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The Bible Service Training School

WANTED!—1,000 Lay Bible Teachers

WE are launching an extensive and intensive campaign in every church throughout the British Union for lay Bible teachers. Everywhere and on every hand people are inquiring after truth. Thousands of towns and villages have not yet heard the message. In your own city or town there are also thousands of people who have never heard the truth. They desire to know more about the message of the Bible for these times.

Every church should be a training school. Every church is responsible for the enlisting and training of its membership to shoulder the task. We would recommend that church boards give special consideration to this important matter and lay plans immediately, first for the appointment of a Bible Evangelism leader for the year 1939, whose duty it is to enlist and train members to give Bible readings, hold cottage meetings, and conduct efforts.

Classes should be formed and the work started as quickly as possible.

Under the guidance of your local conference president or superintendent, these plans should be made. There is no time for delay. Now is the time to act. The Bible Service Training School is ready to assist you with a special course of lessons. These will include ten lessons on preparing and giving Bible readings, and three lessons on the History of the Advent

By F. W. GOODALL

Movement. There will be a special teacher's syllabus.

Enrol now. Those who complete these thirteen lessons and pass the examination with seventy-five per cent marks, and give five Bible readings, will receive a beautiful certificate signed by the Secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

We earnestly invite the co-operation of every minister, worker, and Bible-worker, local church elder, leader, and Home Missionary leader in enlisting your members in the Bible Service

Training School. We are planning on a class in every church. Your church must be included. The young people are specially urged to take this course. Credits will be given. Write for full particulars to your conference Home Missionary secretary. Do it now. Let there be no longer delay.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen such as was manifest before the day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 125.*

Referring to such work by churchmembers Sister White made the following statements, as appeared in the *Review and Herald* of September 29, 1891: "In places where the truth is not known, brethren who are adapted to the work might hire a hall, or some other place to assemble, and gather together all who will come. Then let them instruct the people in the truth. They need not sermonize, but take the Bible, and let God speak directly out of His Word. If there is only a small number present, they can read 'Thus saith the Lord,' without a great parade of excitement; just read and explain the simple Gospel



Pastor E. E. Craven, with two of the oldest members in the Irish Mission. Left: Sister Crosssett (95 years). Right: Sister Houston (81 years).

truth, and sing and pray with them."

This should be a clarion call to every church officer and every member, and the burden of our prayers during our annual Week of Prayer.

Let the year 1939 usher in a mighty movement for the winning of souls by our churchmembers.

A PREPARATION FOR LARGER SERVICE

This Bible Training Service School will, of course, prepare the way for more thorough training. We fully expect to see a much larger body of laymen preachers. This training course will lay a good foundation, for it will include the choosing of subjects for Bible readings, the selection and order of texts, the preparation of the outline as well as the choice of illustrations. Following this will come the presentation of the reading which will include the entrance into the home, arrangement of programme, and all that goes to make a Bible study practical and successful. Such a preparation is essential to everyone who desires to conduct public meetings and carry through a soul-winning effort.

Some of our ministers will organize speakers' classes. These can be co-ordinated with the Bible Training Service Course, thus making the course of real practical help to all our members.

We anticipate that during the year 1939 we shall see our small body of consecrated lay-preachers increase in numbers. All who have a desire for such work, and feel called of God to prepare themselves for more efficient service, will greatly benefit from this course of lessons. Surely the call of the hour indicates that God is looking for humble men and women whom He can use in His service for the salvation of souls.

We read in *Great Controversy*, page 606: "As the time comes for the message to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. . . . Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal declaring the words which God gives them."

This body of workers will

surely constitute our line of Home Defence. Then accept the chal-

lenge of the hour. Enrol now and "serve to save."

Good News for All!

ON Monday, October 31st, telephone bells were ringing all over the country. Some 3,475 exchanges reported "All clear," and the message was passed on successfully. About the same time reports were coming in from all parts giving the figures to date for our Great Campaign for Missions. When all these reports were totalled up, we found that eighty-six churches and companies reported "all clear" with a full goal of £2 per member. The number of members represented by these churches is 2,535.

Other churches who have not quite reached the goal, and, of course, many other members who have their goal, also reported.

The grand total as shown on our ninth bulletin is £10,103, or £103 over our goal. We are happy to pass this good word on to our

members everywhere. We wonder what the final report will reveal.

Many other members will wish to join the happy band of collectors who are on the *Roll of Honour*, having brought in at least £2. The young people have done splendidly, and even the children have helped. Many thousands of homes have been visited, and almost one million leaflets and magazines distributed. Contacts have been made, many of which, we feel sure, if followed up, would bring some souls into the truth. Do not forget to visit those who have shown an interest, and wherever possible seek to bring these people over the line. By suitable literature—books, magazines, and tracts—as well as by giving Bible studies, a rich harvest of souls would result. Let us work and pray to this end.

F. W. GOODALL.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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First Impressions of London Evangelism

Just before I became privileged to take a humble part in the work in the east London district, several friends kindly inquired where I was to go. When I replied, "With Pastor Reeves," I noticed that they all invariably said, "You are very fortunate, but he'll make you work!"

Their predictions were remarkably accurate, except that it is not Brother Reeves personally who is the driving force, for I could soon see that pre-eminently he was himself undoubtedly driven. It is rather the urge to save souls that is so supremely compelling; and, it seems, contagious, for around here everybody has it! It is that same intense desire which long ago made the apostle Paul cry out,

"The love of Christ constraineth us." "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel!"

But the labourers for God here have reaped a rich reward, for many months of unremitting toil have come to a triumphant culmination with Brother Reeve's further baptism. Six of these are from the Walthamstow district, where Brother Bolton is in charge, while the remaining ten go to swell the new and rapidly-growing group of believers at Ilford.

The baptismal service itself (held at our Walthamstow church), in all its solemn and touching sympathy, was an occasion long to be remembered by all who were there. Before the time to begin, the church was thronged to the doors. As we sang that noble hymn, "Onward, Christian Sol-

diers," it was an inspiration to see the white-robed candidates file to their places in front of the rostrum.

Brother L. A. Vixie, from the Division office, was present to give the new believers a practical but spiritual message of encouragement. He explained how to the new convert comes great trial, but greater grace, so that the victor's crown is assured if he will only prove faithful.

Later, while we sang appropriate stanzas, the candidates passed through the waters of baptism to begin a new life of consecrated activity in the great cause we all love so well. One young lady, who twelve years ago attended Brother Reeve's campaign in Liverpool, but who at that time did not accept the message, acknowledged by her baptismal vows how the Lord had again led her to the truth since coming to live in Ilford and now she felt she must henceforth yield her life to Him.

The new members were welcomed into the church by the ministering brethren. We all felt that there was joy in heaven, as well as on earth, by reason of the addition to the great family of God.

But the ardent soul-winner is never satisfied. Scarcely had we time to breathe a sigh of thankful joy before Brother Reeves began to contemplate the next baptism, and I remembered, with a thrill of anticipation, the warnings of my prophetic friends, "He'll make you work!"

But hard work, under the bountiful blessing of God, has done great things in this part of greater London. Since Brother Reeves commenced to work in this district just over eighteen months ago, he has baptized no less than eighty converts, and the tithes and offerings accruing from this work have been proportionately gratifying.

While holding and developing the interest at Ilford, Pastor Reeves, with his two Bible-workers, Miss Davies and Miss Keough, and the writer, are launching a new aggressive campaign to cover Romford, Hornchurch, and Upminster, some eight miles distant. This is a district which presents many problems owing to the

scattered nature of its population. However, a splendid cinema, seating two thousand, has been secured; and we trust that with your prayers and our efforts, the Lord will continue to bless His work.

We would earnestly ask for your special prayerful interest in the work in Essex. Much has been done, but much yet remains to be done. And we, too, will pray that wherever your corner of the vineyard may be, that the Lord will bless your endeavours. For we know from experience that when you come to Him with loving hearts, willing hands, and an unselfish zeal, "He'll make you work."

ERNEST COX.

Harvest Thanksgiving at Yarmouth

MANY had been the gifts brought in thanksgiving to God. Long had been the labour of love that had tastefully decorated the church building. And many there were who gathered to worship and thank God for His great goodness.

Many also were the blessings poured out during those Harvest Festival services at Great Yarmouth, as Brother H. Humphries spoke words of admonition and instruction from the Word of God.

The special music rendered was much appreciated, and all present realized afresh that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above."

E. BLOWERS.

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Notes from the Superintendent

THE Ingathering Goal of £850 should, by the time these "notes" appear, have been reached. May we thank you, one and all, for the part you have played in this achievement.

There remains that "odd" £150, of course, which you decided we should raise so that "gallant little Wales" could contribute £1,000 to the missions treasury. So come along friends—all together and that one last pull!

At the eighth report the district positions were as follows:

District	Leader	Goal	Rec'd
		£ 90	£ 97
N. Wales	T. H. Cooper	58	45
Salop	D. A. Conroy	58	142
Newport	H. K. Munson	236	145
Cardiff	S. G. Hyde	184	83
Rhondda	P. Cumings	98	91
Swansea	F. S. Jackson	94	

Latest reports show that in addition to North Wales, the first to reach its quota, Swansea, Cardiff, and the Valley Districts have reached theirs. While the remaining districts are finishing, shall not the rest of us go out after that extra, so that that handsome sum of £1,000 shall once more be gathered home?

WE all look forward to the bi-weekly visit of the MESSENGER

with its store of news concerning the activities of the Lord's people. Your reading of this issue synchronizes with the one lone annual collection on behalf of this valuable paper. On November 12th you are invited to make a gift toward the upkeep of the MESSENGER commensurate with the value you place upon the twenty-six visits which it makes to you during the year. Be generous!

NEW names have appeared upon our list of Sabbath-schools in the Welsh Field. Buckley, near Chester, where Miss Cooper's lay work was followed up by the efforts of Pastor and Mrs. Cooper, has now a company of Advent believers. Then there is Westhope, near Hereford, the home of Brother and Sister Wood. We welcome these new groups to our family circle. Where will the next lamp be lighted?

THE Swansea church have now said a tearless "good-bye" to their "subterranean" place of worship and have taken possession of their new church building. The opening meetings were on November 5th.

We congratulate the Swansea friends upon their joining the

select circle of churches possessing their own place of worship. Now then, Cardiff, your turn next?

By the way, our Field Committee, at their recent meeting, decided that Swansea should be the venue of the 1939 Welsh Conference. All the meetings can be held in the new church. The committee felt that our members would appreciate the opportunity of "inspecting" their new acquisition, besides, perhaps, the beautiful Mumbles coast nearby. Why not begin that conference-holiday-fund now?

WALES is proud of two of its young people—both of Swansea—who did so well this summer in their student-colporteur effort. They are Miss Eunice Powell, who

obtained a full scholarship, and Miss Iris Hapgood, who gained a two-thirds scholarship.

WE invite you to give prominence in your prayers to the campaign being conducted by Brother Dennis Conroy at Shrewsbury. This is Brother Conroy's virgin effort. May it prove an encouraging and fruitful one!

THE Week of Prayer will soon be with us once again. This year we are to be favoured with visits from Brethren H. W. Lowe, G. D. King, W. G. Baldry, and E. E. White. Plans and readings will be sent to you in good time so that local plans can be made befitting the importance of this crisis-year's Week of Prayer. S. G. HYDE.

trust that he and Sister Brown will launch a strong evangelism in the large city of Glasgow. Other campaigns are being planned and in the soon-coming Week of Prayer we should take these campaigns before the Lord and pray for the outpouring of the latter rain. An infilling of the Holy Spirit would inaugurate larger returns and more lasting results in every phase of our mission work.

THE very first letter received by us on our arrival in Scotland contained over £100 in tithe. This was an early indication that the Lord has a faithful people who love His work. We are glad to notice that the tithe for the nine months of this year is well above the corresponding period of last year.

SCOTTISH MISSION

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE have been observing the workings of the Spirit of God in human hearts since coming to Old Scotland.

For instance a mother and three daughters, carrying on a hair-dressing business, have taken a definite stand for the Lord's Sabbath. They have posted up in their premises the announcement that from November 4th their business will be closed each Sabbath. We have learned with joy that since taking this courageous stand, a new opening among a large hospital staff has been obtained. Matthew 6:33 is still in operation for those who trust God.

Then there is a young man who has just decided to keep the Sabbath. Immediately after getting Sabbath privileges, he was offered promotion carrying a substantial increase in salary. He refused this tempting offer because it involved Sabbath-breaking.

Another young man is leaving a secure situation in an office to keep the Sabbath. He has fitted up a lorry with health foods and hopes to work up a supporting custom.

Each of these decisions was prompted by the Holy Spirit, and we long to see more of His

sovereign action in the hearts of men. He brings forth the "fruit that remains." We ask that the MESSENGER family sustain these souls in prayer before God. We believe that the Lord will bless them in their adventure of faith.

WE are very glad to welcome into the Scottish Mission Pastor L. D. Vince and Sister E. D. Brown. Brother Vince comes to us after a very successful series of campaigns in South England. We

OUR Harvest Ingathering began somewhat later this year, but we believe that the goal will be reached in good time for the final report. Workers and members, we must make that final effort to roll away the reproach of failure in this campaign.

OUR mission has been favoured recently by visits from Pastors J. I. Robison, W. T. Bartlett, O. M. Dorland, and F. W. Goodall. Our people have appreciated the ministry of these visiting brethren.

Pastor W. L. Emmerson will be visiting the churches during the Week of Prayer. As we approach this prayer season, let us prepare our hearts for the blessing of the Lord. J. A. McMILLAN.

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Notes from the President

THE offering to help defray the expense of the MESSENGER should be taken up in all our churches on Sabbath, November 12th. Last year it cost the North England Conference £52 above the offering received. Will the membership take it upon their hearts to contribute to this offering according to their appreciation of the paper, so as to reduce the amount which has to be met from other confer-

ence funds? We thank you in anticipation.

By the end of the third quarter we were showing a gain of over one thousand pounds in tithe. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our people in supporting the work at home and abroad.

WE are pleased to say that for the first nine months of the year we are showing a gain of over

two thousand pounds in literature sales. We thank the Lord for His blessing on this department of the work.

ON Sabbath afternoon, October 29th, seventeen new members were baptized and received into fellowship in Rotherham and district. We expect that Pastor Madgwick will see still further fruit for his labours.

PASTOR A. F. BIRD began an effort in Northampton with an attendance of about 450. At this writing he has well over two hundred names of interested people.

A NUMBER of efforts are beginning during the early part of November, and we would invite the prayers of the MESSENGER family on behalf of our evangelists.

O. M. DORLAND.

a full scholarship and Mr. K. Pinch again this year achieved the highest sales record, selling £180 worth of literature in Northern Ireland.

Encouraging as these financial results are, more encouraging still is the fact that souls have already accepted the message as a result of the summer's evangelistic colporteur campaign conducted by the students. As already related the first Sabbath-keepers in Jersey have been raised up in response to student-colporteur ministry, and in other places throughout the British Union territory interested people have made contact with the truth. What the final harvest will be from such a sowing of Gospel seed no one can estimate; that there will be a great harvest no one can doubt.

The experience gained in practical field work will prove to be of utmost value in days to come. Colporteur-evangelism is a training which no Adventist student can afford to miss. This past summer Newbold students have taken full advantage of their opportunity, and it is with congratulations to them and with thankfulness to God for His blessing upon their labours that this short article closes.

G. D. KING.

Field Missionary Department

Secretaries:

Union	...	...	...	G. D. King
South England	...	...	...	A. W. Cook
North England	...	...	...	B. Belton

The Best Ever

THERE is every indication that 1938 will be one of the best years ever experienced in the British Union for our publishing work. The colporteur sales are now approaching a £3,000 gain as compared with the same period of 1937. An interesting and encouraging feature of the work is that an increasing number of individual colporteurs are finding success, and this increase in sales is being enjoyed not by just a few but by many.

Student colporteurs this summer experienced the best summer in the history of scholarship canvassing in this field. Actual figures reveal that twice as much literature was distributed and twice as many scholarships gained as compared with the previous year. No less than £2,860 worth of literature was sold by the fifty-five students of Newbold College who entered the field during the fifteen weeks' summer vacation. That surely is a wise way of spending a vacation. Thirty students reached the figure in sales required for a half scholarship or over. Twenty-four students claimed their scholarship bonuses and have returned to school happy in the knowledge that they leave behind them hundreds of books in the homes of the people. This year one young lady, Miss Eunice Powell, had the distinction of securing a full scholarship. This is the first time for many years that a young lady has achieved such a result. Two

young ladies received a two-thirds scholarship, and six others reached the half-scholarship figure. It was certainly a good summer for the young ladies. One overseas student, Mr. E. Luukko, received

Ready—As Colporteurs

*We know not, Lord, how soon the day
Of grace will end and pass away,
How soon Thou'lt rise and close the
door,*

*And cry, "Lo, time shall be no
more!"*

*As colporteurs behold we stand,
Ready to work at Thy command;
Oh, wilt Thou lead and show the
way,*

As we go forth from day to day.

*O Lord, our task we will not shirk,
For few there be to pray and work,
We dedicate our life, our all,
To answer this, Thy urgent call,
To rescue souls from error's chain
We'll ply our books in sun and rain,
And work to place them everywhere,
In humble cot and mansion fair.*

*Beside all paths and streets we'll go,
On mountain slope and valley low;
We'll make a call at every door
Among the rich, among the poor;
The business mart may be the place
Where precious souls know not Thy
grace;*

*An aged one, a child, a youth,
Thou knowest, Lord, who need Thy
truth,*

*As others to the fold we lead,
Oh, bless the books which they will
read;*

*Thy word shall not be sown in vain,
But souls will turn to Thee again;
O loving Lord, we gladly go,
Thy will to do, Thy love to show;
And burdened thus, do Thou impart
Thy Spirit, Lord, within each heart.*

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

A Word in Season

THE following seems to show that the writer has received inspiration from an article that appeared in a recent issue of the MESSENGER entitled, "Are You Shy?" by T. G. Belton. Brother W. Fisher of Yarmouth writes: "At first I had intended returning home from the conference in London on Monday, but had a feeling that I should come home on Sunday night with a friend who had been with me.

"We caught our train at Liverpool Street station at 9.30 p.m., and looked for a non-smoking compartment. We found there was only one such compartment, in which a young lady was sitting alone. But under the circumstances, we felt obliged to enter.

"We soon got into conversation, which led up to the one and only topic that matters, Jesus. To cut

a long story short, we talked to her until two o'clock, when we changed trains. She was intensely interested in our fundamentals, and accepted the teaching of the true Sabbath, baptism, state of the dead, etc. She promised to go to the Yarmouth church and hear more about us.

"When I recalled the strong impression I had formed that I must return home that night, I felt it was the Lord's leading.

"This young lady told us that

she had longed to know more about the Scriptures and had taken a course of study in the — church but had learned very little. When we left her to take the train to Yarmouth, she, with tears in her eyes, thanked us and promised to study her Bible and seek first the kingdom of God.

"Marvellous indeed are God's ways. I am sure if we followed God's guidance we should be the means of leading many more sinners to God."

Ministry of Literature

Down Near "The Lizard" Lighthouse

Two of the students, Arthur Howard and Kenneth Lacey, have had wonderful sales down in old Cornwall. They have worked by the Lizard Lighthouse and also around Mullion Cove. They have sold books in the "quaint old Cornish town" of the "Floral Dance"—Helston—and they have canvassed near Land's End. Truro, too, has been visited.

Perhaps most fruitful of all was the work among the fishers of St. Ives. Although these toilers of the sea live in very humble little homes, they are loyal to the Bible and Brother Howard had a good reception from them. In one week he delivered £78 worth of books.

Some day there will surely be a great high tide of interest on those rocky coasts as a result of this summer's labour. A.W.

Canvassing in Martinique

In the French West Indies where the only two religious bodies doing active work are the Adventists and the Roman Catholics, our colporteurs are especially active. Brother M. Depinay, who is canvassing on the island of Martinique, writes:

"I sold a copy of the book, *Toward the Dawn of a Golden Age*, to a policeman; and when I met him a short time after the book had been delivered, he told me that he had read the book with much interest. When he expressed a desire to visit our office I accom-

panied him there and showed him a number of our books. Right there in the stock-room I canvassed him for *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy*, and he placed an order for a copy, which was delivered a week later.

"When I met him again a short time afterward, he told me of how his interest had been further aroused after reading this book, and he purchased a Bible for cash. When I delivered the Bible a few days later, I also told him about *Great Controversy*. He readily placed his order for this dynamic book, and when again I met him a few weeks following its delivery, I was told that he was now reading it for the second time. Words would fail me to tell you of his enthusiasm for this book. He said in part: 'I love God. I sincerely believed that I was in the true religion as a Roman Catholic, but after reading this book I can clearly see that the Roman Catholic religion is not the true religion. I don't expect to go to that church any more. I love this book and cannot separate myself from it.' He gladly accepted my invitation to attend our meetings in Fort-de-France, and he has been attending ever since.

"When I saw him the last time, he spoke most enthusiastically of his recently discovered faith. 'Madam White is surely inspired,' he said. 'Your work is of God, and we must build a church in this city. I am now planning in my budget for a liberal offering to-

ward the erection of this church, and I am now reading this wonderful book, *Great Controversy*, to a friend of mine who is also a policeman.' Before I left him, I also sold him a copy of *Desire of Ages*."

Our colporteurs in the French West Indies are placing regular Seventh-Day Adventist libraries in the homes of the people. This policeman already has the Bible and the following books in his library: *Great Controversy*, *Desire of Ages*, and *Toward the Dawn of a Golden Age*. He and his daughter are attending Sabbath-school regularly, and the wife is very much interested. Surely our colporteurs are doing a most blessed work!

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Can Books Be Sold in Japan?

WHEN you looked at the paper this morning you possibly thought, "How hard those Japanese are! How hopeless it would be to canvass them." But not so! Our colporteurs have placed so many of our big books in Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, that it is hard to find a prospective buyer who does not have at least one of the five large Japanese books we have published. On some occasions the colporteur simply shows the prospect a picture of the five books and then canvasses him for those he does not already possess. Large quantities of *Patriarchs and Prophets* have been sold and almost every prison, it is thought, has a copy. A.W.

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Temperance Secretary Offers His Help

THE organizing secretary of "The United Kingdom Alliance," a temperance organization, obtained a copy of *Home Health* recently and thought it was worthy of a wide circulation. He writes offering his help and orders a small quantity for sale.

"They go well among the higher classes in Sheffield," says Brother Binks.

"Excellent little health book," says a voice from the Pacific Coast.

"This little book is certainly a masterpiece," declares a friend in Tennessee. A.W.

Gracie Fields' Charity Fund

Save Your Fairy Soap Babies

You will be interested to know that we have been able to arrange with the manufacturers of Fairy Soap, and with the Gracie Fields' Charity Fund, that all the Fairy Babies cut from the cartons of Fairy Soap, sent in through us, will be credited to World-Wide Advent Missions at the rate of one farthing for every soap baby collected.

No doubt many of our members use Fairy Soap. Now is your opportunity! Invite your friends to help you, and send your Fairy Babies in to the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., before Tuesday, December 20th. The offer is open only until Christmas Eve, 1938.

F. W. GOODALL.

A Correction

We regret an error in the report of the North Wales District Meeting in the last issue of the MESSENGER. The first line should have read: "On September 23rd our opening."

At Rest

CRUTCHFIELD.—The members of the High Wycombe church sustained an unexpected loss when, on October 15th, June Crutchfield, aged nine years, fell asleep in Jesus after a very short illness. Just one week before her death she was in her regular place at the Sabbath-school, with her usual smile for everyone. Almost her last conscious moments on the following Sabbath were spent in singing "'Tis love that makes us happy." The respect that little June claimed was shown in the unusual number of floral tributes and by the large number that gathered around the graveside at West Wycombe when she was laid to rest. The loving sympathy of the MESSENGER family goes out to the mother, father, three brothers, and a sister who remain to mourn their loss.

C. R. BONNEY.

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The Time and the Call

By W. E. READ

ERE long we shall be ushered into another annual Week of Prayer. These seasons come round very quickly; they seem to follow each other in rapid succession. How many more Week of Prayer seasons we shall have before the work is finished we cannot tell, but the signs on every hand show clearly that the coming of the Lord is very near at hand. We should cherish the opportunities that the special Week of Prayer seasons afford and seek to enter into a closer relationship with the Lord by a deeper consecration to His service.

We are living in a time of remarkable opportunities. There never was a time when so many calls kept pressing in from all parts of the globe, when so many urgent and pathetic appeals were made to the people of God. Doors are flung open on every hand and the way is certainly prepared for the Advent messengers to go to earth's remotest bounds with the saving Gospel of mercy. But while this time offers remarkable opportunities it is also a time of great difficulty. We have entered a period of international perplexity, and in many countries there is also a real financial crisis. The calls from the mission fields and also from the home fields are for larger appropriations year by year. The brethren feel that the time has come when we must do a larger work, and when more help must be given in both men and means to grapple with the gigantic problems and the wonderful opportunities there are at this time. Yet while we have an open door before us we are handicapped by the shortage of funds. It is not an easy task for our committees to-day to adjust their appropriations to the tremendous needs that loom up before them. We have certainly come to a difficult time in many ways, and yet while this may be true, to our human vision, we must ever remember that "there is no crisis with God."

Many years ago we were told, "We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 22.*

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."—*Ibid., Vol. 5, page 463.*

"We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us."—*Ibid., Vol. 9, page 43.*

We begin to see the fulfilment of these remarkable words and yet this is not a time for discouragement. This is no time for losing our confidence. It is really a time when we should buckle on the armour and face the task with an unflinching courage. We read, "At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour."—*Ibid., Vol. 9, page 44.*

During this Week of Prayer season shall we not seek, as workers and believers in this Advent message, to enter into closer fellowship with God? Shall we not lay our plans for this period of devotion at an early date? Let us pray that God may visit His people in a special way this year. Let us all plead with the Lord that this week may be a time of great spiritual blessing, a time when showers of blessing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

This Week of Prayer should be a time of deep heart-searching; a time when we should take a look within; a time when we should examine our own hearts before the Lord. It is so easy to examine others, but this we are not commissioned to do. We are exhorted to examine ourselves. Let us seek to do this in a spirit of contrition and true repentance, and pray that the Lord may lead us into a deeper understanding of the things of God.

Let us seek the Lord for a new passion for souls. It was this earnest longing for the salvation of

others which brought such wonderful results in the days of the early church. When God saw the early believers with such a deep longing in their hearts for the salvation of men and women, He poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit in truly wonderful measure. The Lord will do the same to-day as we seek Him.

In view of the difficult time in which we live and the feeble material resources that we seem to have at our command, shall we not seek God for a larger faith, a faith that will lay hold on Heaven's resources? There is such a danger of trusting to appropriations, trusting to what men can give. We need ever to recognize as a people that the great God of heaven is the author of this movement and that He is leading His people, and leading them on to victory. Appropriations are good, men are necessary to the work of God, but the triumph of this work lies deeper than material resources. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Our great need as God's people to-day is a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For this we should all plead earnestly. Shall we not do this during the Week of Prayer season?

Again, during this season of devotion, shall we not seek the Lord for more Christlikeness of character? After all, this is the fruit of true godliness. If we grow in grace, if we grow in love, in kindness, and become more like the blessed Saviour in our dealings with each other and our fellowmen, then we shall be revealing the power of the Christ life in our own experience. May this Week of Prayer season be a time of real spiritual power and blessing to all our people this year.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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Nov. 18th	4.08	4.06	4.21	4.01	4.19
Nov. 25th	4.00	3.57	4.13	3.51	4.09

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