



## The Late Mr. Harry Lacey, Cardiff.

In the evening of June 18th last, after long weeks of intense bodily suffering, Mr. Harry Lacey passed home to be with the Lord. Doubtless the news of his early home-call surprised many of the Lord's people, but by those who knew him intimately, it was anticipated for some time. Therefore, mingled with the deep sorrow and grief of his departure was gratitude to the Lord for the release brought to His servant.

Mr. Lacey was converted at eleven years of age during a holiday at Porthcawl, South Wales, when it was the practice of several business men on holiday there to conduct Gospel meetings specially designed to reach the children of believers on holiday. He was blessed with the teaching and example of godly parents, and in early years brought into the assembly of the saints at the old Windsor Hall, Cardiff. In those days, through the good influence and leadership of Mr. Desaloid a combined Tract and Bible Class was formed of young men of

the three assemblies of the Grange-town district of Cardiff. This movement was of great spiritual value to the young men, and brought blessing to Mr. Lacey who, in later years was unstinting in his praise of that timely ministry.

In his late 'teens he was very active in helping small assemblies in the Cardiff area. Through the godly influence, encouragement, and guidance of Mr. T. J. Allen our brother Lacey, brother Harold Large, and others became active in the Gospel work which resulted in assemblies being formed at Dinas Powis and Rhymney. It was during these days he gave himself to serious study of the Scriptures, and developed an avidity for the truth of God which brought great profit to himself and others.

Whilst still in business he was untiring in ministering to assemblies over an ever increasing area, until through the growing appreciation of his gift, demands on his time made a decision for the work of the Lord imperative. At the age of 31 with the commendation of his brethren he did the inevitable, abandoned his secular calling, and gave himself entirely to the claims of spiritual work.

As his service continued, Mr. Lacey became appreciated throughout the British Isles as an accredited servant of Christ. His expositions of prophecy were illuminating, and were greatly blessed to the saints. His written ministry was spiritual and searching, the foremost being the work "God and the Nations". This book was written during the years of the World War and served to establish the hearts of the saints in that critical period; but will remain as a sound expository work which will fortify believers at all times.

Mr. Lacey's strength of conviction, ability to express clearly Scripture truth, penetrating assessment of spiritual values, wise, righteous counsel in difficulty, brotherly friendliness and consideration in failure, and apt ability for inspiring courage and confidence in younger brethren, made him a mighty man in the service of his Lord.