and thus foil his purpose.

A.W.

Could Not Read, but Bought the Book

IN the far-off island of Tasmania a colporteur was canvassing *This Mighty Hour* when he came across a man who was trapping rabbits on an estate. Though he could neither read nor write he ordered a copy of Brother Maxwell's book. He is giving it to his mother, who will probably read it to him.

A.W.

"This Mighty Hour" Colporteur Opens His Work in Portuguese Islands

WHILE I was at Grand-Batanga in West Africa, I looked out across the deep blue and thought of the little island of St. Thomas, a little distance off the Gabon Coast and square on the equator. This island is not on our missionary map, but it soon will be, for over there a group of thirty people are meeting regularly to study the "everlasting Gospel" and to pray for a missionary.

When I passed through Lisbon last January, on my way to Africa, I met Brother J. Friere, a young Portuguese colporteur who created the interest at St. Thomas. About a year and a half ago Brother Friere visited practically all the Portuguese islands of the Atlantic as far south as St. Thomas. During about nine months he sold nearly 900 copies of *This Mighty Hour* in Portuguese. Some of these books were left at St. Thomas and preached faithfully in the absence of a worker.

In fact Brother Friere gathered a group of interested people together and instructed them in the Sabbath truth and other points of faith before coming back to Lisbon. Since his departure, this little group has continued in the "lighted way" and now they beg for a missionary and pastor.

W. R. BEACH.

The Converted Burglar

AT one of our institutes we instructed a man who had broken into a house and carried off various useful household commodities. Among the spoils was a copy of

an Adventist book, *A View of Our Times*. He began to read this strange volume. It was different from anything he had ever read.

A struggle came into his life; an authoritative still small voice told him he must steal no more.

The battle raged but he gained the victory. Now no longer a thief, but a man obedient to God's commandments, he accepted the call to take up the cross and follow his Master in service. The book that he once stole he must now honourably sell to men and women who are dishonest with God.

Yes, God saves thieves and entrusts them with His honest truth.

L.A.V.

Saved from Spiritualism

ABOUT 1925 a lady in the county of Durham bought a copy of *Bible Readings* from a colporteur. She and her children read it and re-read it seeking for truth, and for years wondered who could have printed such a marvellous book.

It was to *Bible Readings* she turned when she lost her husband and was being urged to attend Spiritualist meetings. From the precious book she was convinced that Spiritism was not of God, and she now thanks God for thus having saved her from—she knows not what!

When Pastor Joyce came here, it was not long before she concluded that the church to which he belonged must surely have published *Bible Readings*.

Now she is sincerely interested in the message she has been listening to for some weeks past, and which she admits is quite clear to her, having already made a study of it, that it is the truth.

She is sending in her resignation to the "Bible Students" whom she had joined vainly hoping they were the bearers of the message in *Bible Readings*. So in this way many in the villages are to come to a knowledge of the truth for these last days.

Thank God for the consecrated colporteur! HILDA M. FORD.

LONDON firm has limited number of office vacancies for Adventist boys aged 14-16. Applicants should write immediately to Pastor E. R. Warland, 506 Holloway Road, London, N.7.

The Cafe Bible Discussion

I WAS having lunch in a café the other day. I was at one table, while several young men and women were at two other tables nearby. Their conversation turned on the Bible, and I heard one say, "But the Bible contradicts itself."

I had become slightly acquainted with them through former visits to this same café, so I remarked, "If you think the Bible contradicts itself, you should read this little book" (producing a copy of *The Bible Speaks*).

"Are you selling them?" one asked:

"Yes, selling them—or lending them," I replied.

One of the young ladies took a copy, and then a young man asked, "Have you got another?"

"Yes," I replied, handing him the only one I had left.

Last Wednesday I again visited the same place, and the young man remarked, without my asking him, "That's a fine book. It helps you to understand things better than if you read the Bible itself. My mother said it was one of the finest books she had ever read."

T. G. BELTON.

Shreds and Patches of Time

CICERO, the great Roman orator, once told a friend the secret of his large achievements in literature and philosophy, as well as in practical politics. He said: "I make use of the shreds and patches of time."

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At Rest

BENDING.—On January 4, 1937, Sister Bending fell asleep at the age of seventy-two. She became interested in the truth through some tracts lent to her by Brother Down, the church elder, and was baptized in July, 1926. For a long time she was in poor health but remained cheerful in the Lord to the end. She was laid to rest in the Old Plymouth Cemetery by the Rev. S. Davies. **M. E. BUNKER.**

HICKS.—Sister Hicks fell asleep in Jesus in December, 1936, aged eighty-four. Although for a long time bedridden and blind, she never lost sight of her Saviour, for whose coming she longed. She was baptized by Brother O. M. Dorland in September, 1924. Those who visited her in hospital not only brought her happiness, but went away drawing inspiration from her cheerfulness. She was laid to rest in the Old Plymouth Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Brother Leslie Hardinge. **M. E. BUNKER.**

HAY AND CROCKER.—The Plymouth church lost two faithful members when Sister Hay, after a very short illness, passed away on January 13, 1937, to be followed by her sister, on March 19th. These two sisters were brought up in the truth by their faithful mother, and baptized in August, 1909. They were laid to rest in the Old Plymouth Cemetery, Brother Leslie Hardinge conducted the services. **M. E. BUNKER.**

HUNT.—Mrs. William Hunt of "Cooleen," Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, nee Miss C. Wayde, who was baptized with her mother by Pastor J. Bell in the year 1920, whilst staying with Mrs. B. Craven (sister of Mrs. Wayde) at Leeds, passed away in Christ on May 23, 1937, in her forty-first year, after a painful illness, which she bore with wonderful fortitude and great bravery. She was laid to rest in the same grave as her beloved mother. The writer officiated at the graveside in the Mitcham Cemetery, London, where she awaits the call of her Saviour when He comes to awaken His children from their dusty beds. She leaves behind a devoted father and husband and many relatives to mourn the loss of one beloved by all. **E. ASHTON.**

CRUST.—The Croydon members regret to have to record the death of Brother F. Crust. He passed away on May 26, 1937, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was brought into the message by Pastor D. Morrison in 1930, and was a regular attendant at the services until his illness came on. He was in very poor health for quite two and a half years and was also blind, but his face always lighted up when we reminded him that to be spiritually blind would be much worse. He was a faithful member and cherished the knowledge of God. We all hope to unite with him again on the glorious resurrection morn. Brother Crust was laid to rest in the Mayday Cemetery, Croydon, on May 31st, Pastor F. C. Bailey conducting the service. **Church Clerk.**

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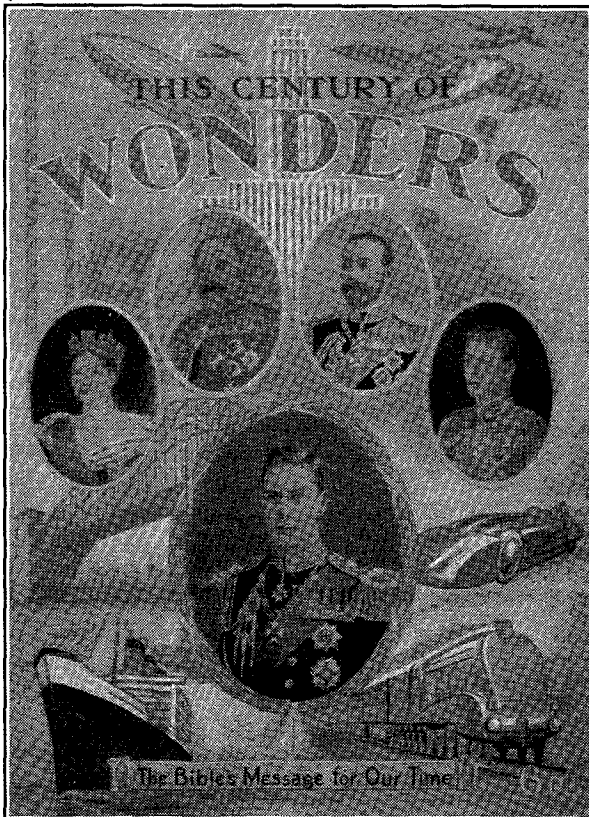
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The Temple Bells

THEY have to wake their gods with bells, these priests in saffron robes. Their bodies are painted with holy ashes by the temple wells. Then, like children at their play with dolls, the priests pretend the gods awake. The gods of stone or brass or gold are bathed carefully, then rubbed with oil and perfume, and robed most tenderly in brodered cloth of silver tissue, silk, or gold. Then they are decked with jewels rare and jasmine flowers fair. [Ring bells.]

This is the early morning hour before the sunrise. The priests begin the ringing of the bells. They walk around the gods three times and shake their bells vigorously. Then the ablutions of the gods proceed reverently. Now the gods are ready to receive the homage of the villager who jumped up from his earthy bed when he first heard the bells proclaiming that the hour of worship was at hand.

The villager also goes to the village well to bathe if he is poor. If not, his women folk and servants bring him water in brass jugs, and he bathes upon his doorstep. He then rubs his body with ashes, also his forehead, and combs his raven locks. Then he goes to the temple to pay due homage to the gods and leave his offering.

Before his favourite god he throws himself upon his face. He says, "To-day I go to work in that new field. Oh, god, let not the evil spirit there oppress me! If thou wilt keep away these vile spirits, I'll give to thee a silken shawl most costly. And unto thy holy servants give I the firstfruits of that field. God, hear my humble prayer; bless me this day, I pray."

The sightless eyes in the god's stony head stare on. The stony ears hear nothing, nor is the stony heart moved. Beneath silken robes and jewels, a million gods like these in India's land fail to defend the poor from evil spirits or to give comfort. Nor can they whisper in a still small voice, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Only the God who made earth and heaven, and all that in them is can whisper thus to the human heart. Hear His loving voice.

He whispers now to you: "Will

you not send help to My dear people in far away India's land, who still bow to idols? They, too, must hear the Gospel news, these children of Mine who have suffered long in chains of caste and superstition."

Isaiah said of old: "Lord, here am I, send me." Perhaps you cannot go, but you can send your gold that others may be sent to tell the glad news of salvation to the poor in the land of India. They so much need it. This is my plea to you and my prayer to our prayer-hearing God who said, "I am with you. Be strong, and of good courage." He counts on you to help to give the Gospel in far India's land. By giving to Him an offering, you may by your sacrifice serve with Him.

E. M. MELEEN.

Bangalore, South India.

Hong Kong Church and the British Governor

FROM far-away Hong Kong comes a letter of appreciation of the beautiful brochure, *Preparing the Way of the Lord*. Copies have been placed in the hands of the Colonial Secretary and the Governor himself.

Brother Larsen, the pastor of the Hong Kong church, mentions that they are endeavouring to obtain a grant of land for a church site, and a plot for the erection of an industrial school.

A.W.

Isle of Man

As Sister Ludgate will be away from home from July 31st to August 28th inclusive, the Sabbath meetings usually held at her home in Crosby will be discontinued during this period.

J. SPENCER.

Wedding Bells

BELL-REYNOLDS.—On May 19, 1937, in the Yarm Road Congregational Church, Sister E. Reynolds and Brother J. W. Bell were united in marriage. Both are members of the Middlesbrough church. We wish them Heaven's richest blessing as they journey along together in His service.

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