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## Swansea Church Dedication Service

By F. S. JACKSON

THE dedication of the newly-acquired Swansea church building which took place on Sabbath, May 13th, will always be a day to be remembered in the life and history of Seventh-Day Adventists in Swansea.

It was a beautiful May day, bright with sunshine, with a gentle breeze blowing, so that it was not too hot. As one visitor from another church said: "It is a day sent specially of God to crown the work and toil of past days with peace and blessing on this our dedication day."

The floral decorations, freely given by members and friends, included sprays of white and red carnations, tulips, lilies, and many other varieties, tastefully arranged and filling the sanctuary with becoming charm.

As to the building itself, the accompanying photographs do not in any sense do justice to its appearance. The church proper is about ninety feet long by thirty feet wide. It is lofty and spacious, with a dome-shaped roof on the interior made of pitch pine, which in itself is a rich adornment. The pulpit, rostrum, and subsidiary platform are panelled and finished in light oak, beautifully grained and varnished. This is matched with a dado

in the same colour all round the building.

Below the smaller platform is the baptistery with stairway, the whole built of white glazed bricks and ready for immediate service; so that the building is complete in every way. The furnishings are

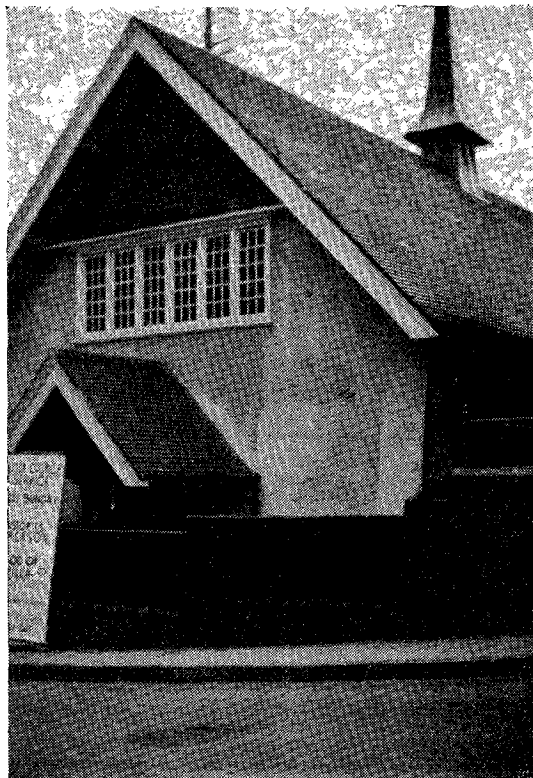
simple and good, and tone pleasantly with the rest of the colourings.

At the rear is a very useful lecture hall for smaller meetings, and to this is attached a well-equipped kitchenette with every facility for preparing refreshments, etc. Then on the west side of the lecture hall is a staircase leading to a small but very useful vestry or committee room.

The church is located in one of the pleasantest residential parts of Swansea, where the population is continually expanding.

The transaction of purchase was completed last November, the figure being about £900 with legal charges included. Brother A. Carey undertook all this intricate and, at some points, very delicate work, with his usual skill and dexterity. The story of how this purchase money was raised has already been told in these columns, so we will not repeat it, save to say, To God be all the praise for so many willing hearts.

The renovations and furnishings have been extensive, as was inevitable with a pre-war building. If these had been put out to a contractor, £250 would not have covered their cost. But thanks to the freely contributed services of all our members and our several craftsmen friends,



Exterior of the new church at Swansea.



Interior of the new Swansea church.

who all rendered truly magnificent help, everything has been met for under half this figure.

We commenced the Dedication Service at 9.30 a.m. with an organ recital of sacred music, uniquely provided by one of the young people, which assisted much in creating the true atmosphere of worship and peace. The Sabbath-school followed at 10 a.m., led by Brother Cooke, our superintendent. Brother Jacques, of Newport, conducted a bright review, and Brother A. Carey took the lesson from the floor, which proved a real live exercise. At 11.15 a.m. Pastor H. W. Lowe conducted divine worship and spoke powerfully on the meaning of the word, "church," his text being taken from Hebrews 12:23. This was a memorable address and moved all to rededicate heart and life to God.

The second part of the service was held at 3 p.m., when we were honoured to have with us His Worship the Mayor of Swansea, Councillor David Richards, who presided. In his speech the mayor said he was always glad to have a share in a service which was to the glory of God. To him it was a welcome relief from the strain of civic life. In words of deep sincerity he pleaded for a spiritual revival in Swansea and throughout the Christian world generally as the only means of saving humanity from the abyss.

Pastor S. G. Hyde followed with a well-prepared and clearly-

delivered address on Seventh-Day Adventists: Their World-Wide Message and Work. He reminded us with striking figures and statistics that the third angel's message was truly world-wide. He concluded with a moving appeal that all might dedicate themselves anew to God as we now dedicate Swansea's beautiful church building to God our heavenly Father. Brother Carey then vividly reviewed the financial story.

The dedicatory prayer was of-

fered by the pastor while everyone stood. This was followed by Brother F. E. Powell's offertory appeal which met with a good response. Everyone in Swansea was made exceedingly glad in having members from Cardiff, Newport, Barry, Aberdare, Mountain Ash, Milford Haven, and other parts joining with us in praise and gratitude to God on this memorable occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends who have sent us messages of cheer and gifts to our funds. We invite them all to share our rejoicing that not one penny of debt rests on our lovely church home in Swansea. To The Stanborough Press the warmest thanks are due for the beautifully-designed and exquisitely printed programmes, which they prepared for us at very short notice. These lent distinction to our ceremony. Finally, we would like to thank all our churchmembers and our many friends in Swansea for their loving contributions to this worthy and glorious enterprise. And to this, of course, must be added a big-hearted cheer for the president of the British Union Conference and his gallant committee for their sympathetic co-operation and handsome gifts.

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## NEWBOLD COLLEGE

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### "There Shall be Showers of Blessing"

As students and faculty of this *your* college at Newbold, we can indeed testify to the fulfilment of God's promise.

For a week or more the officers of the home missionary department had been making personal contact with every student and teacher in order to discover just how much each one was willing to do in the Big Week Campaign. Two thousand copies of *Good News* had already been ordered, but these were found to be insufficient, and an S O S was sent for more.

We had been enjoying the helpful instruction which comes to us

every year during the Student Colporteur Institute and enthusiasm ran high as we thought of "proving" ourselves on the Sunday.

During the week-end lists had been placed on the noticeboards telling every person where he was to go and how he was to get there.

Sunday morning, April 23rd, saw eighty-two members of the school home moving off from the college in an orderly manner. Some took this drive, some that. Some were cycling, others were in cars, and the rest were taken in a large coach.

We had received our magazines during the previous week, so that we had given *Good News* a thorough examination and were

well satisfied with its "selling points." If you could have been in Leicester, Coventry, Nuneaton, Hinckley, and Northampton—all at one time, you would have seen *Good News* going from door to door supported by smiles which betrayed inward joy and peace of mind on the part of the messengers. What joy it brought these "evangelists" as they carried "good news" from the Bible to a people perplexed and distressed by the sad and sickening condition of the world.

And now you are wondering what was the result of the great endeavour. Was there disappointment? No! In spite of the cold and rain, in spite of the "poor" territory, the showers of blessing fell heavily, and when all was gathered in during the evening, it was found that £54 had been gathered in, that is, in hard cash, but as for the value of the "gold, silver, and precious stones" which we believe will be brought to the "temple" and will be built into a living connection with the Rock, not one of us dare estimate this infinite sum.

Yes, and we must also remember that the means gathered in will bring the "good news" to many other hungry souls, and they in their turn will share the blessings with others. Thus the Lord will multiply the seed sown, and only the "day of final awards" will reveal the extent of the work which

God has wrought in *one day* through weak human instrumentalities.

As our sister churches take their part in this wonderful privilege

which has been ours, we wish them the Lord's richest blessing. We are confident that He hears every earnest prayer offered on behalf of His work. G.M.H.

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### East Anglia Calling!

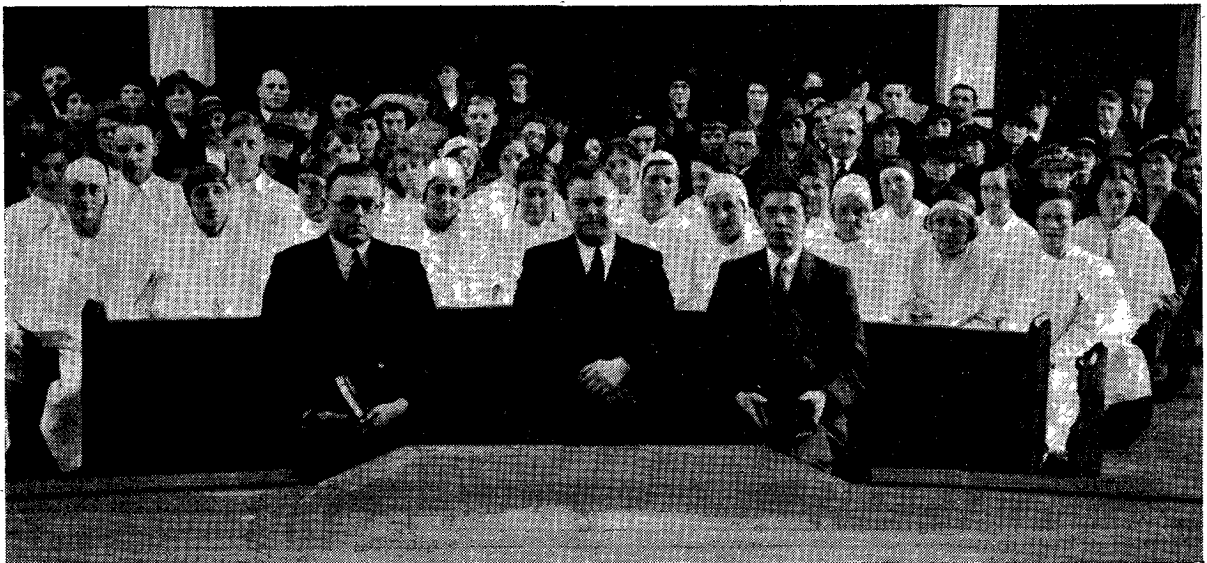
WATFORD was the scene of a real invasion from the East on Sunday, May 14th, when a party of over seventy from Colchester and Clacton came with great rejoicings to Stanborough Park.

How we had looked forward to this day and prayed and talked about it, and it was a glorious sunny morning as we left the sea behind us and set out on our long journey inland. By the time we left Colchester our two large coaches were filled to capacity. What a happy band of pilgrims it was that arrived at Stanborough Park soon after mid-day!

Arrangements had been made for us to visit the institutions, and the smiling face of Brother A. H. Thompson, manager of the Sanitarium, was the first to welcome us. After being escorted round this Home of Health and Healing, we adjourned to the Annexe where

Sister Standen and her co-helps had prepared a delicious lunch. The early afternoon saw us on quick tours of inspection of the Health Food Factory and The Stanborough Press, bringing us to the main purpose of our trip and the climax of a wonderful day—the baptismal service in the Stanborough Park church, so kindly loaned to us for the occasion.

It was an inspiring service and we were happy to see the church filled almost to capacity. After prayer by the writer and an address by Pastor Stanley Bull, pastor of the local church, whom we were pleased to have with us, twenty-two candidates were led through the waters of baptism by Pastor J. M. Howard. Sixteen were part of the first-fruits of his campaign in Clacton and six the gleanings of the work in Colchester. In addition three who were unable to be with us on this



*Pastor J. M. Howard with candidates from Clacton and Colchester recently baptized at Stanborough Park.*

occasion for health reasons, are being received into church fellowship at Clacton by vote.

We would like to thank all who contributed to make the day such a success, and especially the officers of the Stanborough Park church for their untiring service.

Plans have been made for the work in Clacton to continue with a tent campaign this summer in the grounds of the Sunshine Home, Alton Park Road. We invite all to come to "Sunny Clacton" for their holidays this year and join with us in the meetings of this newest church in the South England Conference. G. ROPER.

stones, not goals. It is the underlying principle, the training of youth to be of greater service in the Master's vineyard, which is of primary importance.

All those who have begun this course are eager to testify to its value. It develops members spiritually, mentally, and physically. Have you joined yet? If not, we

urge you to do so without delay. Those invested were:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| FRIEND CLASS    |                  |
| Miss B. Lee     |                  |
| COMPANION CLASS |                  |
| Miss G. Allen   | Mrs. N. Benwell  |
| Miss L. Barnard | Miss C. Sturgess |
| N. Benwell      | Miss G. Symonds  |
| MASTER COMRADE  |                  |
| Mrs. Bonney     | Miss M. John     |
| N. BENWELL.     |                  |

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### Investiture Service at Reading

ON Sabbath morning, May 13th, a full church met to witness the investiture of nine members of the young people's society with the various insignia of the Progressive Courses.

Very encouraging progress has been made since the first investiture, which took place last year. We rejoiced to see two members receive their Master Comrade badges, which truly represents much hard work and painstaking study. Six others had gained a Companion badge, and we were glad to welcome another one into our midst as a Friend.

Sister Bonney in her talk on "The Value of the Progressive Course," Sister C. Sturgess in her "Experiences of Flower Collecting," and Brother N. Benwell in his "Review of Star Study," expressed the reasons why our young people should become enthusiastic about the Progressive Courses.

It is not alone the satisfaction of having reached our aim, of knowing the books of the Bible, reading the assigned literature, naming and identifying planets, stars, constellations, birds, flowers, trees, poisonous plants, and ability in tracking and swimming; it is not alone the happiness and friendship developed in mixing with other young people bent on similar pursuits—no, it is that all of these together bring such "Friend"-ship, "Companion"-ship, and "Comrade"-ship into the young people's society. As Pastor Warland stated, all these achievements are mile-

### Investiture Service at Newport

SABBATH morning, April 29th, was a very happy day for some of the Newport Missionary Volunteers. The anticipated day of their investiture had dawned. We were glad to see such a large number of people, showing the church's interest in its youth.

Pastor S. G. Hyde, our superintendent, who, in the absence of Pastor F. W. Goodall supervised the occasion, made a general survey of the M.V. Progressive Courses. The M.V. leader then made some brief remarks regarding the work of the Newport Society, which has been formed into missionary bands for more definite and organized home missionary work. An invitation was given to all churchmembers to attend society meetings and to take an even keener interest in the children and young people.

The Ten Commandments and the Junior M.V. Pledge and Law were recited by three of the boys and a solo, delightfully sung by Miss Hilda Bennett, prepared us for a very pleasing talk which Miss Iris Cleaves gave on Psalm twenty-three.

Before investing the candidates, Pastor Hyde made a statement which was a reminder that "Friends" must be always "friends," and that with the receiving of badges the work which has been done does not cease but must continue and ever increase.

The following badges were given with kindly words from the church elder, Brother R. Jacques:

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| FRIEND CLASS     |                   |
| Miss Joyce Cooke | Terry Gallivan    |
| Miss J. Jacques  | Lemuel Garrett    |
| Jack Cleaves     | Leslie Roberts    |
| Kenneth Dixon    |                   |
| COMPANION CLASS  |                   |
| Miss Vera Smale  | Miss Iris Cleaves |
| MASTER COMRADE   |                   |
| Miss Betty Pope  |                   |

We are looking forward to the Friends being Companions by the conference session in July.

BETTY POPE, *M.V. Leader.*

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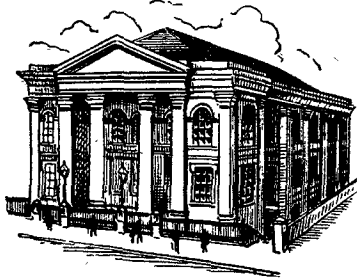
### The Thrill of Missionary Endeavour

How far-reaching may be the influence of a tract, a card, a magazine, or a word of cheer! The distribution of religious books is a means whereby many people come to the knowledge and understanding of these thrilling days in which we are living. Does it pay? Yes, many times over. Then beside the giving away of literature and the selling of books, there is the Harvest Ingathering for missions. What a wonderful co-operation and reception one gets going from house to house! It is not only a pleasure, but a most glorious adventure to tell people of the nearness of Christ's coming. It is a wonderful experience also to turn a rude rebuke into a friendly and spiritual conversation, and break through the barriers of unbelief with the living Word of God. To those who have not tried it yet, I would say that God is waiting to help you.

MRS. C. ORMSTON,  
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### Notes from the President

ON Friday evening, May 5th, in the Eccleshill Baptist Chapel, Bradford, the first-fruits from an effort were baptized. Two new members, a brother and a sister, were immersed and had extended to them the right hand of fellowship. This effort was conducted in the Bradford church meeting-room by the elder, Brother Knight-Rawlings. There is a continued in-

terest which we believe will ripen into a future harvest.

It is planned to hold a baptism in Nottingham at the time of the Annual Meeting, July 20th to 23rd. Any who may desire to go forward at that time should write to the conference office so that adequate arrangements may be made.

WE are to have Brother D. A. Ochs from the Young People's Department of the General Conference, Brethren W. E. Read and W. T. Bartlett from the Northern European Division, and a generous supply of help from the Union at our conference session. It is hoped that the conference labourers may be able to gather together a day or two before the session for a workers' meeting.

O. M. DORLAND.

### I Paid My Tithe and—

As soon as I understood that the tithe of all we possess belongs to God our Creator, I commenced to pay it on my income. Later, being anxious to pay tithe also on the capital, I sold out stock. God wonderfully blessed this transaction, and to my own and to my solicitor's surprise, the stock sold for three times its original value.

Again I had an opportunity to sell stock. This time, when the transaction was completed, I found, after paying tithe on the capital, that my income from that source was slightly larger than before.

This year a relative passed to her rest. She remembered me in her will, and my income is again slightly increased.

"Hath He not said, and shall He not do it?" "He is faithful that promised."

Let us, then, step out in faith and obedience, and prove the Lord of hosts, as He invites us to do.

M.L.H.

### God's Other Book, and How to Read Its Pages

THE new Home Study course in Nature Appreciation is being warmly welcomed by our young people and their friends. What is more delightful than to learn a whole lot of interesting things about birds, and trees, and flowers, and the glorious heavens above our heads? Here is an opportunity to consider the lilies of the field and the ravens flying overhead, to find "books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in the whole world of nature."

Master comrades, church school teachers, and other persons interested in working with young people will find this excellent course most helpful and satisfying.

O. C. Durham, chief botanist of the Abbott Laboratories, and well known to our M.V. societies of the Middle West, has prepared these fascinating lessons with the co-operation of Professor Clark of Pacific Union College and Professor Ashley of Washington Missionary College.

The cost of the course, when taken in groups of five or more members, is only one dollar (approximately four shillings) per

## IRISH MISSION

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### Notes from the Superintendent

Just a few more weeks and our annual meetings will be here—June 29th to July 2nd. We are sincerely hoping all will plan to be present.

"Come to these meetings prepared to work. Leave your home cares and come to find Jesus and He will be found of you."—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 576.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 40.

The visiting brethren will be our Union president, Dr. W. H. Teesdale, and Pastor R. S. Joyce, president of the South England Conference.

All Sabbath and Sunday meetings will be held in the West Belfast Orange Hall, Shankhill. Please communicate with the writer if you desire apartments.

E. E. CRAVEN.

### Wedding Bells

PEDLAR-GULLAND.—On Easter Monday, April 10, 1939, Brother Arthur Harry Pedlar and Sister Alice Tweedie Gulland were united in marriage. The marriage ceremony was conducted at St. Kilda, Great King Street, Edinburgh; and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. We are sure that all the friends of the young couple join in wishing them much of God's blessing and grace as they set up another Christian home at Newbold.

J. A. McMILLAN.

student. The lessons will also be supplied to a single individual for just one dollar; but it is our hope that such an individual will wish to invite others to join him in the study, and in planning hikes, visits to museums, and other delightful outdoor experiences.

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Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

neighbourhood, bringing *Good News* to the people," and I showed him our new magazine.

"Perhaps you would like to help in this work by taking six for distribution among your friends," I ventured.

Good, kindly man! Like an oasis in the desert on that hard territory! "Yes!" he said, "I'll take six. I'll just go and get the money." A.W.

## Ministry of Literature

### Colporteur Sends Unique Document

BROTHER STANLEY COMBRIDGE, who is working with our publications in the Bristol district, has sent us a unique document—a marked copy of the annual *Bristol Industrial Review*.

The marks are opposite the names of advertisers who have bought our publications. They are so numerous and varied that a thrill comes over you as you look. What a number of prominent Bristol people have purchased *Our Wonderful Bible*, *Mighty Hour*, *Bible Certainties*, and *Bedtime Stories*!

Books have been sold to heads of building firms, and to managers of banana businesses. Seven books to firms at the docks. Tobacco firms and engineering firms. Carriers, car agents, flour mill workers—it would seem that our colporteur must have visited nearly all of the prominent firms in this great city on the river Avon.

Along the main thoroughfares, down cobbled by-ways, by the wharves in the old harbour where once the slave-ships lay, now walks the Adventist colporteur with his books. May God bless them to the people of Bristol! A.W.

### Press Workers Go Out in the Extension Campaign

ON Sunday, May 14th, we shut down the Press for the morning and went out to sell *Good News* in the towns and villages around Watford.

The editor left his manuscripts, the treasurer his receipts and ledgers, the pressman his machines, and the compositor his types. *Good*

*News* on their lips and *Good News* under their arms.

The results for the different workers were as varied as the contents of a Christmas stocking. But by the time we started work again in the afternoon we had disposed of 399 copies of *Good News*, eleven copies of *Good Health*, and eight copies of *Present Truth*, and had also received four shillings and fourpence in gifts. A.W.



Colporteur S. Combridge, whose interesting experience is related on this page.

### He Was Willing to Help

HE looked rather young to be the father of the family so I smiled and said:

"I want to see the gentleman of the house."

"Wants to see the gentleman of the house"—I heard my feeble introduction repeated in the back room as he disappeared.

"Come in and sit down," he said when he came back. "They've gone to fetch him from the garden."

"Oh, good morning!" I said, as the father appeared. "I'm doing home missionary work in the

### Bible Readings Wins a Family

LIVING a few miles from Saxmundham, Suffolk, is a man, with his wife, rejoicing in the truth, and yet who had never heard of or seen an Adventist until I visited him a few weeks ago.

The light came to him from that silent messenger, *Bible Readings*, lent to him by his father-in-law. He had studied, and is still studying the book prayerfully and I found him well acquainted with the truth of God's Word. He is giving up his work in order to obey God. He told me that nothing matters in all the world but the Advent truth. We are continuing the studies. At our next baptism he hopes to be prepared to go forward.

So the printed page has borne fruit again. The Lord's blessing is upon our literature filled, as it is, with the last message of salvation. "Now, . . . withhold not thy hand."

L. E. A. LANE.

### Keeping the Blessing

A CONVERT in one of Mr. Moody's meetings came to him, saying, "Mr. Moody, it has been wonderful to be here. If only I could know how to keep this blessed nearness to my Master that I feel just now, I would be the happiest person in the world." Mr. Moody replied, "Sister, I will tell you how to do it: Spend fifteen minutes every day in talking to God in prayer, fifteen minutes every day in letting God talk to you through His Word, and fifteen minutes a day talking about God to someone else. If you do this, you will feel the same blessed nearness every day of your life." —Selected.



## At Rest

VICKERS.—Sister H. R. Vickers of the Shotton company, passed to rest on Thursday, May 4, 1939, at the age of sixty-three. She accepted the Advent message a few years ago under the labours of Brother R. Bolton. She was a faithful member and took an active interest in the church services and work. Although deprived of her sight she studied the Sabbath-school lesson from the Braille and attended the Sabbath-school and services regularly. She was only absent one Sabbath before her death. Although she suffered from a growth and complications for about twelve years she rarely referred to her sufferings. On the last day of her life she dressed to attend to the household duties. The Lord gave her sustaining grace according to her faith and trust in Him. The company will miss her godly life, her earnest prayers, and Christian fellowship. We laid her to rest in the Connah's Quay Cemetery with a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection when Jesus calls. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

T. H. COOPER.

BUNKER.—Wilfred Bunker, just twenty-eight years of age, passed away May 4, 1939, as the result of a motor accident on May 3rd—a tragedy which has spoken loudly to us all. Our dear brother was on his way to duty, as a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, on the occasion of the visit of the Duchess of Kent to Plymouth, when a burst tyre caused his vehicle to overturn completely. A very impressive service was held at the Plymouth S.D.A. church, Pastors A. K. Armstrong, R. S. Joyce, W. G. C. Murdoch, L. G. Hardinge, and Brother A. Carey officiating, the church being full to its capacity. The St. John Ambulance Association paid its full honours—fifty men and thirty-five nurses attending. Pastor Murdoch of Newbold College had hoped to have had the pleasure of awarding our departed brother the College diploma at the coming graduation, to which Wilfred was so much looking forward. His whole-hearted service to the church will long be remembered as an inspiring example. He took great interest in the Progressive Course Class, and as its leader, was preparing our young people to attend the congress to be held in Denmark. He leaves a dear faithful mother (one of Plymouth's oldest members) and three stalwart brothers to mourn their loss. He now rests in the Plympton Cemetery, where his father (through a similar accident) awaits with him the glorious resurrection morning.

I. COOMBE, Church Clerk.

LEWIS.—Sister G. Lewis of Wolverhampton passed to her rest at the age of eighty-one after a trying illness, patiently borne. She accepted the message under the labours of Pastor W. E. Read in Mountain Ash some thirty years ago, and remained true and faithful. She died in faith, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of her Lord and Saviour. She was buried in the Wolverhampton Cemetery on May 11th in the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends, the service being conducted by the writer. O. M. DORLAND.

DAVIS.—Sister Davis, who accepted the truth under Pastor Bailey in Worcester twelve years ago, passed to rest in Jesus on May 3rd at Malvern, aged seventy-three. Arthritis laid a heavy hand on her the last few years, but her cheerful spirit inspired all who knew her. A simple service by the chaplain of St. Oswalds led a loving family and churchmembers from their sorrow to the glories and realities of the resurrection hope.

J. R. LEWIS.

SIBLEY.—On Tuesday, May 2, 1939, at the ripe age of seventy-eight we laid to rest Brother Sibley, an honoured member of the Advent church at Walthamstow. Brother Sibley was baptized in 1927 during the labours of Pastor D. Morrison, and from then until his last illness he was a loyal and active ambassador for the Master. Though for many years he was physically unable to follow his employment, nevertheless he did not spare himself in service for the cause he loved. He was an active campaigner, ever in the front rank of every missionary endeavour, working patiently and without complaint, leaving to all an example of what sustained effort may ac-

complish. We at Walthamstow trust and pray that God will raise up others who will emulate the love, faith, and service of this chosen servant of His. In the presence of sorrowing relatives and friends we laid our brother to rest in the Woodgrange Cemetery, there to await the soon coming of the Life-giver.

R. T. BOLTON.

CUNDLE.—The Edmonton church has sustained a loss by the death of Sister L. Cundle, on April 20, 1939, at the age of fifty-eight years. Although our sister had not been in good health for some time past her end was very sudden and unexpected. She had been faithful to the truth she embraced about twenty-eight years ago, and in the earlier years of her association with the Advent believers had helped to spread the message by circulating *Present Truth* in the Holloway and Hornsey districts. We trust she may have fruitage for her labours. Many members assembled at the Enfield Highway Cemetery to witness the laying to rest of our sister. Brother R. T. Bolton conducted services in the home and at the graveside where he spoke words of hope and comfort. Our sympathy goes out to her husband in his great loss, also to other relatives and friends.

I. M. HEYWOOD, Church Clerk.

CROWDER.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Sister T. Crowder, who at the age of sixty-seven fell asleep in Jesus on April 14, 1939. Sister Crowder had been an extensive traveller prior to settling down in Bardney, having been to South Africa twice, also to Canada. It was while in the latter country that she learned of the Advent message, which she accepted twenty-five years ago. She was instrumental in forming a company of believers in the village of Bardney. Her influence was widely felt by the villagers for whom she worked with untiring devotion. So beloved was she among those of her neighbours that the following statement appeared in the local press: "Her services were sought by many in need, and she was ever ready to help anyone." The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church and conducted by the Rev. H. O. Arnett and the writer. Provision was made for a short address at the graveside after which we sang one of the favourite hymns of our sister, "It is well with my soul." There was a large gathering of mourners, villagers, and churchmembers at the interment, which took place at the village cemetery. Our sympathy goes out to her husband at this time, but we are assured that not far distant is the day of reunions, and we sorrow not as those who have no hope, realizing that "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

B. KINMAN.

## From Darkness Into Light

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that peace had come, not only to the nations, but to himself. During the war he had been very sick with dysentery and fever, and had seen hundreds dying round him. He managed to struggle to the base for treatment and after a long time had recovered. There he found a native dresser (male nurse) who had been trained in the mission hospital right near his home. He would sit by his bed in the evening telling him about God and the life beyond. His quiet Christian life had been an example to many, and he had given hope to many a sick heart. Father said he had now decided to live for God, and he and his family would do their best to

uplift neighbours and friends. Mother and children were very happy to hear these words. Mother, too, had attended the Sabbath services lately and she wanted to know more.

This was twenty years ago, and both children are grown up. They are both married and have children of their own. Oloo and her husband went as missionaries to another tribe many, many miles away. She is a great help to her husband in his work. She teaches this foreign tribe the things that she learned at the mission school. For a few years Otieno helped in the mission home and afterward became a handy man for the missionary. Afterward he went to the hospital as a dresser and has become skilled in simple treatment so that his own people call him Doctor Daniel. Daniel was the name he was known by after his baptism. He has built his wife and family a very nice house of three rooms, and goats and chickens are never allowed inside. The old folks are still alive and happy, and it is hard to know what the church would do without them.

So light, joy, peace, and happiness are coming to hundreds of Africans who before had never heard about God and His Son Jesus. Think of Otieno's little friend. Perhaps we can in some way take the good news to our little friends. Although we may not all be missionaries in a far country, yet we can be missionaries right where we are, and God will smile down on us with approval.

MRS. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

## I Paid My Tithe and—!

An elderly couple had a house they were very anxious to sell. They tried for nearly ten years without finding a suitable purchaser. They had been faithful tithe-payers. One day they felt impressed to pray to God, that if He would help them to sell their house, they would give a second tithe on the selling price to the cause of God.

Their house sold almost immediately. A coincidence, you may say. Yes, and coincidences like this always follow faithfulness in returning to God what is His. L.G.H.

# IN MISSION LANDS

## From Darkness Into Light

OTIENO and Oloo lived alone with their mother when the story opens. Oloo, the little girl, was not yet able to walk. Every day when her mother went to dig in her garden Oloo was carried straddled on one hip, and during the hot hours of the day would play or sit on an old piece of goat's skin in the shade of a bush. She had never seen her father. He had gone to fight in the Great War, perhaps in Tanganyika, before she was born. A few had returned to tell of disease and hardship there, but nobody had seen her father. There was no way of getting a letter from him. He couldn't write anyway. They must just wait. They didn't miss him very much. Mother grew all the food they needed in her garden, and she always did the digging, planting, and harvesting herself. The house needed re-thatching before the rains broke, and if Father didn't return to do it, it would mean parting with a goat or two to pay someone else to do it.

A little depression in the floor on one side of the hut served as a fireplace where all the cooking was done. Otieno remembered once letting his little sister roll right into the fire when he should have been minding her. She had been very badly burned on one side, but the mission doctor had put clean dressings on it every day until finally it had healed. She was still badly scarred on one foot, but her mother was grateful that her life was spared, and wondered why her husband had always warned her against the medicine of the white man. She supposed she should not have gone to him, but she was glad she had. When Otieno had malaria so badly the doctor had given him an injection which had cured him very quickly. There was a mission school for African children quite near the hospital. She thought she would let the children go there when they were a little older.

Otieno had a little boy friend whose father was teaching in the

mission school. This little boy had told him many things his father had taught him. He thought it was very good of the great God to send His Son to earth to show Africans how to live better lives. Was the Son a black man or a white man? If He were a white man He must have had a black heart. The mission school taught that God liked all His children to be clean, inside and outside. Otieno thought it quite easy to keep his body clean, but how could he keep clean inside? His friend told him this meant doing good deeds, thinking only good thoughts, and being kind, thoughtful, helpful, and loving.

Their friendship grew, and one day the white missionary called to see if Mother would like to send him to the mission school. He was now about eight years old. Mother knew it would mean more work for her. There were the goats to be attended to and herded, but perhaps she could get a boy from a nearby village to do this for her. Yes, she would let him go. Already he was beginning to keep himself clean, and she had been surprised to see how much help he had given her lately. She'd miss him, she knew. Why, only yesterday she had found him sweeping the compound. Such a thing had never been thought of before. He had told her that when he grew up he was going to build a separate house for the goats. He had heard that God wanted His children to be healthy, and it wasn't healthy for all to sleep on the floor of one small hut. Of course it was warmer on cold nights when one had no blankets. Oloo was now nearly five, old enough to help her mother collect sticks for the fire. She had even been to the river with a little pot balanced on her head, and had returned with it full of water. She had met a party of young girls down there who were washing their clothes and singing songs the like of which she had never heard in the tribal dances. She asked what they were and they told her, "God's songs." They said they had

learned them at the mission school as well as other good things. They told her she would soon be old enough to come. Yes, she would come if Mother agreed.

Then one day their father came home. They didn't know who he was at first and ran into the field calling for Mother. When they were all gathered round the fire that evening, their father told them

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