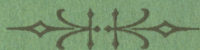


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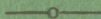


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# THE STORY OF THIS BOOKLET.



Sitting in my Study one Spring evening of 1942, I switched on for the 6 p.m. "News." The Announcer told the story of the passing of the "Gneisenau" and "Scharnhorst" through the English Channel and added that their escape was made possible "BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER." In my Study Drawer I had other "News Items", collected over the previous few months, all the facts of which were accredited as being due to "The Weather". That same evening the Manuscript of this little booklet was prepared, and within seven days it was published.

Within 24 hours of publication, a prominent Church of England Minister called personally for 400 copies to give to each member of his Church.

The same week a prominent business man in Aberdeen ordered 1,000 copies, and in less than a month the first edition was out of print.

Since then the Sale has been phenomenal and all classes of men and women write me messages of approval and thankfulness daily, for ever issuing the booklet. Of this present 7th edition one customer alone in the South of England has ordered 5,000 copies and so the circle widens.

To-day as I pen these lines the Secretary of a Midland branch of the C.A.W.G. writes "I had one given me recently, and passed it on to a complete stranger, who has written to say how she, her Mother of 86, and her daughter have all been helped, so I am anxious to make use of more."

Another says, "There seems a miraculous power behind this booklet. In our factory everyone clamours to read it and I find this so wherever I introduce it."

Will you kindly help to make it more widely known, and above all pray for God's blessing on its circulation.

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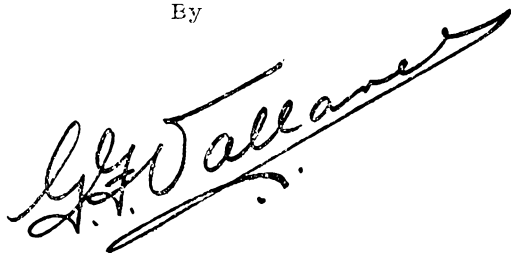
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# “ BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.”

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We were up against it. Of that there was no doubt. Everybody felt it in the air and the Prime Minister confirmed it to us.

—Yes! It was Dunkirk week-end.

But the **Miracle of Dunkirk** was the fact that the bulk of our Expeditionary Force, which even the Government feared would be lost, was gloriously retrieved by that wonderful and brave Armada of tiny vessels which plied the Channel constantly against colossal odds with remarkably few casualties.

The testimony of all alike who were in those crossings—those who knew it well and those to whom it was a new experience—was, that the waters were **like a millpond** the whole week through, and waters, remember, which **usually at that period** of the year were nearly always stormy.

Reference to illustrations No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, of the Red Cross Booklet, “Home from Dunkirk,” fully confirms this fact.

The Miracle of Dunkirk was **BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**. Had those waters not been as “STILL as a Millpond,” it could never have happened.

But the Nation had been to Prayer the **precious Sunday**.

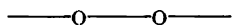
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September 7th, 1940, saw the commencement of the first big London Blitz, when the London Docks were set ablaze; and that week the Battle of Britain, which was gloriously won for "the many" by "the few".

As it is now generally admitted, the week-end September 15th, was intended to be an Invasion week-end, and the big Air attack was to be merely the preliminary round. How far that Invasion was attempted, and how true all the stories about the damaged Barges and dead Germans on the shores of France are, we must wait for history to record, but this fact cannot be overlooked, that September 15th week-end was the week of the Full Moon, and also the Harvest Moon, when, it is generally admitted, the waters of the English Channel are at their smoothest. For the first time in living memory those same waters in 1940 were the roughest ever known, and a gale of sufficient force to upset any Barges, blew during those days, whether the attempt at invasion was made or not.

**IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER**  
that Hitler's well-laid plans were spoiled.

The God who could calm the Waters at Dunkirk, for a Nation who had sought His face in Prayer, was well able to stir them up at the time of the Harvest Moon; for again **that Nation had been to Prayer the previous Sunday.**



How great these deliverances were we do not as a Nation fully realise. Lord Beaverbrook said in New York on April 23rd, 1942 concerning Dunkirk. I quote:—

"It was just two years ago that we lost everything we possessed save only our soldiers. We had to begin all over again. There was nothing left to us but a portion of our army. All our weapons had gone. The cupboard was bare. Not even a rifle.

Guns were lost by the thousands, vehicles by the fifty thousand. Almost all our tanks and many airplanes. And remember, too, that many valuable and essential raw materials were cut off when our sources of supply fell under the power of Germany. Three-quarters of our imports of iron and steel and all the raw materials of our aluminium output, most of our wood products, including newsprint raw materials.

But the biggest disaster was our naval losses. Forty-seven warships were sunk in operations off Norway and Dunkirk. And when evacuation was over half our destroyer fleet lay awaiting repairs in our shipyards."

Yet the Nation survived. What kept the German Hordes from Our Shores at that time? Remember the Nation had been to Prayer!

Of the Battle of Britain, Lord Beaverbrook, said:—

"Hardly had we emerged from this peril (Dunkirk) when we were called upon to fight the Battle of Britain. And I must tell you that when that conquest began we had in reserve **only five fighter aircraft in the storage units.**

Air Chief Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding who was in command of the R.A.F. at the time has said,

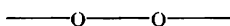
"I pay my homage to those very gallant boys

who gave their all that our nation might live. I pay my tribute to their leaders.

"But I say with absolute conviction that I can trace the intervention of God, not only in the battle itself, but in the events that led up to it.

"If it had not been for this intervention, the battle would have been joined in conditions which, humanly speaking, would have rendered victory impossible."

Yes, God gave us the Victory. The Nation had again been praying you see, but have we ever thanked God for it?



Saturday, December 29th, 1940, the German Luftwaffe tried to set fire to the City of London. The Guildhall and Paternoster Row were burnt out, and many an historic building was destroyed, but suddenly about 10 p.m. that night, the raid mysteriously ceased, and this is the report as given by the Daily Mail Air Correspondent, Noel Monks, on December 31st, 1940. (I quote)—

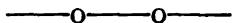
"Hitler meant to start the second Great Fire of London as the prelude to an invasion. This was the belief held in well informed quarters in London yesterday."

"Here are the real facts of Sunday night's fire-raising raid as told me yesterday:—

It was one of the biggest night attacks on Britain since September. No R.A.F. night fighters were operating over the London area, though some were doing so between London and the coast. Soon after 10 p.m. the German Air Command sent out instructions for all the bombers engaged to return to their bases, **as the weather** had taken a turn for the worse and fog was blotting out their aerodromes. **It was Because of the Weather**, then, and not our night fighters,

that saved London from an even worse attack. The view is held that the assault was intended to be the fiercest of the War. Up to 1,000 bombers were to have been used during the night." (end of quote).

YES—again **"IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER."**



On November 18th, 1941, General Auchinleck began the second Libyan offensive and a happening on that first day, the true significance of which we, as a Nation have failed to notice and appreciate, was thus commented upon by Liddell Hart in the Daily Mail of November 24th. (again I quote):—

**"The sudden break in the weather** which greeted the launching of the offensive seems to have proved a break **in our favour.** The rain was not heavy enough in the desert to upset the advance of our armoured forces, which covered some 50 miles the first day—more than half the distance to Tobruk.

**"By Contrast, the downpour was so heavy** in the coastal strip that it turned the sand into a morass which clogged the counter-movements of the two German armoured divisions. The enemy's aerodromes were also waterlogged, thus hindering bombing interference with the deployment and advance of the British Forces.

**The effect was to multiply our superiority in air strength."** (end of quote).

**IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER** that we were able to press so far forward in those opening days and—note the comment—

**"IT MULTIPLIED OUR SUPERIORITY IN AIR STRENGTH";** quicker even than planes could be flown there, to say nothing of their



costly manufacture. Time and time again God has sought to prove to us that Wind, Cloud, Fog, Rain and Snow are far mightier than any man-made weapon.

The Russian campaign alone shows us this, surely!

But now let us turn to the other side of the picture; for these are all successes which God gave us, in His goodness, and which nationally we have very largely failed to appreciate and acknowledge.

Our heaviest **losses in Night Bombers** in raids over Germany to date (March, 1942), was 34 in one night and they have been officially accredited as lost mainly **BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.**



H.M.S. Prince of Wales, the pride of the Navy, together with H.M.S. Repulse were sunk by Japanese bombers, as we know, and the official cause given was that Admiral Phillips trusted to CLOUD cover, but that it broke, and his Vessels were seen.

**YES — IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER** that our mightiest Battleship afloat was lost.



As I pen these lines the news has just been published concerning the remarkable escape of the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst together with the Prinz Eugen from Brest Harbour, and I cannot do better than to quote from to-day's Press (February 14th, 1942) on the matter.

The "Daily Express" says: (I quote):—

"Why were the ships able to steam so long up-Channel in daylight before they were observed? The answer may be that visibility was so bad

that our reconnaissance missed this fleet escorted by aircraft over the vast spaces which the landsman never quite visualises when he thinks about the sea.

"Then it will be asked why Phillips lost the Prince of Wales and Repulse by air attack while we failed to get the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau or the Prinz Eugen. . . The answer is that the German weather bureau did a good job for the German captains, choosing a day for them when heavy cloud obscured the sea.

"Phillips, too, relied on low cloud. But **the clouds that dispersed** in Malaya for the Japanese **stayed thick** in the English Channel for the Germans." (end of quote).

Whilst the "Daily Mail" of to-day, says. (I quote):—

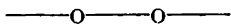
"How did the Germans manage to get out without being seen?

**"Because of the Weather.** They could not have done it yesterday. But on Thursday visibility varied between three and five miles and there was a cloud ceiling of at best only 1,500 feet in the Channel.

"There was no moon on Wednesday night. These were perfect conditions for the German enterprise.

"How did the German fleet manage to get so far? It was 11 a.m. of Thursday, when they had already steamed some 400 miles from Brest, that they were sighted.

"The answer is **again the weather.**" (end of quote).



On March 28th, 1942, the "Daily Express" said, "The R.A.F. intends to step up the bombing

offensive against Germany on the largest possible scale at the earliest possible moment. There has been some delay. It is due to the diversion of bombers elsewhere; concentration on Brest to stop the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau; disappointments in the deliveries of aircraft last autumn; and **above all the winter weather.**"

On 10th April, 1942, our Prime Minister speaking in London, said, that **"Only Weather** is holding up Britain from launching a great Blitz." The R.A.F. is **WAITING FOR GOOD WEATHER"**

And the "Daily Express" of April 21st, 1942 said—

"It is true that the Germans a year ago attempted to sustain their attacks on us in almost all weathers. But in doing so they shattered their long-distance bombing force. By May, 1941 the first great long-distance bomber force which the world has ever seen was exhausted, and the attack on Britain had been called off.

For **however little people realise it, the weather is still a more deadly enemy to the bomber pilot than all the defences of the enemy.**

But our bomber force must not be smashed, as it could easily be, by attempting to use it in impossible weather conditions.

In such conditions it is no good for us to accuse Bomber Command of over-caution. For not only will bad weather inflict appalling losses, **it will prevent the pilots doing really worth-while damage."**

A few days ago, Mr. Churchill said, in the House of Commons, concerning our recent loss of two more Cruisers, H.M.S. Dorsetshire, and H.M.S. Cornwall and the Aircraft Carrier Hermes that

“While the Japanese were attacking Colombo our torpedo aircraft sallied out to attack the carriers from which the Japanese attack was being delivered. **Owing to thunderstorms and low cloud** they could not make contact on that day.

“**The Weather** in the other part of the Indian Ocean was not subject to those conditions of cloud and thunderstorm in which the Japanese carriers had shrouded themselves.”

—(end of Quote)

General Alexander's Army had to march up a temporary road 6,000 ft. over the hills of Burma into India. If the rains came too soon they would wash away the road ahead, if too late the Japanese would come upon them . . . . They had almost reached the top **when the rains began, cutting off their pursuers.**

Yes, it was All **“BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER!”**



Now why has this booklet been written, you ask, and why does it stress this remarkable fact, that all these happenings have been

### **BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER?**

It is because we are persuaded that this favoured Nation of ours has left God too much out of account, and although, as we have seen, He has endeavoured to prove to us that the final issue rests with Him, for He controls the weather; and although our Leaders fully acknowledge these successes and disasters **ARE due** to events beyond human control, **YET we DO NOT** publicly acknowledge God's sovereignty and supreme power, and until we do, **Victory can never be ours.**

**EVERYTHING** of earth is liable to FAIL, and crumble beneath our feet, as we have surely seen in this War time and time again; but there is ONE who never fails, and His Might and resources are ALMIGHTY and LIMITLESS. When all other Allies FAIL, here is an unfailing source of strength and Power. One who has NEVER failed those who REALLY — (and I emphasise that word) — REALLY — TRUST HIM.

The way out of the Darkness for this Nation, and in fact the Nations of the World, and all free men, is to get **BACK TO GOD**. If men and women to-day only realised the Almighty Power of God, they would be flocking to the House of Prayer daily. Thank God, many of our leaders do, and God is to-day so over-ruling that such men are being placed in a position of great power and authority.

Think of just a few that come quickly to mind.

Think of the most heavily bombed spot in the world to-day — Malta — but still it holds out after over 2,100 Air Raid Alerts, and nearly as many raids. Let me again quote an extract from the secular press and ask if, after all, there may not be **SOME** connection with this statement and Malta's resistance. I quote "Daily Express" 28th March, 1942.

"Faith in the power of prayer is a cardinal quality of Malta's Governor and G.O.C.—General Sir William Dobbie — the Cromwell of Malta."

Throughout almost daily bombing for the last 22 months, the Evangelical General has held weekly bible classes for his officers.

In a recent message to Britain, he said:—

“All will be well, so put your trust in God, and carry on.”

The B.B.C. said of this noble man recently, that he was the General with a Bible in one hand and a sword in the other. Thank God for General Dobbie of Malta and all like him.

Then there is General Chiang Kai-Shek, the Christian General of China and his Christian wife, of whom a certain Canadian Official said recently that during a Japanese Air Raid when he himself was trembling from head to foot she went on writing as quietly and as calmly as if nothing was happening. Later, being invited by the General to stay to evening devotions he did so, and for thirty minutes God and His Word held the attention of this Man of God.

Says the Canadian:—“A Bible was produced, and the General began by reading some Scripture. Then the three joined in Prayer, the General leading. I never expect to hear such a prayer again in all my life. He began with a simple expression of thanks for their personal safety. Then he added thanks for the courage of the Nation under fire. Then he prayed for strength for the men in the field, and along the firing lines; he prayed for strength for himself, and added a most earnest plea for guidance and wisdom, that would not fail the people.

“In the simplest and humblest terms, he laid himself at the service of Almighty God, and begged that he might know the Divine Will, and do it on the morrow.” (end of quote).

General MacArthur asked divine guidance for his leadership in the Southwest Pacific.

He said.

"At the altar where I first joined the sanctuary of God, I ask that you seek divine guidance for me in the great struggle that looms ahead."

I repeat, thank God that there are such men in such places of power and authority, and I am persuaded that these are the men that God **IS** using, and **WILL** use, to honour with Victory, when we are ready to receive it from His Hand.

Then there is Viscount Gort (whom some jeeringly called the Praying General), General Wavell, President Roosevelt, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, who recently said in reply to one who commented that "It must be a great thing to be First Lord of the Admiralty." "Yes," he replied, "But there is a greater thing, I am a Baptist local preacher." and no doubt you could readily add many more. These are **MEN** in the true sense of the word—leaders of men—who know and believe sincerely that God Himself—**ALONE**—is the **NATION'S GREATEST NEED**: the **WORLD'S—greatest** need to-day.

What the world needs is Jesus. Friends; **IT IS**, whether we are all prepared to accept the **FACT** or not. Without God! Men, Munitions, Ships, Navies, Tanks, Allies, Money, and all the rest are futile helps and useless. Hitler has yet to learn his lesson — or has he begun to learn it already? We are not, however, concerned with "Hitler"; we are concerned with **this** Nation of ours. **DO WE as a Nation** realise; yea rather, do

we **individually realise**, that if only we would COUNT **more** on God, quicker and greater Victories would be ours? I personally believe that **WITH GOD ALONE** we could achieve Victory, without any other resources at all, for God is all powerful.

In days of old, He has destroyed whole armies by a mere sound in the Dead of Night, thereby causing a foe to destroy themselves. In Joshua's day, you will remember, God actually caused His SUN to **stand still**, so that Joshua might win the battle, and in Isaiah's Day, He gave the promise "I will defend this city," and in one night sent an angel who destroyed 185,000 men, so that when Hezekiah's men rose early in the morning, they found only dead corpses. (Isa. 37, 35/36).

History you say — Yes, History indeed. but the God of History is the God of Prophecy and the God of Prophecy is the

### **GOD OF TO-DAY.**

All this and much more God has done in the past for those who trusted Him, and he can, and will do, the same again TO-DAY if we, as a NATION—if we individually—are prepared to give GOD our TRUST, our Faith, OUR CONFIDENCE. For this God is our God.

One morning during the last war, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener (both men of Prayer), were together at the War Office when news came through of a Victory in Flanders. One turned to the other and said, "Someone must have been Praying," and together they knelt and thanked God. **Those** military Generals knew that PRAYER was mightier than the Sword, and



were willing to acknowledge it. May we likewise be as wise to-day.

Our late Monarch, King George V., was a great man of prayer and a diligent reader of the Scriptures and he knew what it was to thus **TRUST HIS GOD.**

In one of the darkest hours of that war, it is reported that someone said to him, "How will it ever end?" King George prayerfully replied "God will have to work a miracle." And He did.

Thank God that we also have a King and Queen to-day who know their God, and for their lead in calling the Nation to Prayer, but we need more Prayer and with it true repentance of heart.

We seem to have forgotten God altogether of late, and as it were to aggravate matters, we have permitted His direct command that we shall not take His Name in vain, to be flagrantly broken, by permitting the B.B.C. Play of the Life of Christ, with the Saviour Himself being impersonated. We must therefore be prepared for the consequences, for "The Lord will NOT hold him guiltless who taketh His Name in vain."

May His disapproval not be plainly seen in the subsequent events, in Malaya, Singapore, Burma, India, Libya, and even in happenings around our own shores? Unless we heed these warnings in time, greater tragedies must, and will come, for God will have His proper dues, and recognition, and **of that we must make no mistake.**

That Hitler, and all he stands for, will be entirely crushed and defeated, there is not the shadow of a doubt, for God's laws demand, and ensure, that it shall be so, but this Nation will not be the chosen vessel to bring it about if it so flouts and challenges Divine Sovereignty.

## Let us take heed.

Remember also that God has another very heavy charge against this Country. None can deny that we have desecrated His Sabbath Day of rest, not only with pleasure before the War, but by toil and study since, and while these things may appear expedient to us, from a human standpoint, Divine Principles stand supreme, and we cannot change or alter them without loss and suffering to ourselves.

God said long years ago,

“Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.”

Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:” and He has proved to us by centuries of experience, that those people who obeyed, He blessed, and those who disobeyed, suffered His righteous indignation.

Who are we, in our day, to assume that it should be otherwise now?

Viscount Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, said in London on March 16th, 1942: “There is something wrong with this country. I cannot say what it is, but I have seen the change come over it.” He said he had been told that the British were essentially a religious people, but had forgotten it. How true these words were was illustrated a few days later when our esteemed Monarch King George VI., appointed another Day of National Prayer—Sunday, March 29th.

G. Ward Price, writing in the Daily Mail on the 24th of that month, wrote:—

“Is it nobody’s business to make this solemn Day of Supplication a memorable and heart-stirring occasion? Let us stimulate the Nation’s Prayers as well as its subscriptions. Will the War Cabinet attend any service next Sunday in a body? If the occasion were one of thanksgiving for Victory they would certainly do so. I may be uncharitable to conclude that they prefer to show themselves in public only when things are going well.

“Mr. Churchill, in his book ‘London to Ladysmith,’ records that, while he was escaping from a Pretoria prison camp in the South African War, he ‘prayed long and earnestly.’ He — and we — have greater need to pray earnestly now.” (end of quote).

But **DID** the Nation go to Prayer? Was it a Day of **National** Prayer? Was it a 100 per cent. Prayer effort, or was it a Day of Farce?

Let the Daily Press again answer. I quote from March 30th issues:—

“In towns, many families went from morning service to **work** on their allotments.”

“It was Sunday-**on-the-land** for many thousands.”

“Owing to the harsh winter, seasonable work is behind the calendar. So yesterday many of our 100,000 tractors were **throbbing across the fields** in the great plough-up and corn drive. Every group of allotments saw men and women preparing seed beds and sowing,” (end of quote).

This on God's Day of Rest, of which He says, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." and this on a Day appointed for National INTER-CESSION. Is **THIS** turning to God as **HE** desires? Can you wonder if our Prayers go unanswered? Let's be honest about the matter.

It is said that when the Crimean War was at its worst, Queen Victoria commanded a Day of Prayer, **when no work of any kind was to be done**, apart from the tending of cattle.

When this country realises **NOW**, what Queen Victoria realised **THEN**, we may expect to see VICTORY. But whilst our Farmers are asked to sow their seed on the Lord's Day how can we **expect** blessing. God **WILL** be recognised, let us make no mistake about that and His Day must be restored.

Are not even our own Government Officials, beginning to realise that, after all, God's method was better than theirs, and that Sunday labour does not increase efficiency to anything like the extent that we thought it would? And may not the failure of many of our Training Schemes be largely due to the prominence that we have given to Sunday instruction?

The Chief Inspector of Factories described in his 1940 report what happened in a factory which changed from a 5½ day to a 7 day week.

After four weeks, production flagged until the output fell to that obtained when 5½ days were worked. The management went back to 5½ days. There was no loss in output.

In the late summer of 1941, we were officially told that we were to reap the biggest Harvest ever, due to the Farmers' efforts on the Land.

But **did** we reap the biggest Harvest ever?—NO—**we did not.** We **could** have done, had we acknowledged God properly in the matter and GOD'S goodness in giving it to us, for it was all there **ready to REAP**— BUT WE DID NOT— We praised the Creature rather than the Creator and the result— well as you know, 1941 saw the **WETTEST August** for many a long day. What **could** have been a tremendous HARVEST was spoiled. A Day of National **Thanksgiving** to God, and prayer for a fine August **COULD, and WOULD** have given us the biggest Harvest ever. And THIS YEAR **the corn is to be sown on Sundays as well.** I ask, can we EXPECT God's blessing if we thus defy His Laws and commands?

God is waiting to bless this Nation, but He cannot do so fully, until we are ready and prepared to give Him the Praise and the Glory for Victory granted, for that honour God will share with none. He is a jealous God and jealous of His Divine prerogatives.

When the U.S.A. was brought into the present conflict by Japan's treacherous attack on Pearl Harbour in December, 1941, one of the first things that her noble President commanded was that the First Day of January, 1942, should be observed as a National Day of Prayer. Why? Because that great man of God knew, that without God's help all would be in vain. He also knew that one with God is a Majority, and that he who stands with God is **always** on the winning side. Yes, even if at times it does not appear so. Such a public act of Faith and Confidence in God **CANNOT, and will not,** go unrewarded.

A recent Broadcaster, decorated for gallant action in a Dock Area Blitz, told of the extreme danger he and his fellow Firemen were in and added that he was not ashamed to say that when none of them knew which moment would be their last, HE PRAYED; and said that if God permitted them to see morning light He would indeed have been good to them. They did see morning and thanked God. If men PRAY at such times—and THEY DO,—why not then TODAY.

When the Disciples were in that Storm on the Lake (Matt. 8, 23) and Jesus was asleep on a Pillow in the hinder part of the Ship they awoke the Master saying "Carest Thou not that we perish," He arose, calmed the troubled Sea and then rebuked them saying, "How is it that ye have NO faith?" WE may be inclined to think the Saviour a little harsh on that occasion, but you see they, like us, had failed to grip the wonderful Truth that where Christ is, ~~disaster can never~~ **come.**

"No waters can swallow the ship where lies,  
The Master of Ocean, and Earth, and Skies."

The crux of the matter is this—IS CHRIST in the BOAT? Are we weathering the STORM **WITH HIM**—or alone? If the Boat has Christ aboard it will reach Harbour. **IT MUST!** So shall we—BUT there were also other little ships that day riding the storm in Galilee, we are told; but we know not the destiny of any of them for the Master was NOT ON BOARD. Let us take heed.

**WITH GOD** all **will** be well.

In the list of events with which this booklet began we saw the Hand of God writing on the Wall, showing us first, that no matter what our human effort may be, it can all be destroyed by God in a moment of time by the Breath of His mouth. It only needs some unexpected element in the weather to upset all man's calculations.

Added to this, we must acknowledge that the great Russian Victories in the Winter of 1941/42 were due very largely—and how largely we cannot tell—to the severe frost and snow, which even the German hordes could not endure.

Some ask, why is it that Russia is thus far successful if she is an Atheistic Nation? Space will not permit my dealing with that point here, but I quote the Bishop of Chelmsford, as recorded by the "East Anglian Daily Times", 13th April, 1942. to give a more balanced judgment on this matter. (I quote)—

"The bogey that the Russians are an Atheistic people must be buried once and for all. I should be glad to believe that the religion of the people of this country is as strong and steadfast as that which distinguishes the people of Russia to-day."

"I would be thankful indeed if I could feel that in millions of cottages in this country as in theirs there were manifest tokens of the religious beliefs of the people who inhabit them."

For two years before the Revolution, he said, Religion in Russia was at its worst. But to-day Religion in Russia was never better, for it had been purified, and it was estimated that two-

thirds of the country population and one-third of the town population were firm believers! Could the same be said about religion in this country?—(end of Quote).

And Lord Beaverbrook said on April 23rd, 1942, of Russia:—"There is no religious persecution. The church doors are open. There is complete freedom to practise religion just as there is complete freedom to reject it.

"Jews live like other men. There are many races in the Soviet Union and not even a colour bar."  
—(end of Quote).

And he has been there remember.

If Russia has repented of her godless ways, and thus turned to God, does this not tend to prove that God is only waiting for the Allied Nations to acknowledge Him fully, and truly, so that the Honour and Glory of Victory shall be given to His great Name; and further after this war is over His day and Divine things given their proper place in our National life? Above all else let us give God His proper place in our **individual** lives. If only we would individually give **ourselves** to God what a different Nation this would be!

Hitler ignored God and the Russian Winter, and went ahead unprepared for the severe cold. Like Napoleon's Army before him, he started for Moscow. A falling snow-flake may be lightly brushed aside, as a thing of little count, but God's Armies are stabled in the Skies, and He saith to the Snow, "Come and bury the earth," and Napoleon's hosts, and Hitler's hordes, perish beneath their covering.



Let me quote Hitler's own words in Berlin recently, concerning the Russian Conflict:

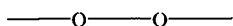
"Not only did we face apparently unlimited masses of the enemy, but weeks earlier **than science could foresee** we had a winter, such as has been **unknown for 40 years**.

"This was the only hope of the masters of the Kremlin to inflict Napoleon's fate of 1812 on the German Army, with the help of this unprecedented weather."—(end of Quote).

He taketh the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty indeed!

I am reminded of a newsboy's comment when he saw the havoc caused by the San Fransisco Earthquake. To a rich millionaire customer, the laddie remarked, "It took a long time to put all this stuff up, but God tumbled it down in a few seconds. Say, Mister, t'aint no use for a feller to think he can lick God."

I rather think that Hitler must think something like this to-day.



Everything is in God's hand, and WITHOUT GOD we shall fail. Deny it who will. Time and time alone will prove how true these facts are.

We MUST take God into all our reckonings: and He will see to it that we do.

WITH GOD, Victory is ours, and it's round the corner the moment we sincerely and honestly, individually and Nationally, turn to the God of Heaven, and acknowledge that He ruleth in the affairs of men.

Those who side with God must be on the winning side, but the hour of Victory and the nearness of its advent depends entirely, and **perhaps alone**, upon our acknowledgment of God in it all.

I would that a worthier hand than mine could have penned this appeal, and one which perhaps might have given a lead to the Nation, but if these simple words be given publicity, I am assured that a large proportion of our Nation will endorse these remarks.

There is yet time. Can we not as a Nation acknowledge our shortcomings and seek to give God His due recognition, and give His Day of Rest its proper place in our lives?

If not — then time alone will show to what extent God will permit us to be humbled and brought to acknowledge His Hand before final victory becomes our portion.

### **WHEN SHALL WE SEE IT?**

I trust before it is too late.

Let us not boast in our own strength, our own forces, whether they be Armies, Navies, Air Forces, Allies or ought else of earth. Thank God for them all, and give them their due praise and merit, but remember that God ALONE has been our help in ages past, and desires to be our hope for years to come.

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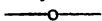
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