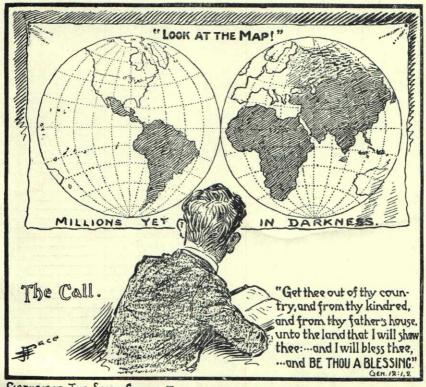
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JOHN WILLIAMS, (A martyr for Christ)

A SOLEMN CHARGE

by JOHN BLOORE of Plainfield, N. J.

(2 Timothy 4:1-4)

UCH in Paul's last letter to Timothy is of great value for us today. This is because the Spirit likens the conditions present in that day with those of the last days-now our days-the issue of which will be finally reached in the coming of the lawless one and the accompanying delusion. He and all his allies in wickedness will meet their doom at the appearing of the Lord as described in 2 Thessalonians 1 and 2. That will be followed by His kingdom in glory and reigning righteousness. The judgment of the living commences with that appearing, and the final judgment of the dead occurs after the close of that Millennial kingdom. Of these events the apostle speaks in his charge to his son in the faith.

With that appearing comes the appointed day of judgment for the world—the assurance of its coming being given in the resurrection of the Judge (Acts 17:31). In those days they preached Jesus and the resurrection, and that involved the solemn declaration of coming world-judgment. Paul had made this known to the Thessalonians in connection with the coming of the Lord, as this related to the times and seasons in which sudden destruction would overtake a slumbering world

(1 Thessalonians 5; 2 Thessalonians 2). In view of this he warns us to be

Watchful, Faithful, Diligent.

In view of it he charges Timothy—Timothy who is to be strong in Christ's grace; a good soldier enduring hardship; who is to run the race according to the rules; who is to be a laboring husbandman; a good workman; a clean vessel—all as being the Lord's servant (2 Timothy 2). All of this has its application to us of these "last days," that we may now prove ourselves to be men of God completely furnished unto all good works through the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3). The charge is

"Preach the Word"

The *manner* in which this is to be fulfilled is clearly stated:

"Be urgent in season and out of season, convict, rebuke, encourage, with all long-suffering and doctrine."

The *reason* then given is clearly manifest today, for the time has come

"When they will not bear sound teaching; they will turn away their ear from the truth, and will have turned aside to fables."

The charge is ours, as well as Timothy's, and ours is the responsibility to carry it out in the manner stated. Surely an impelling motive is found for this in that we now see the reason given being fulfilled all around us.

It is in view of the same solemn aspect of the Lord's coming, that the apostle declares

"God now enjoins men that they shall all everywhere repent."

The Gospel of the grace of God now sent into the world is His call for

"Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

And with this the kingdom of God is preached, and the counsel of God announced (Acts 20:21, 25, 27).

This is still our message—the word we must preach. Hence the call is imperative—go ye into all the world, the testimony of our Lord is to be carried to men everywhere.

The charge to do this is made in view of

The Coming of the Lord,

the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior. That coming brings in the announced judgment upon the world and its living, and is, also, the certain prelude to the final judgment of the dead at the Great White Throne. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

Solemn business! Could there be more cogent reason, more imperative demand, that all of us unite in one spirit, as with one soul, to strive together in the conflict in which we are found in this delusion-darkened age?

This charge is laid upon us in view of the Lord's coming. We stand under this charge before God and Jesus Christ. We must all give account. What will it be in that day when the Lord brings to light the hidden things of darkness, and makes manifest the counsels of the hearts? The coming of the Lord to receive us unto Himself is indeed a blessed hope, but it ushers in for us the day of Christ with the manifestation at His judgment-seat. Not until that day shall we be discharged from the present warfare of faith. But what will be the record then of how we have engaged in this conflict? Will He, our Lord and Master, be able to say to us in that

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"?

THE NEED OF ASIA

A recent estimate showed 45% of the *Chinese Republic* unoccupied by Church or Mission. Out of the 1,608 counties 293 are fairly occupied, 206 inadequately so, and the rest not at all.

Half of *Manchuria* is still out of reach of the Church's witness.

The 2% Christian population of *Korea* still leaves a great unfinished task.

In *Japan* the evangelization of its rural areas has only just begun.

In *Siam* there is a depleted missionary staff and a decreasing Christian community.

In Malaya half the population—the Malays—are still mainly outside the plans of Missions and Church.

There are computed to be 36,000,000 people in the *Netherlands Indies* who are not being reached.

In *Burma* the problem of the evangelization of the great bulk of the population, the Buddhists, is still unsolved.

India has areas with 2,000,000, 3,000,000,

and even 5,000,000 unoccupied. There are in all India 22,000 organized and unorganized worshiping groups, although there are probably Christians resident in at least 50,000 villages. The very success of the work elsewhere in India calls for the *immediate* evangelization of 8,000,000 aborigines and 52,000,000 depressed class people, else this opportunity may slip away. The witness of the Gospel in the Frontier States and districts is totally inadequate, while nearly 500 of the Indian States have no missionary occupation and only a few scattered Christians.

Above all, the great central and northern Asian plateau constitutes the greatest unoccupied area in the world, and the work which, up till recently, was being carried on in Turkestan has had to be closed. There are no Christians resident in half the villages of Ceylon; small groups only are to be found in British territory in Arabia, in Iraq and in Iran.

ALEXANDER McLEISH in World Dominion.

LE FLAMBEAU

by WILLIAM A. DEANS of Belgian Congo

While in Belgium last year we attended the touching Armistice Day exercises at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A flame, called *Le Flambeau*, burns constantly in the tomb, and on Armistice Day many torches are lit from this flame. These are relayed, still burning, to the farflung corners of the Belgian Empire—to Flanders, to Namur, to the Congo. Kept burning at distant points, the lights remind the hearts of patriots of the unknown warrior who gave his life for his country.

To the spiritually minded, this affords an apt illustration of the work of soul-winning and of missionary labors afield. Tenderly the light is carried — the precious truth of the Gospel—to far-off lands, that the illuminating rays may bring a knowledge and glad appreciation of the One Who died to save sinners.

The Gospel was ever carried thus—from one to another. Andrew carried the light to his brother Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and told him. The Samaritan woman left her water-pot, brought the good news to Samaria "and many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman which testified." The man of Gadara was sent back

to his house to tell the news; he was so delighted with His Lord that he published the tidings throughout the whole city, and when the Lord returned He found a city gladly awaiting Him. Paul carried the Gospel torch to Europe and it was passed from mouth to mouth until it reached each of us. Now it is our task to relay it on to others.

When Le Flambeau from the soldier's tomb reaches the remote corners of Belgian territory the men who carried it, the instruments in the relay, are forgotten. Their work is done. The recipients rejoice in the light and in the memory of one who died in combat.

Would that each one of us, inspired by deep devotion to the Lord Jesus and energized by His Spirit, would be exercised regarding our responsibility of relaying the Gospel light. Some may only pass it over the back fence; others carry it far afield. It matters not, it is on its way, and lost souls are being brought out of darkness into His marvelous light.

"Send the light, the blessed Gospel light, Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, and let its radiant beams Light the world for evermore."

Notes

John E. Bodaly, with his wife and son and William Howlett, sailed from New York January 24 on S. S. Scythia for England, on his return to Chitau, Angola. Mr. Howlett during 1939 took a course in the School of Tropical Medicine in London, England, in preparation for his work. On January 15, 1940, three Assemblies in London, Ontario, namely Hamilton Road Gospel Hall, Egerton Street Gospel Hall, and Bethel Chapel, Moore Street, unanimously commended him to the work.

Tidings have come of the ship's safe arrival in England.

KATHLEEN E. BYGRAVE, as soon as pass-

port formalities are completed, plans to remove to El Nathan Home, 26 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. This will probably be consummated before this issue of The Fields is printed. MISS BYGRAVE went to India from Brantford, Ont., in 1901 and is now retired from foreign missionary work. El Nathan, founded by Mrs. Luffe (Sister Abigail), welcomes this veteran and faithful worker as a permanent guest, considering this hospitality a part of its service for the Lord of all the harvest field.

Edna Collins (Mrs. Malcolm B.) Mc-Jannet of *Biula*, *Angola*, (October 24, 1939) My husband is now revising the *Chokwe* dictionary. We put in daily whatever time is available on this work and the Scripture translation. It is very arduous work and I feel rather anxious when I see Malcolm getting thinner and thinner. But we have the promise—"As thy days so shall thy strength be."

ROBERT DEANS of Irumu, Belgian Congo, writes (September 22, 1939, received December 19, 1939)—We baptized 18 last Sunday after our regular services. A crowd of 150 attended, also 4 white strangers who were passing in an automobile. They stopped and came out of their car just as we had two more to baptize.

We are indebted very much to the Sunday Schools, of Albany, N. Y., for the splendid box of bandages, beads, etc., which came through in first class shape. When she opened the box and saw what was sent, Mrs. Deans said, "Praise the Lord."

Lyndon R. Hess returning to Northern Rhodesia plans to sail from New York March 16 and expects to be in the New York district about March 8.

ROBERT Hoy formerly working in France arrived in New York February 4. He is exercised as to his future field of labor.

WILLIAM B. HUXSTER of St. Vincent, B. W. I., writes (December 18, 1939) of a trip to Union Island with lumber to finish an extension to the Gospel Hall there and with food-stuffs from the local Assembly for the needy Christians there who are suffering as a result of the loss of their corn crop.

Norman L. Kion, on furlough from *Trinidad*, B. W. I., because of illness, writes (December 24, 1939) from Orillia, Ont.—By resting pretty well all day I am able to take usual meetings and in some little measure seek to help the Lord's dear people here.

Cornelia Knight outgoing to Belgian Congo, now in hospital training in Philadelphia, writes (December 26, 1939) of many opportunities for testimony and service and of the manifest guidance of the Lord's hand.

MILDRED MacLachlan of French Equatorial Africa arrived in New York with her mother January 21, 1940. Her health

is somewhat improved. She has visited several Assemblies in the New York district speaking of the work at Sisters' meetings.

William C. Maitland, on furlough from Angola writes (December 22, 1939) My health is improving somewhat now, have not had fever for about a week; heretofore have had two to four days' fever each week since coming to Michigan. Strength is returning slowly, for which I do praise the Lord.

FLORENCE M. McKay of Grenada, B. W. I., writes (January 10, 1940) — The work in each of the Assemblies goes on as usual, meetings are well-attended, and it is good to see the local brethren feel their responsibility now that Mr. McKay is gone. While we would welcome help we know we must wait on the Lord for God makes no mistakes and it may be His way of developing gift here.

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY on furlough from Jamaica, B. W. I., because of illness, speaks (December 26, 1939) of improved health and exercise as to the Lord's will for his future service. Meanwhile, in Sunday School, children's meetings, young people's work, visiting, he is kept busy in the Lord's work in Buffalo, N. Y.

IAN RATHIE, on furlough from *Dominican Republic*, reached Vancouver, B. C., the latter part of December and expects to remain in that district for several months, using opportunities to work in the Gospel and to tell of the work in Dominican Republic.

Marjorie A. Rigler outgoing to Angola writes (December 10, 1939) from Lisbon, Portugal, The conditions in other lands make us appreciate more than ever the blessings of our own. We visited some of the homes yesterday, and I came back with a heart burdened. I've talked of the poverty before, but now it is winter, and there are no fires, no warm clothes, no good hot strengthening food. Just an existence, and no Santa Claus Fund or Ladies' Aid or Sunday Schools. We will do what we can, especially for the Sunday School kiddies who come regularly, but I wish, I wish, I wish—we could do so much more!

Mrs. E. J. THARP and her two daughters, Ruth and Barbara, plan to sail from San Francisco, Calif., on the S. S. Asama Maru, on March 11, for their field of labor near Ling-Yuan, Manchukuo. The nerve specialist who has been consulted recommended that Miss Ruth return to her work at once for the benefit of her health. BROTHER THARP will remain on the continent for a time ministering in the various Assemblies. Their present address is 1002 Longwood Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Eva C. Watson of 25 Pinewood Avenue, Toronto, Ont., formerly of Venezuela, writes that since there is no present prospect of her returning to that field continuing her name might give a wrong impression. Her friends are confident that in her present sphere she will find abundant opportunities to serve the Lord.

PRAYER REQUEST

120,000 copies (nearly 1,000,000 pages) of the Spanish Gospel magazine Palabras Fieles is now in the mails and being distributed in nearly twenty Spanish countries.

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that it might be a SAVOR OF LIFE UNTO LIFE TO THE MANY READERS!

that it may be possible TO PRINT AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE! (It has been going out ONLY ONCE A YEAR).

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Letters

HONDURAS

Truiillo JOHN RUDDOCK-On a recent visit to the Carib village of Aguan some who have hitherto resisted the Gospel came to the meetings. The priest has vigorously opposed and had just issued a paper saying that those that listen and accept the teachings of the evangelistas are to be excommunicated and cannot even be buried in the cemetery. This caused a little stir among the believers and many were the questions they put to us about it. There are now 25 believers in this village. With what interest they listened as we proclaimed the Gospel, what interesting questions they asked, and how well they used the New Testaments we had given them. They loved the hymns we taught them and sang them over and over again; one of their favorites was "We speak of the land of the blest." Several desire baptism.

My wife and Mrs. Scollon made a trip to *Tela*. However, the rains began the day they arrived and it was hard for the sisters there to get out. Last week an Arab woman professed to be saved in Tela.

Mr. Scollon and I had previously visited the far off *Carib* villages, having meetings, giving out tracts from door to door, and engaging in personal conversations. Good interest was shown and a hearty welcome was given us from the believers in those parts. It is the only trip we have been able to make up that way this season. Now our rainy season is on and we shall not be able to get out so far afield.

With my wife and our two children I hope to be able to visit the United States soon. We are not quite sure as to exactly when but are looking to the Lord for guidance. Mr. and Mrs. Scollon expect to stay in Trujillo during our absence.

November 24, 1939

ARGENTINA

Tucumán Reginald Powell—Since the October conference the attendance in the ordinary meetings is encouraging. We get 100 or more in the Sun-

day night meeting in the main Hall; and an average of 40 or so in the prayer-meetings and the young people's meetings. The Sunday School attendance has been around 80; in the branch Halls in the city and out at *Tafi Viejo* we have also much to praise the Lord for. From time to time the Lord gives us the joy of seeing souls confess Christ as Savior.

In December we are hoping to move out to Tafi Viejo to make that our head-quarters for the summer. It is just about 8 miles from here but is somewhat higher and as a result the nights are cooler. We feel that we should make such a change for the hot summer months. This will enable us to do more work in that important railway town of over 20,000 population, and also to continue helping here in Tucumán, since there is a good bus service. Of course we shall be returning to the city when the summer is finished. Nov. 24, 1939

VENEZUELA

Puerto Cabello RUTH W. SCOTT—The school has grown in numbers in spite of the attempts of the priests

and nuns to frighten away the children.

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Colegio Evangélico Puerto Cabello, Venezuela

We have 140
enrolled, only
30 from
Christian
families.
Nearly all

Nearly all listen attentively and learn Gospel verses with interest and some of these new scholars seem interested in the

Gospel. But we have not had any really anxious to receive Christ for a good while, so we value your prayers that we may win these young folk for the Lord. We avoid pressing them to make a decision, as this leads to superficial professions in so many cases.

One little girl was taken out of school and sent to the Capital to get her away from the Gospel influence. But her sister here says that they are bringing her back, as she cries herself to sleep with the New Testament which she reads a great deal; so they say, "Let her have what she wants! She'll get over it." We hope that she may not "get over it," as, alas, many have done, or seem to have done so far.

At the New Year's Day Conference 250 partook of the Lord's Supper and over 400 were at the night meetings. Only three of the preachers were missionaries; the Venezuelan brethren gave good ministry. At the testimony meeting on New Year's night 8 Venezuelan brethren told briefly how they were brought out of Rome's darkness into the glorious liberty of the children of God. In spite of the hard times, the Lord abundantly provided for all expenses.

January 15, 1940

DOMINICA

Roseau NICK RUSSELL — Opposition to the Gospel in Dominica has greatly increased since I was able to take the good-news to some new towns, which theretofore had been visited only by Roman Catholic priests.

In one town called *Delices*, a Belgian priest came over 30 miles from one of the most fanatical towns, announcing that he was coming up to fight. He and a mob of fanatical Roman Catholics stood around my house for several hours, awaiting his command to start something. However a local policeman and a retired British Army captain told him they didn't want any trouble. The mob returned each night outside the house where I held meetings, and on one occasion two stones fell on the roof.

These occurrences are common in Dominica and cause some to realize that Rome in reality hates our "Book," rather than us personally. These poor, dear peopeople, who speak a patios and but little English, sorely need pastors, married couples, to stay right with them and help them each day in the very simplest truths of salvation in Him and fellowship with Him. When they come to my meetings this automatically means that they are immediately excommunicated, told that their souls are lost, told they'll not be visited when sick, told they'll not be buried when

dead, all their friends boycott them, etc., etc.

I am at present in *Barbados* on my way to learn French from a sister in *French Guiana* and hope to stop in *Trinidad* on my way. I believe the Lord has called me to go into the French islands of *Martinique* and *Guadeloupe*, and if I should settle in Dominica to do pastoral work, I believe that it would be the Lord's second best. The French islands *must hear* the Gospel, and I pray that He will raise up at least a couple or two to stay in Dominica. Also, I sorely need a helper young enough to travel with me in the work, and earnestly covet your prayers that He may send me one very, very soon.

I'm hoping that ARTHUR C. PETERKIN will return with me to Dominica for a time, but as yet don't know if he'll be able.

Please bring before believers the need of Dominica, the French islands, and St. Lucia.

The enclosed article was published in a Roman newspaper after I had finished about a half of my journey to the unreached districts.

November 23, 1939

NICK RUSSELL Unauthorized Preacher

Unlike a better sower who sowed good seeds of which some at least came to bearing the above plays on the untutored minds of the innocent and lavishly sows the seeds of error and ill-will.

Unfortunately he is helped occasionally, unwittingly perhaps, by the civil authorities as for example when the Police Station at the Carib Reserve was placed at his disposal. Unfortunately for him the meeting was a fiasco as the Caribs, however aboriginal they may be in appearance, showed their intelligence by shunning "Nicky's" harangue. Again at the school house the leaflets which he had distributed were torn up in toto by the recipients. Forgetting that news carries far and wide this apostle of untruth has referred to the people of Grand Bay as savages when he spoke at Soufriere. We hope he will be wise enough to shun Grand Bay for the next few months as the inhabitants will certainly take his words to heart and, perhaps, live up to his description.

Similarly with misdirected enthusiasm Russell has been proving himself an abominable nuisance in Vieille Case, by going from house to house forcing his stupid leaflets on the people. He must be exceedingly thick-skinned to have stayed around while the inhabitants tore up his leaflets and tossed them in the wind to carry them where it would. The Dominica Chronicle.

PUERTO RICO

HENRY FLETCHER - Here, of these Spanish-speaking people, 98% are Roman Catholic; as a consequence the ground is hard. Then again, most of the sects and the "isms" are represented, and those of a "pentecostal" nature run for a time like wildfire, leaving in many cases a sad trail. But God has come in in the riches of His grace and saved some. For the past 8 years there has been an Assembly in Santurce, which is a part of the capital city of San Juan. The Sunday School is really encouraging; this last Lord's Day our little Hall was packed. I have been holding a weekly meeting in a farm house at a place 40 miles from here where there is an interest in the Gospel. Mrs. Fletcher always accompanies me and her presence is a great help. There is a group there who say they are saved. Perhaps 3 dozen Bibles or so, have been taken out to different ones who give us the money to buy them at the American Bible Society's depot here. It means a sacrifice for these country people to buy a Bible, for they are extremely poor, only getting seasonal work in the sugar cane fields. Please pray for this group that they may be led on in the ways which be in Christ. December 21, 1939

ST. KITTS

Basseterre Mollie Creeth— Having completed 3 years in the Lord's service in St. Kitts at the end of last month, we can now look back over that time and see what great things the Lord has done for us. We can indeed thank our Heavenly Father for all the way planned out for us, and for His guiding and keeping power.

Since writing you last, another Hall has been built in a village where our native brethren had been carrying on an open-air Sunday School for about 5 months, now we have a Gospel testimony there Lord's Day and Wednesday nights, and the Lord has saved many precious souls. Our native brethren look upon this work as theirs, they usually bring the Gospel messages, and last Wednesday night 3 stayed behind after the meeting

and trusted the Savior. This was a great encouragement to our young men, who have a real desire to be helpers together in this great work of winning precious souls for the Master.

Another open-air Sunday School was started about 3 months ago in another very needy village, where the Gospel is very seldom proclaimed. This makes four Sunday Schools in connection with the town Assembly, and 3 Gospel testimonies.

On moonlight nights for open-air services about 35 of the Christians from town walk out to *Monkey Hill* village 3 miles out of town where the new Sunday School has started. The sisters help in the singing, and the brethren give the messages; we certainly have a lovely time and usually have a large crowd of interested listeners.

The Challenger's work continues with great interest, and we are looking forward to the time when an Assembly will be formed in this village, and the Christians gathered together in a Scriptural way. A women's meeting has been started some weeks ago and the interest keeps up. Every week we are seeing new faces. Quite a few of these dear women have been saved and take a real interest in all the meetings.

Much precious seed has also been sown through our Tract Band which distributes almost 2,000 silent messengers monthly; the Lord has signally blessed this work, and today we have in our Assembly those who came to the Hall through receiving a tract and an invitation to the meetings.

November 13, 1939

ST. VINCENT

Kingstown William B. Huxster—Since the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Annan I have been able to put in a week at needy Bequia. Our testimony on the south side of the island has been going on for many years, though with little progress in numbers. While Mr. Gillespie was in Bequia some time ago, he had blessing, out of which 3 were baptized and added to the number of those above mentioned. These have proved faithful.

On last Lord's Day morning a young man paid me a very early visit, to inform me that he was burdened with his sins. After a little reading and conversation he appeared to find peace. He was at the prayer-meeting here in town last night and one could not fail to note the change of countenance. His surname is Harry, and he gave good evidence of having been transformed from the preceding day's gloom into a "Happy Harry."

St. Vincent James D. H. Annan — War has made its mark on this little island and one indication is that all letters are censored, so we will be brief to help the censor and to avoid delaying our letter.

The trip down on the S. S. Brazil was uneventful. They took care that the world might learn it was an American ship; large American flags painted on each side, amidships, were well illuminated by spotlights each night. Apart from this there was no evidence of war. Most of the passengers aboard were from South America and spoke Spanish.

In Barbados we had to leave our camera with the Customs Officer, as no visitor can take pictures without special permission from the police. Three practice blackouts have been held in this island, similar to the old country. Then too the government has fixed prices on all foodstuffs, as they have also done in St. Vincent. Absence of tourists is very marked and must make a difference to the trade of the islands, especially Barbados, which was a winter resort for many wealthy people.

We sailed from Barbados for the seven-hour run to St. Vincent on the Canadian Lady Boat. Formerly these ships were the essence of punctuality and conspicuous for their spotless white paint. These things have disappeared in war. Only the Captain seems to know when the ship will sail and the whole hull is painted a sickly depressing grey, the usual wardress of the merchant service. Portholes and even the windows of the lounges are painted black on the inside. Hallways are illuminated only by small blue bulbs and everything has a dismal appearance. We were glad when we reached St. Vincent.

Already we have shared in the work in Kingstown and in Mesopotamia Valley.

Once again we preach the Gospel to the paupers and the lepers. In my absence the Sunday School here has been well looked after by two native brethren; they show the results of their hard labors in a fine attendance. Last night the Hall was filled to capacity and I had real liberty in preaching the Gospel. The recent epidemic of typhoid and the war seems to have solemnized many and we trust will lead them to trust in the Lord. As soon as I visit the other Assemblies I will write a little report and tell you of the changes noted on our return.

(In spite of Mr. Annan's desire to "help," this letter was delayed and reached us with a large hole cut by the censor—Editor.)

James D. H. Annan—Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, of Christian parentage. Convert-

ed at age 16 in Toronto, Canada. Missionary interest definitely aroused through Mr. Charles W. Kramer of Central America. While attending Toronto Bible College became interested in the West Indies through contact with Mr. H. P. Barker and



paid a visit to these Islands in the summer of 1932. On completion of studies at the College was commended to the work in April, 1934, by Gilead Assembly, Toronto. Sailed in the fall of that year to the British West Indies. At present stationed in *St. Vincent*.

M. Audrey Nelson-Born in Toronto,

Canada, of Christian parents. Born again at age 7. Surrendered her life to the Lord when in her late teens. Associated with Mr. Annan in Christian work in Toronto, to whom she was married in September, 1934. Left immediately for the

British West Indies.

PORTUGAL

VIRIATO A. SOBRAL — The Estarreja saints at Silveiro started a fortnight ago building their new Hall, after a struggle for more than 6 months with the powers of darkness. Again they were stopped, and 3 of the brethren were told by one of the authorities at Town Hall that they do not know half of what has been done to prevent them from building the Hall. Many of the believers help in the work. One day 13 of them were helping with their hands and ox carts; even some unbelievers helped, too. The roof was put up last Saturday. We hope that they will soon finish it for they need a better place for meetings.

The meetings in the other villages continue the same, only with a little more opposition, physically, at Estarreja. We are looking to the Lord for guidance for the soon opening of Sao Marcos. We would appreciate your prayers for this place.

Last month we went to the Medical Mission in *Lisbon* for 10 days meetings for believers, and had the joy of meeting there our Sister Miss Marjorie Rigler. The Lord prepare and bless her for the work which He has for her in days to come.

November 13, 1939

PALESTINE

Tel Aviv SYDNEY BONYUN - Our English classes for Jews are so full that we have had to refuse many. Mr. Knowles spoke to all the pupils last Monday on Messianic prophecy—the hall was crowded, several having to stand. Prejudice is being overcome. Some of the pupils who are studying the Old Testament in their weekly Bible class have said, "Why not let us study the New Testament?" Yesterday during the tract distribution only two copies of Mr. Ostorfsky's monthly paper were torn. But we long to see some really turn to the Lord. One young fellow who attended Christian meetings in Poland is asking for baptism, and another Jew from Baghdad is interested and has shown some change. November 26, 1939 (received January 10, 1940)

When did you last pray for some missionary by name?

BELGIAN CONGO

WILLIAM A. SPEES — We are Irumu overjoyed to be able to report signs of encouragement in the work amongst the Pigmies. Less than 2 miles south of us in this dense forest are 3 camps of very friendly Pigmies of whom 6 have, one by one, confessed the Lord. When these Pigmies would come into the station school to hear the Gospel they seemed a bit shy of the other natives. So we went out. Gathering together these 3 camps and their chiefs, we suggested their building a chapel of their own-emphasizing the fact that this chapel would be exclusively for the Pigmies of these 3 camps. It would be situated in the most central place in their section of the forest, so that no matter where they should move for a new camp they could still come to their chapel. They said, Iko muzuri sana (It is very good!), and their chapel, D. V., will be finished before this week is up! These Pigmies put the other natives to shame with their speed in cutting the upright poles, the ridge poles, clearing the place in the forest for the chapel itself and gathering from the forest vines that they use in tying the building together. Of course we had to supervise the construction, for their little oval huts are all that they know how to build. But they worked willingly and quickly and even two of the chiefs took part—the third chief being too old. Of course no one would suggest in the hearing of this third fellow that he wasn't helping, for as the work goes on he can be seen seated alongside, "pushing" the work as he says. We gave these Pigmies no "bait" to encourage them to do the work, but rather impressed upon them that this shall be their chapel. We will go many times a week and teach them to read and write, and to sing Gospel choruses. Of course we begin every gathering with the Good News. Already one of the Christian natives in the Assembly here at Lolwa has expressed his desire to teach these Pigmies when their chapel is completed. If the Lord so leads we will have our first out-school amongst these Pigmies.

December 7, 1939

Lolwa ROBERT S. DEANS, JR.—Our problem is how to divide our company at Lolwa in a way most useful to the spreading of the Gospel. We would like nothing better than to live out with the tribes who have never heard the Name of Christ. But we cannot completely forget the station, the school, and the alreadyformed out-schools. We have been in prayer that others might aid in the "battle" and we know that the Lord understands. Bill Spees and I are planning a safari to the pigmies this coming month, leaving mother, dad, and Ella to carry on with the school and station work. A girls' work already started, and a boys' work which, Lord willing, soon will be started, prevent us from staying as long as we would like. Please continue in prayer for us here, for there are difficulties which arise that many in the homeland never know a thing about. We are thankful for real encouragements, too. A very great interest has arisen among the pigmies, and other tribes are pleading for out-school teachers. At the present time there are only 9 out-schools along the Mambasa road (in the forest) but other natives are in training and will, Lord willing, soon be opening other schools. October 10, 1939

Nyang-WILLIAM A. DEANS - Our kundi hearts have been burdened for years for the Banyali, a tribe to the North. This forest tribe is notoriously immoral, or "unmoral" might better describe them. Deluded by Romanism they have succeeded in mixing sin and "religion" and the blend is tragic. Heathen fetishes hang in perfect harmony with Roman Catholic medals around their necks. God's Word is hated. Several years ago we gave copies of John's Gospel on one of our preliminary mapping visits to a number who came asking for literature. They slipped away, presumably to read the Word. Upon our quitting the village we found a path strewn with torn bits of the Gospels for several hundred meters. The same spirit still prevails, but there are a few who, Nicodemus like, have come privately and trusted the Lord. Priestridden, they fear, but sense that what they have will not make heaven.

Seven young men are ready to go to the tribe with the Gospel. A governmental formality requires that each local chief give assent before the Word may be preached. By "wire pulling" the priests have succeeded so far in keeping this avenue closed.

In the villages nearer at hand the Lord has been graciously working. From over 50 village centers the Word goes forth daily. Around *Nyangkundi*, in addition to the local Assembly, are three other indigenous Assemblies where believers gather unto Him.

November 9, 1939

ANGOLA

Biula MALCOLM B. McJannet -Last month we had the privilege of spending a little while in the villages at the Lushiha. Two brethren have been there for a couple of years, but it seems a hard district and as yet only a few conversions. The Assembly keeps small; this in part because of some going away for work, etc. The brother who holds school for the children, after undergoing an operation at Boma, is back again, we trust to be used together with the elder there. We sought to cheer the little Assembly with the Word and were able to go out daily to the villages around. There were always the ready listeners, but, oh, for the understanding and willing heart!

October 27, 1939

WAR'S ALARMS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

On the day that the war broke out a government official arrived at Sakeji School in Northern Rhodesia and gave them a few hours in which to evacuate. He stated it had been learned on good authority that an invasion of Northern Rhodesia had been planned for the near future. All of the children and the missionaries in that part of the Country had to go to the government post where they remained for over a month before being allowed to return to their posts. Mr. Nightingale sent the children back to their homes until the reopening of the School in January, 1940.

If the ears of sinners be shut to our words, let our mouth be opened at the Mercy-seat on their behalf.

ROBERT C. CHAPMAN

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA

Moissala F. WILLIAM ROGERS—Classes and meetings are being carried on as before, and we are still much encouraged in the attendance and interest. The Lord is calling out a people for His Name, adding them to the Church in this distant field.

An old man from Senegal, a pensioned soldier and an infirmier (hospital attendant), lives in this village. He was strongly opposed to the Word of God and was continually drinking. His Mbai wife was saved about a year ago, and last month he was saved. He is a trophy of grace; now he no longer drinks the native beer and is a changed character.

Natives have been recruited from these parts for service in France, and all of us are now on food rations; so you see that the war-effects are felt even in Central Africa.

October 18, 1939

NATAL

(writing from ADAM N. FERGUSON — Last week we were invited to take over the work at the Elim Mission Station in Natal. This

station at present is under the supervision of Mr. McKenzie, of Australia. Following Mrs. McKenzie's death last September, he has decided to leave the field with his two daughters and return to Australia. This leaves the work at Elim vacant, and my wife and I have been asked to assume the supervision of the work in their stead.

After a time of serious exercise this message comes to us with a voice of assurance as the definite command of the Lord of the harvest. We expect, in the *Lord's* will, to sail May 4 from Brooklyn, N. Y., by S. S. West Isleta of the American-South African Line.

January 17, 1940

Livoko ku mulomba, livoko ku muvuke. (One hand on the mulomba, the other on the muvuke)

The *mulomba* and the *muvuke* are two kinds of trees. Says the proverb, "If you take hold of one tree with one hand and another with the other, you can't climb either one." Christ or sin: you cannot have both!

Lwena Proverb

reported by Albert E. Horton.

INDIA

Banka E. Gordon Williamson —

Yesterday I returned from a town 31 miles to the north, where I had spent a couple of days working in a large mela held in connection with the annual Hindu Dashera celebrations.

These last for about a fortnight, beginning on the first day of the moon's wane. The Hindus believe that at this time the souls of their long departed ones return to sojourn in their former abodes for 14 days and, therefore, oblations must be offered to them the first thing every morning. First the male head of the household goes to the sacred river or tank, led by a learned pundit. After bathing ceremoniously he offers flowers, water, and other gifts to the accompaniment of the muttering of charms. On the 15th day, the day of the new moon, a further ceremony is performed, followed by a feast; then the Brahmins and poor folk of the village are sumptuously fed. Not only are the departed ancestors thus honored, but all kinds of imaginary spirit beings are remembered and oblations offered. Finally Mother Durga comes and stays for a brief 3 days and nights. It is at this time that the melas are held in her honor and her images are worshiped by the thousands of devotees who gather at these religious fairs in place3 scattered all over India. On the last day of the mela, about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the idol is brought out of the temple and carried up and down amongst the thousands of excited Hindus. Previous to this they had been besieging her temple, crushing inside to offer their worship. It seems to be a case of every man for himself, so that there are usually police present to control things a bit. As the idol is carried up and down, followed by the cheering crowds, the people line both sides of the roadway making their obeisance as it passes. Finally at sunset the images (there are often more than one) are taken to some nearby pond or river and thrown into the water where they are allowed to remain till more or less dissolved. I suppose this signifies the departure of Mother Durga.

The town where I went to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ amidst such celebrations, is situated on the banks of the Ganges; the devotees had what to them, I suppose, must be the advantage of casting the idol into that sacred stream. There were a few Indian workers from another mission working in the *mela* and in the late afternoon of the first day we united for preaching. Before making contact with them I had been preaching alone and selling Gospels but I was much disappointed that only a very few portions of the Word of God were disposed of. However, the

Lord can use these few and also the tracts, as well as the spoken word which reached many, either as groups, crowds, or individuals.

On my way home on the third day I stopped off at a wayside market which I had visited only once previously. There was a large proportion of illiterate people here but I was able to preach several times and sold some Gospels and tracts. It is hard work preaching and singing alone. Recently I was able to purchase an accordian and this I find not only very helpful but absolutely necessary to attract the people, without some such attraction no one bothers to come near and listen. So after one has played and sung and preached for 15 or 20 minutes, putting all one's soul and being into it, one is forced to stop and rest a bit. Here is the need of a companion in the work and we should greatly desire the help of a keen Indian worker if the Lord raised up such a one.

Another very important matter for prayer is that 4 high caste young men, 2 of them Brahmins and one a nominal Christian, who have professed to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, might be led to see the need of confessing the Lord openly by baptism and coming out boldly for Him. So far they are all content to be secret believers if indeed they are even such and are consequently of no influence to their fellow men. Oct. 24, 1939

Ilanji

Annie Watson — We have now 10 children's meetings weekly and have been asked to start two more which I hope to do next month. Not many of the children can read, and they need a whole month to memorize one verse and learn a lesson and part of a hymn. Every week they repeat the verses learned during the year, are questioned on the lessons, and sing hymns. At the end of the year most of the children know well twelve verses, twelve Gospel stories, and a number of hymns. We reach about 800 weekly.

We know that many take the Gospel home. In fact it was reports heard from mothers of what the children told them that encouraged us to take up this work. The discouraging part about it is that as soon as they begin to show interest they are hindered from coming. One boy who was very keen has been sent elsewhere to study; however, these all know the way of salvation, and this is where you can help. Pray that the good seed so abundantly sown may yet bear an abundant harvest.

September 30, 1939

Royapuram HILDUR EKMAN—I expect to continue for the cool season camping here in one of our big Hindu villages. The Lord wonderfully assisted in turning over all my Anglo-Indian work in Madras City to be carried on by themselves in the future. The two Sunday Schools, the two mothers' meetings, and considerable of the hospital work and home visiting will be done too by able men and women in fellowship in our English Assembly. I hope to continue to make a weekly visit in the City, but this arrangement has left me free to spend all the time out here in these needy Hindu villages.

Each morning I have a dispensary which offers splendid contacts with rich and poor, caste and out-caste. In the afternoons with native helpers I visit the many surrounding villages where we are still welcome with the gospel story.

Your prayers will be greatly valued for the work here. November 27, 1939

A VETERAN CALLED HOME

Thomas Henry Maynard, born, 1865, in Kent., England, called Home suddenly,

Lord's Day evening, December 10, 1939, at Lake Cowichan, Vancouver Island, B. C., Canada.

Converted early in life, became interested in foreign missions and in August, 1887, went to India as a missionary. In 1894 started work in Tinnevelly district. Here



he labored with his wife till they went back to Tunbridge Wells, England with their family in 1912. After a few months in Victoria, B. C., he returned, in 1913, to India. But after three years, under Doctor's orders, was obliged to leave the work and rejoined his family in British Columbia.

His pioneering missionary spirit was undaunted. He began visiting outlying districts and small towns on Vancouver Island. It was largely through his efforts the Oaklands Gospel Hall, Victoria, B. C., Assembly was started in 1913.

Since 1932 he has lived at Lake Cowichan—about 60 miles from Victoria, B. C. — a scattered district, where millions of feet of lumber are cut annually. A disused floating dance-hall, remodelled into a splendid preaching Hall and residence was used for several years. Now a small Assembly meets in a permanent building known as Hope Hall.

Lord's Day morning, December 10, he closed the meeting by quoting the two verses of hymn number 78, Believers Hymn Book, "How good is the God we adore." After lunch he visited a number of sick folk and encouraged others to attend the Gospel Meeting. No anxiety was felt when he did not return for supper, but when he did not appear at the Gospel meeting, a search party was organized, and his body was found lying on the pathway, not far from his home. Heart failure had caused his death.

By request a funeral service in Hope Hall was crowded with sympathizing friends, from the district and many up-Island towns. December 13 a funeral and memorial service was held in the Oaklands Gospel Hall, Victoria.

A brother beloved: courteous, sympathetic, and a wise counsellor. Brother Maynard's vision of the need and his faith enabled him to itinerate; to strike out—knowing his God would supply all his need. His place will be hard to fill.

JEHOL PROVINCE

Lingyuan ROBERT N. THARP—My wife and I are now the only Europeans on the station here. We have been able to get out into the country quite a lot recently with the Gospel car, and we are looking forward to the general freeze up when roads and rivers will be in their best

condition for traveling, and when the people are idle and have time to listen to the Gospel.

Early this Spring the country-people held a number of large heathen festivals. The main feature is an open-air theatre troupe performing in front of the idols, and the whole thing continuing for six days to insure the blessing of the god on their land and crops. We pitched our tent at each one of these festivals; thousands of people heard the Gospel message in succession. At sun-up the crowds would gather to watch the theatre, and our tent would soon be full of people eager to hear. A group of us took turns preaching from morning to night with scarcely a break, and very seldom did we have less than 60 people in the tent, whilst on some occasions we had it packed with twice that number. The tent itself only measures 12 feet by 16 feet, so you can readily imagine the sort of crush that ensued. For three days of rain at one fair the people packed the tent full, and for hours on end we had the same group of listeners.

Our new panel truck donated by a group of the Lord's people in the States, is a tremendous boon in this work. Much higher and larger than the old car, it carries the tent and its poles and benches and five passengers. It negotiates roads and rivers impassable by anything smaller, and the powerful engine is a necessity for pulling through the mud that prevails here at most seasons.

We are encouraged in the Sunday School. Some who love to come are soundly beaten if their parents find it out. One tongue-tied boy, who nevertheless loves to sing the hymns, on two occasions has led the Bible woman to his home to meet his mother, though the latter has all but driven the Bible woman away.

Two Christian young men are now working full time on the press work. We have printed nearly 500,000 tracts this year and about 40,000 sheet calendars and 3,000 Scripture Block Calendars.

The Christians are going through hard times with the tremendous rise in the cost of living, and thieves are rampant because of the distress all around. Nov. 16, 1939

Lung Hwa

J. Russell Davis — During
this time of year when farmers are not busy, and so have

time to listen to the Gospel, I have planned several trips out from Lung Hwa in various directions, working in villages as we go. I am just back from the first of these trips, in which we worked in villages to the north of us. I was accompanied by two Chinese brethren, one of whom rode a donkey and drove another on which we loaded our bedding, Gospels, tracts, Gospel calendars, and other supplies. other brother accompanied me on bicycle. In each village we preached the Gospel, distributed tracts and Gospel calendars for the coming year, and sold Gospel portions. At night we would sleep in whatever village we were working when night fell. We had a good hearing in every place, and the Gospel calendars were enthusiastically received. We gave the calendars to all who listened and also broadcast them on the village streets to all who passed, but I am glad to say that we were able to sell more Scripture portions than the number of calendars given away. This shows the desire for the Word of God among the people here, and also shows the appreciation of the people for the price that the Bible Society makes possible on these portions. We are able to sell the four Gospels and Acts as a set for the equivalent of about 2/10 of a cent, and a set of ten portions for a half cent. It is wonderful to see God's Word going into so many homes, and we can only pray that it will be read, and that God will bless His Word to the salvation of many souls. It is also a joy on these trips to visit isolated Christians and seek to encourage them to go on for the Lord.

We will value your continued prayer interest as we seek to go on with this work and with the regular work in the hall here in Lung Hwa. Local interest holds up well, but we know that some of the professing Christians are kept away from the meetings through the fear of man. We can only pray for them and seek to help them to see the necessity of continued fellowship with the assembly. We rejoice that even in the face of some persecution all of

the baptized Christians are standing firm and are unafraid. Do pray for them as they need much prayer in these days.

December 8, 1939

PHILIPPINES

CYRIL H. BROOKS-You may Manila have heard, while we were home on furlough, how the Hall in San Juan was built through the loving devotion of our dear sister, TIMOTEA. At the time it was undoubtedly the Lord's provision for the Assembly, though the Hall was rather small, not well constructed as to be termite-proof, and was some distance from the main road. For a long time we have prayed and wished for a larger and better place. Recent developments are forcing us to move. According to a recent survey a new highway will run beside this land. This leads to the projected Quezon City, a grandiose plan to build a new city east of Manila, Incidentally this will greatly add to the size and importance of San Juan. The land-owner has given us notice to move as he wants to put a store on the new corner. This means that by the new year we must find another site for the Hall. The Assembly hope to purchase a lot and to rebuild, using as much of the present material as possible, but building a larger Hall.

We recommenced radio broadcasting in September and have sent out over 30 booklets requested through the mails, from all parts of the Islands. A Sunday School teacher asked for literature for all his class and had invited friends to listen in with him. Some sailors in the U.S. Navy, true believers with a desire to reach others of their comrades, have an informal meeting in the apartment of one of them. They invite other service men to join them. I was asked to speak there the week before last and one soldier accepted Christ as His Savior after the service. We are glad to encourage these believers in their service for the Lord. There is a great need for Gospel witness among American service men out here. Most of us missionaries are so tied up in work among the Filipinos that we have no time to minister to this November 21, 1939 needy group.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

On January 18, 1940, this Special Bulletin was sent to the Assemblies in the United States and Canada:

Word has just been received that MISS ROSE M. SPARKS of Mihijam, Bihar, India, is very ill. In her last letter to The Fields published in the October issue, she said, "the Lord willing I expect to go down to Calcutta next month for a few weeks." It now transpires that the object of her trip was a thorough medical and X-ray examination at the School of Tropical Medicine there. Serious lung troruble was disclosed and she was forbidden to return to her work. In October she entered the Rendra Road Sanatorium, in the Bilaspar District, 400 miles from her sphere of labor.

Letters from her fellow-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowat, plead earnestly for the prompt fulfillment of Miss Sparks' desire to return to America, particularly because she needs medical treatment at home and her expenses in the Sanatorium are considerable. This advice is urgently seconded by Brethren W. E. Vine and W. R.

LEWIS of Echoes of Service, Bath, England.

Convinced that Christians in the Assemblies of the United States and Canada would desire and support prompt action, Mr. Richard Hill has, by cable, reserved passage on an American Export Line steamer sailing direct from Calcutta, India, for New York by way of the Suez Canal.

Those desiring to have fellowship in the expenses of the return and the care of this faithful servant of the Lord may send their gifts either to

Avondale (Chicago) Assembly, Ernest D. Myers, Correspondent, 3047 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

or, to
THE FIELDS,
75 Maiden Lane,
New York, N. Y.

Later: —A cable message reports that MISS SPARKS was unable to take the February boat but is booked on S. S. *Excellency* leaving early in March. The staff doctor of the Steamship Line has responded and offered Hospital Service.

Rose M. Sparks was long interested regarding the darkness and the hard lives of the widows in India. Reports of missionaries and the studies of the Chicago Missionary Study Class increased her exercise into a definite call to go over to India and help them. In 1921 and 1922 she lived at the Missionary School in Brooklyn and was an active helper in the work of the James Slip Gospel Mission, Manhattan. Commended to the work by her home Assembly in Avondale, Chicago, she sailed for India, November 10, 1923. Except for one furlough, she ever since has worked faithfully amongst the women and children of the villages and in the Orphanage

at Mihijam, Bihar Province, in the Northeast of India. Mr. Rowar writes (November 14, 1939):

She has been laboring with us in the Gospel for several years, her service being chiefly in village Gospel work with her Bible woman and she has rendered valuable help among the Indian orphans in caring for them during our absence on the hills. As much prayer is going up from us and the Indian believers here, we shall expect our loving heavenly Father to guide, help, and bless His child who so faithfully served the Lord in this district, being the only unmarried sister from our Assemblies laboring for the Lord in needy Behar. We commend her to your fellowship and prayers. No doubt her faith is severely tried at times, but she even in the hospital is witnessing for the Lord with signs of blessing to souls.

(All gifts will be acknowledged in The Fields and to each Assembly or individual participating in this service a full report of receipts and disbursements will be sent. Should an amount larger than necessary be received, the balance will be sent to foreign-field workers commended by the Assemblies, and an accounting be made to all givers.)

List of Workers in Foreign Fields

Arranged by Location of Assemblies Commending

* Married.

† On Furlough.

† Outgoing.

London

1916 *Bodaly, John E., Angola.

Orillia

1927 *Kion, Norman L. †, Trinidad, B. W. I.

Peterborough

1935 *Butcher, George, Northern Rhodesia. (Mrs. Butcher commended from Kingston, Ont.) 1934 Eustace, Minnie E. (Mrs. J. P.), St. Vin-

cent. B. W. I. (Mr. Eustace a native.)

St. Catherine's

1932 Brubacher, Miss Melinda, Guatemala.

Stratford

1932 *Caldwell, Colin C., Puerto Rico.

Toronto

1934 *Annan, James D. H., St. Vincent, B. W. I.

Bonyun, Miss Sydney Maude, Palestine. 1938

1926 *Brown, Charles F., St. Kitts, B. W. I. Creeth, Miss Mollie, St. Kitts, B. W. I.

1936 1903 *Furniss, Mrs. Alfred, Argentina.

(Mr. Furniss commended from Scotland.) 1926 *Gerrard, Herbert A., Argentina.

1935 *Gillespie, William, Sr. †, St. Vincent, B.

*Gray, Mrs. Ernesto G., Argentina. 1903

(Mr. Gray commended from Buenos Aires.)

1927 Greaves, Miss Grace, Guatemala. 1924 Gulston, Miss Edith K., Venezuela.

1934

*Harlow, R. Edward, Belgian Congo.

1940 Howlett, William, Angola.

Johnston, Miss Elizabeth Orr, Argentina. 1937

1938 MacLaren, Miss Agnes Maude Tuck, Palestine.

1916 *McLaren, Robert S. †, Angola.

1923 *Meridew, John, Argentina.

1920 Payne, Mrs. Constance, Argentina.

1931 *Powell, Reginald, Argentina.

Reid, Miss Lorna, Palestine. 1939

1931 *Tharp, Robert N., Manchukuo.

1933 Tharp, Miss Margaret †, Manchukuo.

1933 Tharp, Miss G. Ruth, Manchukuo.

1910 *Williams, William, †, Venezuela.

1920 Wills, William H. †, Venezuela.

1921 *Wilson, John †, Argentina.

Windsor

1930 *Foggin, George †, China. 1929 *Steven, Robert G., Morocco.

(Mrs. Steven commended from Jersey City, N. J.)

QUEBEC

Montreal

1936 *Neilson, Archie, St. Kitts, B. W. I.

1902 Ridley, Miss Mary †, China.

Verdun

1925 *Searle, D. C. Gordon, Belgian Congo.

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Courtenay

1932 *Carter, Ralph J., Dominican Republic. (Mrs. Carter commended from Vancouver, B. C.) 1938 Rigler, Miss Marjorie A., Angola.

1936 Bolton, Miss Marjorie, Dominican Republic.

1932 *Carter, Mrs. Ralph J., Dominican Republic.

(Mr. Carter commended from Courtenay, B. C.)

1929 Dunbar, Miss Jean A., Angola.

1937 McKenzie, Miss Catherine, China. *Peterkin, Arthur C., Barbados, B. W. I. 1912

1932 *Rathie, Ian M. †, Dominican Republic.

1920 *Reid, Duncan M., Dominican Republic. 1930

Scott, Miss Ruth W., Venezuela. 1934 Sumpter, Miss Eva †, Venezuela.

Victoria

1922 *Brooks, Cyril H., Philippine Islands. (Mrs. Brooks commended from Buffalo, N. Y.) 1935 *Jones, Hubert L. †, Dominican Republic.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg

1920 *Saword, Sidney J., Venezuela. 1919 Watson, Miss Annie, India.

NOVA SCOTIA

Sydney

1925 *Stenhouse, Andrew †, Chile.

Truro

1935 *Long, Mrs. David B. †, Angola. (Mr. Long commended from Ireland.)

ONTARIO

Brantford

1930 *Bier, Leslie B., M. D., Angola. (Mrs. Bier commended from England.)

Forest

1925 *Adams, Mrs. Stephen B. †, Venezuela. (Mr. Adams commended from Scotland.)

Guelph

1930 Paul, Miss Ruby, Guatemala.

Hamilton

1916 *Fletcher, Henry, Puerto Rico. *Gibson, William, Jamaica, B. W. I. 1918

1922 *McCallum, John, Trinidad, B. W. I.

Kingston

1936 *Butcher, Mrs. George, Northern Rhodesia. (Mr. Butcher commended from Peterborough, Ont.)

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

Long Beach

1921 LeTourneau, Miss Sarah L., China.

Los Angeles

1938 Deans, Robert Scott, Belgian Congo.

1923 *Grubb, F. A. T., Manchukuo.

1935 *Jacobs, Gerald G., Northern Nigeria.

1926, 1927 Last, Misses Ida T., Margaret R., Grenada, B. W. I.

*Richards, Harold, Alaska.

1926 *Ruddock, John, Honduras.

Oakland

1939 Coffman, Miss Evelyn Eloise ‡, Belgian

1911 *Craig, Eugene B. †, Japan.

1929 *Deans, Robert, Belgian Congo.

1929 Deans, William A., Belgian Congo.

1929 Edmonds, Miss Gwenllian, Morocco.

1921 *Kautto, Charles O., China.

1920 *Montllau, Ben, Argentina.

1938 *Smith, Mrs. Eric F., Bolivia.

(Mr. Smith commended from New Zealand.) 1937 *Spees, William T., Belgian Congo.

Pasadena

1933 *Davis, J. Russell, Manchukuo.

1932 *McCulloch, William, Jamaica, B. W. I.

1937 McKenzie, Miss Catherine, China.

San Francisco

1938 McClelland, Miss Margaretta Priscilla ‡,

CONNECTICUT

Hartford

1921, 1937 Barclay, Miss Flora E., China. 1924 *Wilson, Mrs. T. Ernest, Angola. (Mr. Wilson commended from Ireland.)

ILLINOIS

Chicago

1919 *Davies, J. M., India.

1931 *Ferguson, Adam N. †, Natal.

1918 *Gibbs, Edwin S., Natal.

*Hoffman, Michael L., Yugoslavia.

1923 *Hoy, Robert S. †, France.

*Kenney, James C., Trinidad, B. W. I. Maitland, William C. †, Angola. 1937

1903

1933 *Miller, Henry, Lithuania.

*Rogers, F. William, French Equatorial 1932 Africa.

1921, 1939 Scheidt, Miss Emma, Dominican Republic.

Sparks, Miss Rose M. †, India. 1923

*Tharp, Mrs. Edwin J., Manchukuo. (Mr. Tharp commended from Scotland.)

Evanston

1926 Ekman, Miss Hildur, India.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

1894 *Melville, Thomas †, China.

Framingham

MacRae, Miss Susan, Angola.

*McClenahan, W. L., Palestine. 1923

New Bedford

1933 *Hunter, Donald M., China.

1935 *Long, Mrs. David B. †, Angola. (Mr. Long commended from Ireland.)

1920 *MacJannet, Malcolm B., Angola. (Mrs. MacJannet commended from New York.)

MICHIGAN

Detroit

1923 *Kramer, Charles W., Guatemala.

1938 *Scollon, James, Honduras.

Flint

1939 *Hynd, Mrs. William D. t, Jamaica, B. W. I. (Mr. Hynd commended from Buffalo, N. Y.)

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis

1930 Wagner, Miss Rose M., India.

MISSOURI

Kansas City

1923 *Bewick, Leonard H., Jamaica, B. W. I.

*Cook, A. William, Argentina.

1934 Motter, Miss G. Erma, Northern Rhodesia.

NEW JERSEY

Barrington

1937 *Hocking, Joseph, Peru. (Mrs. Hocking commended from Summit, N. J.)

Bloomfield

1934 *Sobral, Viriato A., Portugal. (Mrs. Sobral commended from England.)

East Orange

1939 MacLachlan, Miss Alice, Bolivia.

MacLachlan, Miss Mildred †, French Equatorial Africa.

1933 Morgan, Mrs. Katherine M., Colombia.

Hackensack

1939 Stetter, Miss Louise, Bolivia.

Jersey City

1920 *Hill, Rowland H. C., South India.

*Steven, Mrs. Robert G., Morocco.

(Mr. Steven commended from Windsor, Ont.)

1935 *Wiseman, George, Angola.

Kearny

1915 *Huxster, W. B., St. Vincent, B. W. I.

1917 McKay, Mrs. Florence, Grenada, B. W. I.

Palisades Park

1931 Martinez, Miss Angelita †, Paraguay.

1919 *Martinez, Joseph G. †, Paraguay.

Paterson

1938 Knight, Miss Cornelia t, Belgian Congo.

1917 *Rozendal, Klaar, Holland.

Plainfield

1933 *Baehr, Conrad R. †, China.

Ridgefield Park

1922 Anderson, Miss Ruth L., India. 1920 *Hill, Rowland H. C., India.

1937 *Hocking, Mrs. Joseph, Peru. (Mr. Hocking commended from Barrington, N. J.)

Tenafly

1915 Smith, Mrs. Gertrude, Angola.

Westfield

1939 Christensen, Edwin P., Peru.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque

1937 Fifield, Miss Mary, Belgian Congo.

NEW YORK

Buffalo

1922 *Brooks, Mrs. Cyril H., Philippine Islands. (Mr. Brooks commended from Victoria, B. C.) 1924 *Day, Mrs. Christopher †, Angola. (Mr. Day commended from England.) 1921 *Dibble, Raymond T., Nigeria.

1920 Dorling, Miss E. Jennie, India.

1908

*Gammon, H. L. †, Angola. *Hess, Lyndon R. †, Northern Rhodesia. 1937

1923 *Horton, Albert E., Angola.

1932 *Hynd, William D. †, Jamaica, B. W. I. (Mrs. Hynd commended from Flint, Mich.)

1923 *Logan, Wallace †, Northern Rhodesia. Minns, Miss Harriet F., Manchukuo. 1919

1910 *Mowat, Gavin H., Northern Rhodesia.

1936 Oglesby, William J. †, Jamaica, B. W. I. 1914 *Olford, Mrs. F. E. S. †, Angola.

(Mr. Olford commended from England.)

New York City-Borough of The Bronx

1934 *Nazarian, Nazar, Syria.

New York City-Borough of Brooklyn

1936 *Williamson, Mrs. E. Gordon, India. (Mr. Williamson commended from England.)

New York City-Borough of Manhattan

1926 *Hamilton, Mrs. Percy G. W., Bolivia. (Dr. Hamilton commended from England.)

*Hart, Arthur I., Jamaica, B. W. I.

1926 Murrain, Miss Elizabeth A., Angola.

1926 Murrain, Miss Mary A., Angola. 1920 *Russell, James, Argentina.

New York City-Borough of Queens

1939 Guthwasser, John, Haiti.

Sea Cliff

1928 *Johnson, Mrs. K. A., France. (Mr. Johnson commended from England.)

OHIO

Columbus

1938 Ganz, Miss Marie P., French Equatorial Africa.

*Ganz, Walter A., French Equatorial 1932 Africa.

OREGON

Forest Grove

1937 Goff, Miss Fanny, Venezuela.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

1939 Miller, William J., Bahamas, B. W. I.

West Philadelphia

1922, 1929 *Gross, Malcolm L., Nigeria.

TENNESSEE

Memphis

1938 *McGehee, John J., China.

TEXAS

1902 Kendrick, Walter, Bahamas, B. W. I.

WASHINGTON

Seattle

1922 Buckley, Mrs. Margaret D., China.

Prayer is asked for the following whose work along New Testament lines has commended them.

*Crabb, Ernest B., Alaska.

*Penna, José, Brazil. Russell, Nick, Dominica, B. W. I.

*Smith, Thomas, Cuba.

(commended 1920 from Scotland for work in Spain.)

From a reader in Michigan: -

May we pass on a word of praise and thanks regards your last issue (November, 1939, of The Fields? You have placed a couple of interesting articles from the mission fields the Drum Beats from Africa and the personal experiences of the traveler in China.

Why is it that the missionaries cannot or will not write about such things? One understands that they do not want to brag or seem to complain but news items like the above bring a human touch to the work in the particular field they are in and also makes one appreciate that it isn't all preaching and sleeping they do. We over here are apt to forget that they cannot step out on a cement sidewalk or road and walk in comfort or ride the six miles or the other distances they talk about.

Here is hoping that you will be enabled to give the personal touch to your news of the far flung trenches as you continue to publish your magazine.

A little side light or experience is far more appealing than the statistics of so many villages visited (not on any map). If they would tell a little of the work of getting to those villages it might help.

ROBERT G. STEVEN. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 31, 1874, and dedicated

by a godly mother to the Lord for work in Africa. Converted at 14, served as chemist's assistant while attending medical classes and a Bible Training School. On his 21st birthday left for North Africa, and



served with the Central Morocco Medical Mission until 1903, then with the British and Foreign Bible Society in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, and after the World War in Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Those were pioneering days (in Morocco) and many journeys were taken into the interior, made possible by medical work and the distribution of God's Word.

Discontinued in 1923, on account of impaired health and went to Canada. After six years in Canada and the States, returned to Morocco with the commendation of the Turner Road Assembly in Windsor, Ont.

FRIDA KRETZMER. Born in Jersey City, N. J.; converted through the preaching of

Virgil A. Pennington at the age of 14; in fellowship at Bible Truth Hall, Jersey City since that time. Active in the Sunday School work and interested in missionary work outside of her regular duties as



secretary to a New York executive. After definite prayer to be released from home duties for full-time service for the Lord, was commended August 8, 1935, by the Assembly to the work in *Morocco*; was married to Mr. Steven in Gibraltar November 22, 1935. Her work is among Spanish-speaking Jewesses in *Tangier*. Many Spanish refugees are settling there.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven returned from furlough October 16, 1939, and are endeavoring to secure a suitable place for a Gospel Hall. French Morocco is definitely under military discipline. Good automobiles can be had for \$50. but no gasoline to run them! In the International Zone of Tangier there is a scarcity of gasoline and kerosene for oil stoves and heaters, but owing to the leaving for France of the French who have been called to the colors, residential apartments are available at reasonable rates. The Lord's power and blessing in the salvation of precious souls have been proved in previous Halls in Tangier. They have had Gospel meetings, lantern services for the young, Bible study classes for converts, and the Breaking of Bread for believers.

Eric F. Smith, born in Auckland, New Zealand, born again in 1903. Always



longed to be a missionary. In 1918, after some years of preaching in Australia, resigned from a denominational connection, returned to New Zealand, and took his place in worship and service with believers gathering to the Lord's Name in

Eden Hall, Auckland. October 5, 1920, was commended by that Assembly to the Lord's work in Bolivia. After a five-year service at Potosi, was led to work among the Quichua Indians, he and his wife being the first workers from the Assemblies to enter that field. Mrs. Smith died at Yulo, their first station. In 1938, returning through the States from a furlough in New Zealand Mr. Smith married

GERTRUDE DERRICK. Born in California, born again at age 11. Although left at age

13 the chief support of her mother, she qualified as a teacher. After teaching eight years, upon the death of her mother, she entered a Bible Institute to prepare for missionary work to which she had looked forward from childhood. While there she



learned the scriptural truth as to the nature of the Church and the basis of service in the Lord's harvest field. After working at private nursing and studying along medical lines, she was stirred for several months by Romans 15:20, 21 as applied to the Indian of Bolivia. While she was planning to secure a degree as Registered Nurse, as a further qualification for this work, Eric Smith visited Oakland. On April 17, 1938, the Assembly in that place commended Miss Derrick for the work in Bolivia and she and Mr. Smith were married there at Bethany Gospel Hall August 22, 1938.

HOW TO HELP

(Extract from letter to a young Christian couple who wrote asking how they could help.)

I was greatly cheered to have your letter indicating, as it does, your deep interest in this wonderful work. I am so glad you take The Fields, for you will find many inspiring notes therein, and this will stimulate your interest the more.

If you know of any who have a portable organ, we would be glad to place it in the new Hall at Boyds. Or perhaps some would like to provide the lamps we use in these small buildings. The money is easily sent, and the lamps purchased here. They cost \$11.00 each.

Again, another suggestion is for seats. We make them at a cost of \$1.00 each. Others have sometime provided a few seats and regularly pray for those who may sit on them that they may be saved.

Another way for young people is for them to have a shower of canned food, each one giving one or more cans of food, package of cereal or other useful thing you use in the home, and these are put in a tea chest and if each one gives a small amount towards the cost of shipping, it comes freight, and is most acceptable.

Another nice work for those at home is to forward a quantity of Sunday School papers each month, and at any time that they may have Sunday School supplies. These may have been used before but are welcome provided they are clean. Redemption Hymn books or Believers; new or second hand, or good books suitable for the young men to study; for these we have a library, thus the books are well cared for.

I think I will stop now, as I think I have given you a few good ideas. I hope they will prove helpful. If you require any further help let me know. I can assure you that we value your help and prayers. Trusting to hear from you and that you will stand with us in prayer.

St. Kitts, B. W. I.

CHARLES F. BROWN.

FOLLOWING AFAR OFF

The older of two believers was urging upon the younger the claim of Christian work in mission countries. The latter answered with an excuse that had a familiar ring: "But I have never felt any compelling call to give my life in that way." "Are you sure that you're within calling distance?" was the disquieting reply.

The Christian Herald (London).

ENCOURAGEMENT

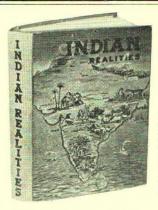


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Alverta N. Dundas.



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