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## Harvest Ingathering at The Stanboroughs

"THE Story of a Broken Back" would perhaps better describe what is to follow, the broken back being in this case The Stanboroughs' Harvest Ingathering goal of £166. The story goes like this.

For several weeks it looked as if we should have great difficulty in reaching the large goal of £166, for the more we looked at the figure week by week, the larger it loomed before us. We went right ahead, of course, raising money in the usual manner and every member of the staff co-operated. It was difficult to send out our nurses for whole days, due to the pressure of work in the Hydro and Maternity departments. Now we are glad to report that up to Sabbath, October 1st, £137 of the goal had been raised. Here is the thrilling story of how it was done as told by Sister Thompson, our assistant matron.

"Do you ever suffer from a peculiar feeling of unrest on a Saturday night? Most young people do. At The Stanboroughs we have a cure for that—just go out collecting for missions in the public-houses; then you will agree with us that Saturday nights need not

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be dull. You should just peep into the Annexe hall about 7.30 on a Saturday night. There is Mr. Craven signing up permits and distributing boxes and off go three car-loads of nurses in various directions, not without first asking the Lord's blessing on the evening's work.

"Arriving at the scene of activities, there comes over one a peculiar sinking sensation with a slight shakiness of the knees noticeable in most folks when contemplating the Harvest Ingathering. But there is a spirit of comradeship about it that gets us started and keeps us going at such

a pace that soon all nervousness is forgotten, and we are disappointed when 'lights out' forces us to stop work and return home feeling we could have done more if only time had not gone so quickly.

"Sunday morning comes and the grand count-up. We think it must be far more exciting than races. Car 1—£6, car 2—£7, car 3—£8—over £22 collected by thirteen nurses in about two hours' last Saturday night! Everyone wanted to give a thank-offering for peace, so we just received it!"

This should be a hint to our people everywhere to get on with the Harvest Ingathering while the time is ripe. People are definitely now in the giving mood during these days of peace.

The accompanying photograph shows the loyal band of happy nurses who have done most of the collecting. Do they look downcast about it? No, indeed—it is their determination to keep on going until the goal has been reached. There is a real blessing in this work and you never saw a happier band of young people.

We feel that the



A happy company of Stanboroughs' Nurses with their Ingathering canisters and literature.

Lord has led us in a definite way to develop this means of raising our goal. We humbly pass it on to

the readers of the MESSENGER with a prayer that they, too, will be inspired to finish the work quickly.

## Strengthening the Advent Hope

By J. H. PARKIN

THE visit of Pastor LeRoy E. Froom of the General Conference to the Holloway church for the benefit of the Greater London churches during the week-end commencing Friday evening, September 23rd, until Sunday evening, the 25th, has served to a considerable degree to strengthen the Advent hope in the hearts of all who attended. From start to finish a keen interest was shown in the meetings, judging by the crowded attendances at every one. Even the one on Saturday evening, which had not been included in the advertised programme, but was decided upon by a show of hands in the Sabbath afternoon meeting, and despite a heavy downpour, saw the centre block of seats occupied to full capacity.

Pastor H. W. Lowe, in his opening prayer, pleaded that God might speak to the minds of the men who had the destiny of nations in their hands, and that His peace might prevail in the world for a little longer.

The particular object of Brother Froom's visit was aptly illustrated in his opening remarks at the first meeting. He used the simile of his having stood in the stern of the ship which had brought him across the Atlantic and witnessed its track marked out clear back to the far horizon. He imagined us all as Advent believers standing in the stern of the good ship Zion and beholding in its wake, as he gave us the results of his investigation and study, the clearly defined track of the Advent hope through the centuries, reaching back to the far horizon of the early church.

Catching up Pastor R. S. Joyce's introductory reference to Brother Froom's research work in the various national libraries in America and the principal countries in Europe, the speaker said with much feeling and enthusiasm

that such documents as he had been handling all the time were not dead things; they were the voices of men through the ages bearing witness to our faith to-day in this crisis hour, when the heart of mankind is as a pendulum swinging between hope and fear. He expressed the desire that before the series of meetings ended we should be able to lift our heads as never before and thank God that we were Adventists. We believe that his wish was fulfilled judging by the remarks of pleasure and appreciation expressed by many who had been privileged to follow the lectures, and by the fervent manner in which all combined to sing the doxology at the close of the final meeting.

Brother Froom explained that his investigations into the subject of the Advent hope through the centuries were due to a challenge made by a one-time prominent Adventist leader in Europe concerning the validity and truthfulness of certain references in the Spirit of prophecy, relating to writers and preachers on the second advent between the years 1844 and 1854. He related some interesting experiences he had encountered as he began his investigations among obscure sources and later, as his field of labour widened, in his contacts with eminent scholars in well-known institutions of learning in various parts of the world. We may thank God for this witness to the Advent truth before such men.

The speaker interspersed his remarks throughout by references to and exhibition of numerous copies of books or photostat copies, portraits, medallions, etc., which were laid out in orderly fashion on a long stand which had been specially erected right across the front of the rostrum; and also to three elaborate and imposing charts suspended above him running the entire length of the rostrum. The

latter illustrated in diagram form the long train of historical witness to the belief in the second advent, reaching back to the early church.

This belief and teaching was indicated throughout by a red band, very wide in the beginning, representing the attitude of the Christians of the first two centuries, narrowing as the apostasy of the Dark Ages prevailed, widening again in the Reformation period and beyond. Running parallel with this band were a few others of diverse hues, which represented apostasy or direct opposition, with an occasional blotch of colour even in the midst of the red band to indicate some particular obsession which obscured the hope of otherwise good Adventists and eventually led them out from the pure witness.

It was most inspiring to observe that though greatly attenuated at times, the red band at no point indicated a break, thereby giving the assurance that, even amid the direst persecution, men like the brave Waldenses had kept bright "the blessed hope."

The lines on the main chart terminated a little beyond the 1844 movement, which was represented by a further expansion of the red band, from which happily there emerged once again a thin red line, indicating a remnant of Sabbath-keeping Adventists, as the time of the disappointment passed. Our faith and zeal were stirred as we pictured that line continuing to expand from the time the three angels' messages began to develop in fulfilment of the prophecy that they should go into all the world.

The rapt attention of the listeners and the well-attended gatherings testify to the great interest which Brother Froom's ministry and his documentary evidence aroused. This was brought to a grand climax on the Sunday night by his appeal to all present to recognize God's providential oversight of the Advent witness from the beginning, to rejoice in the possession of such light and to consecrate one's powers to its diffusion unto the triumphal consummation of God's plan in the second coming of Jesus.

There was a general response by the entire congregation standing

as an act of consecration, and Brother Joyce led them to the throne of grace.

A word of appreciation is due to all concerned with the musical

arrangements, which harmonized with the great theme of the meetings, and contributed considerably to this pleasurable and profitable week-end.

mention the Methodist lay ministers and Sunday-school superintendents.

A doctor with a large practice in Paris was visited, and he gave an order, £3 in value.

One lady alone bought about £13 worth of books from the students.

At the end of thirteen or fourteen weeks, the respective sales of the students were approximately £105 and £140.

Each of the young men was dependent on the summer's work for returning to College, and the Lord blessed them abundantly.

They learned anew the joys of keeping the Sabbath holy, returning to the Lord His own, making sacrifice for others.

But the greatest of all is the joy in heaven, for two dear souls who will never see "threescore, ten and five" again have accepted this glorious truth. One of the sisters was an Anglican and her companion a Methodist, and they cannot understand why this truth is not more widely known. Though confined to their house, in a large measure, they are active mission-

## NEWBOLD COLLEGE

### Thanks Be to God!

How many of our Advent youth have longed to enter a real mission field and to gain for themselves the wonderful experiences which our faithful missionaries relate to us? Such was the privilege of two young men, students of Newbold Missionary College. The "field" was the beautiful island of Jersey "tucked away" in one corner of the English Channel.

Of Norman descent, the inhabitants have patois of their own, varying in each of the twelve parishes. Fortunately, however, they also speak English fluently, though on occasions a humble knowledge of French proved a great asset.

Though subject to the king of England, who is their Duke, the States of Jersey make their own laws. Strangely enough, they have made a new set of licensing laws last winter, which were enforced with the idea of restricting "foreign" merchants and hawkers.

Despite the religious inclinations of the people, no concessions were made of any kind. Consequently the young men were told, on applying for a licence, that its cost had been raised from £1 to £15. To students particularly this proved a great blow. They were also informed that it was essential to obtain a recommendation from the Rugby police. With great difficulty this was obtained by Pastor G. W. Baird, the principal of the College.

After one trying week had elapsed, The Stanborough Press consented to debit the accounts of the two students to the value of £15 each. That week of anxiety forced those young men to seek help in the Lord, and when at last they were able to commence work among Jersey's 60,000 inhabitants,

the Lord blessed them abundantly.

To crowd many of their experiences into the necessary limits is impossible. However the following are among the best:

Through the kindness of a solicitor (who has since spent an enjoyable holiday at The Stanboroughs) an order was obtained from the Chief Constable of the island.

Lords and ladies are always well "guarded," and by an act of providence a way was opened for one of the students to visit Lady Trent Boots (of the Chemists) and an order was secured from her. Orders for *Our Wonderful Bible* were also obtained from three of the rectors of the parishes; not to

## The Student Colporteur

Dedicated to the Student-Colporteurs of Newbold College

By STANLEY COMBRIDGE

<p><i>With courage and love, and a heart astir, You labour to-day as a colporteur; In the harvest field you work for truth, Being spent for all—the aged and youth; When the way is hard and the path is lone, Christ will not leave nor forsake His own, Though alone you toil as you bear your book, No service you do will He overlook.</i></p>	<p><i>At the homeland base, by "the stuff" we stand, And we pray that God will streng- then your hand, We pray that He will His Spirit im- part As you bear His Word to the seeking heart; Though parted to-day from the ones you love, The Saviour has promised you help from above As you give yourself, and your all you yield [field]. To labour for Him in the harvest-</i></p>
<p><i>In the harvest-field there is work for you, And the Master looks to His worker true; Will you labour on with a willing heart? For the strength you need He will now impart; By the mountain path and the river side, In the lanes and streets, by the ocean wide, As you ply your books and persevere Souls will see the light of His mes- sage clear.</i></p>	<p><i>There's a reaping time when the work is done, Will you labour now ere the set of sun? [repay] For your faithful work He will then If you plan and toil while 'tis called to-day; Through your fruitful work and His saving light Precious souls will arise from earth's dark night, And you'll meet the ones whom you helped before [shore]. In the harvest day on the golden</i></p>

aries, distributing tracts and books to their visiting friends.

The entrance to their home was not easily obtained, in fact callers were definitely not welcome, but God overruled and how happily do these two ladies spend the "eve" of their lives!

On hearing of the difficulties of many students, especially financially, these ladies gave a large sum which, supported by the Students' Aid Fund, has enabled the College faculty to accept twelve students who would not otherwise have been able to return.

An interest was also awakened among many of the Methodists, members, laymen, and ministers alike. This island had no Adventists before. It is a wealthy island, yet the people are humble and are seeking something that satisfies. Are we going to allow the interest to die away? Does God open doors for nothing? To all the members of the British Union this call comes. Pray, fellow-members, and give, and work! The Lord will not always tarry and "the night cometh."

"What shall the answer be?"

G. M. HYDE, *Student-Colporteur.*

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them

ENGLISH Adventists were particularly interested in the overflow from the Thirteenth Sabbath last quarter, as it was to go to the Far Eastern Division. We cannot but feel extremely sorry for those in war-stricken areas when the plea for missions is made during Sabbath-school, and so we wondered what we could do to make the overflow a specially large one.

Let me tell you something that happened at Newbold a little while ago. The leader of the Senior Young People's Society thought that it would be interesting to let the Junior Sabbath-school and the Junior Missionary Volunteer members lead out in a service. They were very excited, and decided that half of the collection should be given to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The evening arrived. The chapel was decorated for the occasion with wild flowers, gathered by the junior Missionary Volunteers.

Across the platform the letters J.M.V., worked in a wreath of daisies two inches wide, fully proclaimed who were to give the message of cheer.

A song by the juniors opened the service. Try to let your mind wander a little and hear their sweet voices as they sing:

"All have a mission and something to do,  
Something to do, something to do;  
Study your Bible and practise it, too,  
Here is your duty brought plainly to view."

After this inspiring opening, Kelvin Baird led us to the throne of grace. What a prayer! I am sure that every voice echoed "Amen" as his petition ended. A Scripture recitation from Matthew five was rendered by them all, and then the individual items commenced.

Rachel, Mary, Ruth, and Katherine each represented a season of the year. Rachel wore a crown of oak and represented the autumn months. Mary had a crown of holly—and even now I seem to hear her say, "The holly bears the crown." Ruth represented spring; and brought the daisies into the scene, telling of their pure golden hearts; while little Katherine reminded us of the summer, with her crown of forget-me-nots.

Again their voices taught us a lesson. The words surely made us reconsecrate our lives to our loving Saviour.

"I've one little heart to give to Jesus,  
One little soul for Him to save,  
One little life for His dear service,  
One little self that He must have.

"Lord, we come, Lord, we come,  
In our childhood's early morning;  
Lord, we come, Lord, we come,  
Come to learn of Thee."

Terance, who had until recently been living in a town, had an interesting talk with Kelvin about the beauties of nature, and after listening to Kelvin's description of the environs of Newbold for only a few moments, everyone agreed with Kelvin that the country is indeed beautiful.

What's happening now? Every head craned forward. Look! Every child had a tiny light. Now listen! Joyce is telling a story of a wed-

ding. Five wise maidens with oil in their lamps, and five foolish maidens without oil in their lamps. Now five lights have gone out! So they have! Only five tiny lights remain. You know the moral of the story: Be ready! And each of these J.M.V.'s wants to be ready when Jesus returns.

Katherine next recited, "God's Little Friends." I cannot remember it all, only the first lines, which are something-like this:

"God's little friends are so happy,  
God's little friends are so willing,  
God's little friends are so gentle,  
God's little friends walk beside Him."

Ah, I have just remembered the last verse and am sure you would like to hear it:

"God's little friends are so many,  
As stars in the blue;  
He wants yet another to love Him,  
I know! It is you."

Action songs are hard for little people, but the grown-ups love to hear them and to watch the actions. Rachel, Mary, Ruth, and Katherine sang, "Ten Little Naughty Birds," and we all thought that, with Jesus to help us, it would be easy to say "Shoo" to them.

A little girl, Rachel by name, asked her mummy, whose name was Mary, this question: "Dear Mother, before I am a Christian, how old ought I to be?" The mother's answer came direct as from Jesus, I am sure: "Don't wait until you are grown. Tell Jesus now that you come to Him to be His very own."

"And so the little maid knelt down,  
And said, 'Lord, if I may,  
I'd like to be a Christian now,'  
He answered, 'Yes, to-day.'"

Now the time had come for the collection to be taken. Instead of the organ music we all sang, "Hear the pennies dropping," tinkle, tinkle, tinkle! Yes; we could hear the pennies dropping into the collection plates to help our suffering brethren across the seas.

As many of the juniors belong to the Friend and Companion classes they thought the seniors would be interested to hear the Junior Law and Pledge: "I will be pure and kind and true. I will keep the Junior Law. I will be a servant of God and a friend to

man. I will keep the Morning Watch. . . . I will keep a song in my heart." Just a few promises, but what a lot they mean to the happy people who observe them.

Now came an interesting part in the programme. During the early months of the year each had tried to see how many wild flowers could be collected. One little girl had collected seventy-three. I am sure that they spent many happy hours collecting their flowers, and because they had been so diligent, a prize was given to each one.

A hymn, and a prayer offered by Terance, brought the best young

people's meeting this summer to a close.

And how did the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow benefit by this wonderful service? Half of those one hundred and thirteen pennies were given to the Thirteenth Sabbath collection in addition, of course, to the usual gifts.

Surely this sets an example to us who are older in years. What are we doing to swell the offerings this quarter?

"I gave My life for thee,  
What hast thou given for Me?"

(Miss) D. LEMAR.

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### **Recruiting in Colchester**

It is assuring, in the midst of a world which is feverishly rearming, to know that God has His rearmament programme, too. He is making ready for the last great conflict with sin, and in Colchester, as elsewhere, is actively recruiting for the army of the Lord.

After nine months' battling against spiritual coldness, twenty-four earnest souls have accepted God's last call to arms and have sworn their oath of fealty to Him. The powerful messages from Brother J. M. Howard, and the careful co-operative instruction of Miss Clarke and Miss Clements have found a response in the honest-hearted. One could mention individual triumphs of faith, the surmounting of the most discouraging obstacles, the shedding of the bitterest tears of conviction, the joyful ring of newly-found happiness, and many other such wonderful experiences to be gained in evangelism—but that would need a special supplement to the MESSENGER.

Suffice it to say that Sunday, July 24th, was the crowning day of months of prayer and toil. Over thirty friends and baptismal candidates journeyed by coach to Stanborough Park, singing the songs of Zion as they went. I wish you

could have been there to share the exultant happiness which possessed us all. There was sunshine on the countryside that day, and in every heart, too, and the angels in heaven must have struck the chords again to swell the harmony of praise.

Owing to our late arrival we were only able to take a fleeting glimpse of The Stanborough Press and the sanitarium. However our faith in this God-guided movement was confirmed and strengthened by witnessing something of these other branches of Adventist activity.

By 6.30 p.m. the organ was playing in the Stanborough Park church, the pews were thronged with members and friends, and the usual atmosphere of expectancy was there as we waited for the appearance of the candidates. In symbolic robes of white they came, twenty-two in all, eagerly awaiting their opportunity to witness for God by burying self and rising to "newness of life." 'Twas a serious step to take indeed, but a glorious one, as Brother S. Bull reminded candidates and congregation. He emphasized the necessity of abiding in Christ. For how could we live, bear fruit, and become like the vine unless attached to Him? Then, led by Brother Howard,

families, friends, and individuals entered into the family of heaven and into the ranks of God's army. Two were received also into the church by vote.

And so, doffing baptismal gowns and donning the "whole armour of God," twenty-four new soldiers of the cross returned to Colchester where yet another six or more are now keeping the Sabbath. When Zion is reached and the Christian soldiers are rewarded for their faithful services, there will be a battalion there from Colchester.

Come and see them now, training in the Sabbath-school, and remembering that Britain is spending a million pounds a day on armaments, you will realize that the comparatively few used for evangelistic recruiting in Colchester were well and wisely spent.

R. A. VINCE.

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### **Poole's "Permanent Church Home"**

NESTLING in the heart of Old Poole is a very old church building, standing in its own grounds and with its own cemetery, the whole surrounded by ancient outer walls, reminding one of the boundary of very early English cathedral precincts. Inside the church, too, are signs of antiquity. Judging from the sconces still fixed to the walls the lighting scheme seems to have been candles; the long, commodious, high-backed yet comfortable plain oak forms (the only seats) also speak of age, as does also the gallery at the back and the choir stalls facing the gallery, all in plain oak. No, it is not dark; there is plenty of window space; so in this respect there is a modern atmosphere.

To this secluded building of antiquity God had led the Seventh-Day Adventists of Poole, who are now able to regard it as their permanent church home.

Here one becomes oblivious to the only-two-minute-distant noise and bustle of the narrow business thoroughfares of this ancient part of an ancient English township; and here, apart and separate from material interests, can Christians enjoy quiet and undisturbed seasons of worship.

On Sabbath afternoon, October

1st, to this new church home of the Poole Seventh-Day Adventists came a goodly number of members from the Bournemouth church to unite with their fellow-believers of Poole in thanksgiving to God that they were at last able to give up itinerant worship in various inconvenient halls.

As in the sixth chapter of Ezra "the children of the captivity kept the dedication of this house . . . with joy," so truly did this happy company of Seventh-Day Adventists, under the leadership of Brother G. R. Bell, who secured the building and who spoke words of cheer and confidence from Isaiah 41:10. H. M. FISK.

### Free Books for Campers

As many failed to notice the announcement in a recent issue of the MESSENGER concerning the closing date for entries for the Camp competitions, we have de-

cidated to postpone the closing date. The following prizes are offered by The Stanborough Press Ltd.

*Bible Readings* for the best set of three pictures of Camp, Camp life, and surroundings.

*This Mighty Hour* for the best article by a senior camper describing the various features of Woolacombe Camp. This should be about 300 words, and suitable for the MESSENGER.

*Our Wonderful Bible* for the best pair of Camp pictures taken by a junior.

All entries should be sent to Pastor E. R. Warland, Midland Bank Chambers, 506 Holloway Road, London N.7, before the end of October. Don't delay! Send now, while you think of it! You may win one of these excellent books! In any case, we shall be glad to see your impressions of Camp, and use your pictures for our "Camp Film" promotion in the churches. E. R. WARLAND.

there are more than two thousand streets in Nottingham! Surely,

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

We are glad to report that nine persons were baptized last year in various parts of this conference as a result of the work of the colporteur-evangelists. This surely brings joy to our hearts and gives fresh courage to press on in such effective ministry.

In the present year still more people, first found by the colporteurs, are being led to the observance of the Bible Sabbath. One other experience is particularly interesting.

An old copy of the book, *Our Paradise Home*, sold many years ago, has just brought forth fruit. This book was recently loaned by the purchaser to a friend who was seeking for more knowledge of Bible truth. The lady was impressed by the question of the seventh-day Sabbath and wrote the publishing house for further literature on the subject. The nearest minister was informed and studies were arranged, resulting in the full acceptance of the truth for these times.

Writing afterward of the blessing of the literature in her conversion this good soul says: "It brought me to where I could forsake self and sin and surrender to Jesus to let His Spirit have His way with me."

So powerful in carrying conviction and comfort is the printed page!

Many purchasers of our books and magazines are now studying the message through the medium of the Home Bible Study League. Follow-up literature is being posted to them week after week, and we pray God's blessing upon all the homes where the truth is entering in this way. We know of a lady and her daughter who have definitely accepted the Advent message this year through first being approached by this "follow-up" colporteur service.

It would be impossible to tell the extent of the influence spreading abroad from the distribution and reading of our books. But we keep catching glimpses as readers pass on their testimonies.

While the world in general is

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### Report of Colporteur Work for 1937

We are glad to say your prayers for the colporteurs are being answered, for remarkable things are happening. We must tell you of one outstanding experience which came not long ago to Brother D. Davies in this city of Nottingham.

After selling *Our Wonderful Bible* and other literature to a young couple, our colporteur held studies with them. A younger brother also attended, and all three were led to see the binding claims of the law of God and other great truths of the Advent message.

The young married man was spending his spare time in distributing Gospel pamphlets from door to door, and as he came to appreciate the further light from God's Word the leader of the movement to which these young Christians belonged worked to thwart the efforts of our colporteur, and for some time the battle waged. Having considerable influence over these young people, this leader at

last persuaded them to reject the message unfolded to them by Brother Davies. It looked as though error had triumphed.

But now comes the final act in this interesting drama. Once more the young man sets off from home on his door-to-door distribution of tracts. Soon he enters a quiet street to make a start. At that moment a familiar figure is seen approaching from the other end of the street—just about the last person he would wish to meet, Mr. Davies! And there is no dignified way of escape!

For a long time they talk and just when it seems that nothing more can be done a solemn parting word from Brother Davies strikes home. Swinging round the young man hastens to tell his wife, later sees his brother, and then carries back to that opposing leader the definite word that all three of them have decided to observe the Bible Sabbath and to join the Advent church.

Remarkable when you consider

hardening in resistance and apostasy, we see from such testimonials as these that the Advent literature is leading many individuals to the threshold of the church. We believe that they are being prepared to step into a life of complete obedience as the last crisis gathers.

With this thought in mind, we can better sense the importance of the work of our colporteurs in placing upward of 27,000 books among the people of North England during the year under review.

Statistics show pointedly the increasing success that has attended the literature ministry in the past few years.

Take, first, our force of colporteurs. We have to-day thirty regular workers, nineteen of whom are selling the bound subscription books, chiefly *Our Wonderful Bible*. In recent months some good recruits have received training and are now rendering excellent service. That last-day promise is surely being fulfilled in the case of these new workers:

"The Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen. . . . He will call men from the plough and from other occupations to give the last note of warning to perishing souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 170.

You will notice the encouraging increase in the sales of our literature.

1936 ..... gain £91  
1937 ..... gain £865  
1938 January-June ... gain £1,735

This year's remarkable figures are due not only to an increase in the number of colporteurs in service, but to the fact that some of the workers have done better individually.

We always rejoice to hear of an improvement in the financial position of our colporteur-evangelists, and are glad to report that twelve have averaged thirty-one per cent increase in their earnings during the first six months of 1938.

One man whose weekly average earnings in 1937 amounted to £4, has so far this year reached an average of £6. 10s. Another has improved from £3 to nearly £5, and one of our oldest workers from £3 to £4. 10s. per week.

So in souls and sales we see unmistakable evidences of the constant working of a higher power,

giving us an ever-growing confidence in this literature ministry.

We will close our report with three pictures that stand out vividly before us. The first—the rejoicing multitudes in the kingdom of God saved through the printed page. Every colporteur should find inspiration in the thought that he will in heaven see those to whom he sold a book on earth.

The second picture is of the ministry of the books during the dreadful trials at the time probation closes. The final prohibition on all our preaching and public work will leave the books as the one voice to tested and troubled hearts. But thousands at the very last will through them yield to Christ and the message. What comfort our books will then bring to God's children in lonely hiding places or behind prison walls.

But the nearer picture perhaps concerns us most. It is that of a world in strange bewilderment. Events, appalling and tragic, are making men wonder what it is all about, this life of ours. Working among the people with the literature, one can detect, throbbing through the world, a heart-beat, pathetic, and strong, awaiting a response.

Only the Advent message meets the situation. In the flood of literature spreading over the land only our books contain the very truths the people need.

Our highest duty and privilege, therefore, is surely a more extensive literature service—more lay members and more trained regular colporteurs distributing the pages of truth everywhere, before it is too late.

B. BELTON.

### Wedding Bells

FUTCHER-HYDE.—Miss Gladys Hyde and Cyril Futcher were united in marriage on August 28, 1938, at the Stanborough Park church. A large group of friends and well-wishers were in attendance at the church and afterward in the Granosé Foods Assembly Hall.

Brother and Sister Futcher are now teachers at Newbold Missionary College, Sister Futcher in charge of the Commercial Department and Brother Futcher, who this spring received a B.A. Honours Degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, is teaching in the Mathematics and

English Departments. We wish these young people every joy in their united service for the Master, and know that their work at the College will be greatly appreciated.

W. G. MURDOCH.

### At Rest

LOVEDAY.—Brother John Loveday, one of the first members of the Kettering church, and for fifty years a believer in the Advent message, passed away suddenly but peacefully on March 18, 1938. He was always a firm believer in the return of Jesus and was deeply interested in the progress of the work in all parts of the world. Two sons and two daughters remain to mourn their loss, their mother having passed away four years previously. One daughter, Mrs. Mookerjee, has been a missionary in India for thirty years. We extend to the family our regrets at this great loss, but rejoice with them in the fact that the father died trusting in Christ, who shall soon raise the dead to life eternal.

H. W. LOWE.

WILLSON.—It is with feelings of grief we announce the death of our dear Brother W. H. Willson. On July 24th, at the age of sixty-five years, the Lord saw fit to lay him aside from the cares of this troubled world. Since his acceptance of the message under the labours of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt, in June, 1912, he appears to have been a happy Christian. For seven years he was a member of the church at Chiswick, and in 1919 he, with his faithful companion, became members of the Hastings church. His cheery and genial nature will be greatly missed from among us. A goodly number of church members were present at the burial service. Words of comfort and hope were addressed to the mourners by Brother G. M. Tapping.

A. R. METZNER.

PETRIE.—We regret to announce the death of Sister Elizabeth F. Petrie, of the Aberdeen church, who passed away suddenly on August 30, 1938. Our late sister, although never very robust in health, attended the services whenever she could, remained firm and faithful in the message, and always manifested a quiet, gentle Christian spirit. She was baptized by Pastor S. G. Joyce on October 7, 1933. Our sister now rests in the blessed hope, and we trust to meet her again when Jesus comes.

D. MORRISON.

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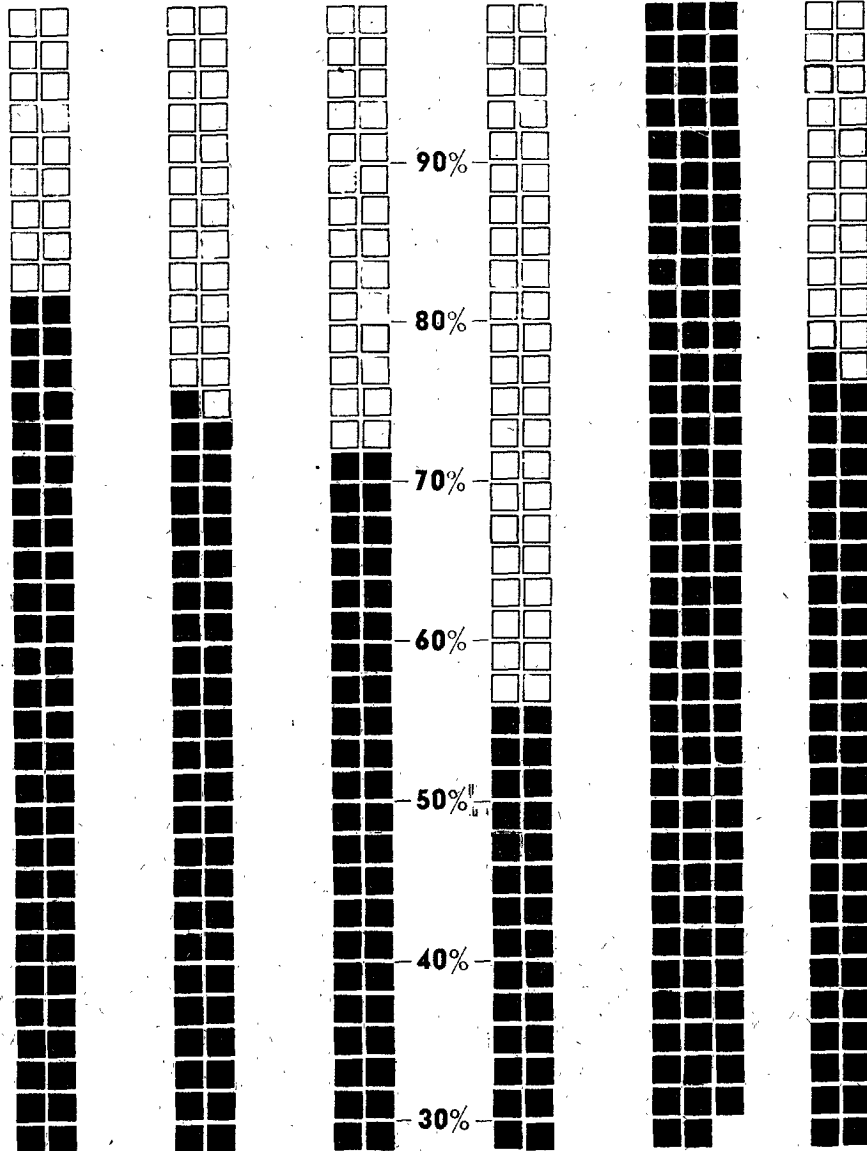
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