

# Under Canvas at Swanage

CONDUCTOR! Conduc—!! Ah, he's remembered; and as the coach pulls up with a jolt we clutch at macs, blankets, cases, and the like, and scramble out, Swanage reached at last. Twenty minutes later, a mile and a half along a dusty lane that seems it never is coming to an end, we reach the camp and look down, spellbound, at the foamcapped Channel, glistening in the sunshine, bounded by cliffs to the right, but on the left rolling endless to the horizon.

What happy reunions! What handshakes! What joyous hails of, "Hallo, you here again?" and, "Say, I never expected to meet you." There stand the Scottish lads, brave in kilt and sporran, giving

full vent to some outlandish melody! Near them sweet Welsh maids, gay, vivacious.

And here come three Irish colleens, eyes asmiling. "How d'you do, Miss Sisson, enjoying life?" "Sure, and we're having a fine time," she replies, darting off to discover some old camperfriend.

What a medley of voices! Every shade of English,

By L. NORMINGTON

from the excited chatter of the Cockney to the slow "burr" of the West Country man; while amid the buzz stands our dear old Campmaster, getting redder and redder as he tries to "organize" us—and we not even seeing him!

Fourteen happy days that passed too quickly. Who could even start to tell of all their thrills? The early morning plunge was for the few, but none could resist the water's lure when once old Sol had climbed the heavens. Even Matron squeezed an hour now and then to join us, while one of the juniors, so 'tis said, numbered more hours

spent in a swim suit than in any other dress.

Hikes, sea-trips, "open-airs," camp fires, socials, can be no more than mentioned, but each played its part and left us with some picture, some incident we will always treasure. The caves of Tilly Whim, Corfe Castle, Portland Bill, Lulworth Cove, neighbouring Studland with its quaint bays and dazzling cliffs dropping sheer to the sea below—many of them are tucked away among our snapshots, but many, many more we have caught and hold only in our memory.

Not to be forgotten are the visitors, "Uncle Jack," L. A. Vixie—shall we ever forget his reminiscences? G. D. King, R. S. Joyce

—not many of us saw him, but didn't the chocices which he gave us taste good? C. A. Reeves, and others. Camp wouldn't have been quite the same without their cheerful ministrations.

And what of the helpers? Matron, Campmaster, working day and night to fill our tummies and keep us happy. We thought we knew



Photo by Dr. C. Cumings

Preparing dinner for hungry campers.

them before, but Camp revealed them for the jolly, helpful folk they really are.

"Once a camper, always a camper," used to be the motto, and 120 happy, sunburnt Missionary Volunteers now scattered to their homes agree with our camp-fire chorus that "M.V. Camp's the place for me."

### "Don't Forget to Bow!"

I MAVE been much interested in reading the experiences of the various members engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and I am beginning to think that the joy we get from witnessing to the interested people more than repays us for the odd rebuff we might get from others less polite. A bow and a smile is the answer to the problem.

I derive a great amount of pleasure from watching the different styles of bow of my prospective clients. Not that I am by any means an adept at bowing myself! This helps me to retain a smiling expression and it is not long before you get a smile from practically everyone.

J. T. CLEARY.

## "Very Good People"

"I was very encouraged and surprised at a conversation which was something to this effect:

"On calling at a rather large house, after speaking to the lady, she went in and I heard a gentleman's voice saying: 'What! Missions?' He then came to the door and I told him what I had called about, viz., on behalf of World-Wide Missions, including medical, evangelical, educational work, and also leper colonies.

"He wanted to know what denomination I represented. 'Seventh-Day Adventists,' I answered, feeling for a moment fearful of the result, but immediately he exclaimed: 'Very good people. I met them out in the West Indies.' He then handed me 2/-, but would not put his name down or give it to me to put down. I asked what I should put, and he answered: 'West Indies, if you like.' I came away from the house very grateful, feeling that this was a very real and splendid testimonial of the work of our denomination."

## On the Gold Coast

By J. CLIFFORD

Our great aim in the Gold Coast is soul-winning. Teaching and healing as well as preaching must be carried on to give the complete message to the people, but the central thought in all is the preparation of souls for the kingdom of God.

The people in the Gold Coast seem slow to respond to the message. Worldly riches, obtained

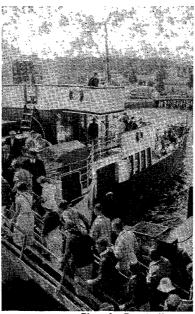


Photo by Doreen Wren
Campers boarding a steamer on a
trip to Bournemouth.

through gold mines and cocoa farms, have brought them to a state of self-satisfaction. The idea of sacrifice is unknown to them. It was interesting to see the reaction of an Ashanti audience when in a public service we read the text: "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." They frankly did not believe that: better, they all agreed, to have the ox and put up with the hatred.

We are encouraged as we see some take up the cross and follow Jesus. Daniel Gyasie was one of these self-satisfied people until he heard the truth. Now he withstands the abuse and mockery of his family; alone in his village he stands fast to Adventist principles. "If only you were not an Adven-

tist," says his wife, "you could belong to any other faith, and I would live at peace with you." He asks us to pray that she, as well as his children and neighbours, may turn to the Lord.

Recently we went to a town to hold a Gospel service among the heathen. We found almost all the inhabitants engaged in a fetish dance. Those who have witnessed a fetish dance can realize the impossibility of holding a religious service amid such confusion, so we passed on to another town. Returning a few days later to the first town souls were converted by the preaching of the Word. Imagine our joy when we found that the leader of the fetish dance was among the converts. Later he explained that it was not the message alone that had led to his conversion, but the great change in the life of one of his friends who had recently become a Christian.

A group of believers in the desert country to the north of Ashanti have endured much for their faith. Before their conversion they were leaders in heathenism. But they burned their idols and built a church. A bitter persecution ensued. Our members were disowned by their relatives, fined, flogged; everything possible was done to make them renounce their faith. We pleaded with the chief and his elders for them, but seldom have we seen the spirit of Satan so manifest; all our efforts were in vain; they were determined to drive the mission from the district. But prayer changes things. The chief instigator of the persecution was banished from the district in disgrace, and our members were able to move to a nearby place where they are at liberty to sing and pray in peace. All seemed well until a young girl in a heathen family decided to become a Christian. The relatives were enraged, took all her clothes from her, and forbade her to attend church. She fled from home and came to the mission. Her relatives sent for her. We had no power to detain the girl. and for her to go home meant

that she would be forced into heathenism. A call to prayer was sent out while the leader of the church went to interview the chief and the girl's relatives. answered prayer; the relatives agreed for the girl to become a Christian, and to live at home in peace; more than that, sixteen of the neighbours came along, and in the presence of the chief announced their decision to become Christians, and he who a few months before had determined to drive the mission from his district, encouraged them. God is working on our behalf.

Bekwai, Ashanti, Gold Coast.

## **SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE**

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#### Stirring Times in Colchester

"THE World's Mad Gallopcome and hear Evangelist J. Maxwell Howard at 'the Regal' next Sunday . . . " I heard a fading voice say as I sat in my room one Friday afternoon. Indeed by means of handbills, posters, local-paper advertisements and even a coloured slide in the cinema itself, we had informed the 50,000 inhabitants of Colchester of the great Back to the Bible Campaign. Those words of invitation had become almost monotonously familiar to us. For a week they had glared at us from shop-windows and houses, from red and white handbills, and from an arrestingly coloured poster drawn daily through the town on a truck. Now there was this startling voice. Could it be that I was suffering from some form of aural delusion! Ιt certainly seemed a little uncanny at first to hear these words repeated by an unknown, distant voice, but of course I had forgotten. We had arranged for a travelling loudspeaker to remind the town of the week-end's attraction-and it was just passing along our road. We had literally lifted up a "voice like a trumpet" and it proved worth while.

Sunday night, October 24th, was fine and fairly warm. The crowds were out for their weekly parade, and consequently half an hour before opening time there was already a large queue at the Regal. Five minutes after the doors were

opened there was heard the simple but significant announcement, "Circle only," for downstairs the seats were already filled. By half-past six one thousand people were reverently awaiting the commencement. Having joined heartily in community singing they listened with wrapt interest to the unfolding of the Word of God in its prophecies and explanation of presentday rearmament and of the trends of political diplomacy. Despite his troublesome cold Brother Howard was a powerful instrument in God's hands, and over 220 persons, eager for further light, asked for literature. We could not help but feel that God's strength had indeed been "made perfect in weakness."

An attractive feature of the evening were two magnificent solos sung by Colchester's best contralto, Miss Grace Ball, and her stirring tones added further appeal to the hearts of her friends.

With such a splendid and encouraging beginning, with such continuous evidences of God's leading, and with the support of your prayers, we are confident that soon there will be added to the ever increasing list of churches the name of the oldest recorded town in English history—Colchester.

R. A. VINCE.

### The Southern District

During our four-year term in the Southern District which in-

cludes Bournemouth, Salisbury, Weymouth, and the new ground we sought to break in Parkstone and Poole, much has been wrought to God's honour and glory in new souls won and the existing work established and strengthened. At Bournemouth, the district centre, upward of twenty souls were added during the first eighteen months of our service with the help of Sister M. Keough as Bibleworker.

Then, after much prayer and self-sacrificing labour by churchmembers, the Lord opened the way for us to acquire their lovely church building. achievement will always live in the memory of the Bournemouth church family as a thing to be wondered at and for which blessing the incense of thanksgiving will continually rise. The MESSENGER family will understand how deeply attached the writer and his family became to the Southern District through the years of service and sacrifice which brought such blessed fruition. Our associate labourers in the Bible-work, Sister Keough, who served first and last, and Sisters Wilkins and Warren in the years in between, all distinguished themselves by serving with acumen and devotion.

At Weymouth and Salisbury gallant companies of God's faithful children hold the fort, and it has always given us pleasure to help them in worship and service.

We are more than happy that the Poole and Parkstone work is to be developed by Brother G. Bell. and we bespeak for him the full and enthusiastic co-operation of the whole membership in Bournemouth and district which has always been so readily accorded to us. During the past few weeks our services have been transferred to south-west Wales, which has Swansea as its centre and where we expect to conduct a soul-saving campaign as soon as it is possible to secure a suitable hall. The Welsh Committee, through its chairman, Pastor S. G. Hyde, have extended to us a very hearty welcome, which has been warmly supported by the Swansea church, and

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we are deeply grateful for this kindness. In our new sphere we desire to spend ourselves and be spent, that the coming of our blessed Lord may be hastened, and for the work we have just left we shall ever pray and remember with solicitude. I and my family would humbly request the prayers of the Messenger family that strength may be given us in our continued labours.

F. S. Jackson.

[Pastor F. S. Jackson's new address is "Roca," Lon Masarn, Sketty, Swansea.]

#### South England Camp Competitions

WE are happy to list below the names of the prize-winners in the various competitions entered into by the South England Campers.

For the best photograph—Miss D. Wren.

Best set of three camp snaps— Dr. C. Cumings.

Best pair of snaps from a junior
—Charlie Watson.

For the best essay—Louis Normington. E. R. WARLAND.

## **SCOTTISH MISSION**

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### Notes from the Superintendent

At the beginning of the year our workers made large plans and set themselves a big programme. We are now reaping the harvest and the prospects are that we shall have one of the best years in soulwinning. During the past quarter twenty-six new members have been added, half this number have the Edinburgh church, joined where there are still ten or twelve preparing for baptism. Brother D. Morrison added another seven new members this year in Glasgow and Uddingston, and is already located in Aberdeen, where he plans to begin a campaign early in January. We all wish Brother and Sister Morrison good success as they labour for the Master in this northern city. Brother H. W. McCrow has had his first baptism since coming to Scotland. Five new members have been added in Dundee, and the prospects are that four or five more will be added this quarter. The lay efforts in Rutherglen, Kirkcaldy, and Stirling are also showing signs of fruitage, and altogether we believe that we shall have at least forty new members before the close of the year. Seven of our young people are at Newbold College this year, three of this number being new Sabbath-keepers as the result of the effort in Edinburgh. All send most encouraging reports of the school work. As workers we appreciate greatly

what the College is doing for our Scottish young people. Let us remember the teachers and all the students in our prayers continually.

Our people greatly enjoyed the visit of Brethren F. W. Goodall and A. Brett. They conducted two or three and sometimes four meetings a day, and during the week no less than twenty-two services were held. Brother Brett's film showing the work of our students in China has given our people a great inspiration to do more in the Harvest Ingathering work, and although we have reached our goal of £2 a member, a number have decided to do still more. We trust that there will be a good overflow in the Scottish Mission this year again. The needs of our missionaries were never so great, the calls never so pressing and urgent.

Our plans for the present evangelistic year are even more aggressive than last. Before this report appears in the Advent Messenger, Brother McCrow will have opened up new work in that famous seaside town of Arbroath. Brother Wilmshurst will also have begun in the large industrial town of Greenock, with almost 100,000 inhabitants, and where as yet we have only one Sabbath-keeper.

Two of our colporteurs are now doing pioneer work in the extreme north, Brother McRea having gone

to Foula, as far north as it is possible to go. Foula is fifteen miles west of the Shetlands, and this island is known as the "Edge of the World." Brother A. Warren writes regarding Brother McRae's visit to this island:

"There are only about thirty houses on Foula, some of them ancient homes with a peat fire in the middle of the floor and a hole in the roof for the smoke to escape. Our colporteur sold here forty-nine shillings' worth of Steps to Christ, Wonders, Bible Speaks, Bedtime Stories, and Health and Happiness. What an inspiring experience!"

Without a doubt we shall yet see results from the labours of our faithful colporteurs in this most northerly section of our territory in the British Union.

REMEMBER our meagre force of workers in your prayers as we endeavour to carry this message to the people throughout the length and breadth of the Scottish territory. It is no easy task with such a scattered population, but we are all of good courage in the Lord, and to Him we give the praise and the honour for the success He has given us thus far this year.

With one mind and one objective in view we press on to higher and greater achievements in His L. Murdoch. name.

all, was conducted by Brother Frank Powell, the Swansea church elder. He gave a fine example of true teaching ability.

The preaching service which followed was conducted by Pastor S. G. Hyde, who spoke with fervour on the need for every member to reach the high standard of loyalty and allegiance to Christ our Saviour, which the times demand in the Advent church.

The afternoon service commenced at 2.30, and was led by Pastor Goodall, who took his text from Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. This, too, proved to be a most moving and inspiring address. A live testimony meeting wound up a wonderful service.

At the evening session which convened in the minor hall of the Y.M.C.A., Pastor Hyde thoughtfully provided us with a lantern lecture on his visit to Denmark and Germany. The pictures, which included scenes of Skodsborg Sanitarium and several of our school properties in Denmark, were much appreciated. The lecture was most instructive as well as entertaining, and was a happy conclusion to what will be remembered as a truly spiritual feast.

F. S. JACKSON.

## WELSH MISSION

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#### Inspiring District Meeting at Swansea

THE week-end, October 29th to 30th, will long be remembered in the south-western section of the Principality of Wales as a time of great spiritual refreshing. Special meetings had been arranged by Pastor S. G. Hyde, the superintendent. These were held in the Central Hall, Swansea, the regular meeting-place of the Swansea church.

In addition to a full representation of the local church, members came in from Port Talbot and Llanelly, and it was a great pleasure to meet those who attended from the Carmarthen and Pembroke areas.

The Friday evening devotional service was a fitting introduction to the Sabbath season of worship and was conducted by the writer from the text, "Come ye . . . apart, ... and rest awhile." Mark 6:31.

Sabbath was a wonderful day of blessing. The Sabbath-school service led by Brother Francis brought the dear Lord especially near us. Pastor F. W. Goodall, the Union Sabbath-school and Young People's Department leader, took the children's lesson on the "Fruits of the Spirit" from the desk. With apt illustrations, simply told, he

had no difficulty in capturing and holding the interest of the young folks. The missionary item was rendered with good effect by Brother Rosser. The adult lesson, on Our Great High Priest, to the great interest and enjoyment of 11 (4.5)

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## At the Autumn Council

By H. W. LOWE

We are now in old Battle Creek in the days prior to the Autumn Council of the General Conference. A number of conventions of a helpful nature are in progress, and altogether there seems to be a very cordial earnest spirit among the delegates.

Among the many friends we have met are Dr. A. B. Olsen, formerly of Caterham Sanitarium. He is looking a little older than when the friends in England knew him, but preserves his keen manner and deep devotion to the Advent message. He sends his greetings to his many friends in England. Here also is Brother Judd, the business manager; for forty-nine years connected with this great institution. He is an Englishman, and makes no secret of the fact that he would like to settle down to end his days in the old country.

At the moment the General Conference treasurer, Nelson, is talking to the Presidents' Council, pointing out the great necessity for increasing our gifts to missions in the needy parts of the earth. There has been a great discussion on this subject, and it was very gratifying to hear the unanimous cries of "no!" which came from the delegates when Brother Nelson asked, "Are we to stop giving to missions? Are we to forget the lands afar? Are we to care only for ourselves?" It is evident that the question of finishing the Lord's work in every part of the earth is deeply on the hearts of these believers.

It has been gratifying to meet a number of men, especially in Canada, who have stated that they would like to work in the old country. There is a vision in the minds of our men, and certainly there is an aggressiveness of faith that indicates a desire to see the Lord's work finished everywhere.

Sitting talking to a good brother from far-off California about the work in England, we were surprised when he gave us three dollars with the remark, "Say, I always enjoy the Messenger, and I want you to take this as a subscription because I don't want it to stop coming." Thank you, Dr.

Nelson! Which reminds us that we shall all shortly have the opportunity to do likewise. I am hoping that the Messenger offering on November 13th may prove a very great blessing to this little journal. We should be in rather a sad way without the regular visits of our church paper, and it certainly keeps us in touch with each other's needs and the progress of God's work in different parts. Let us do our utmost to cover the cost of the production of this little Messenger.

#### LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA

ELDER J. L. McElhany, General Conference president, has just brought to the Autumn Council some grave news from Shanghai.

Our Division property was some time ago taken over as Japanese headquarters, and came directly in the firing line. The houses of workers and offices were nearly all damaged by shell-fire. Eventually Chinese planes bombed the district, and so far as we know practically all the Division property took fire. Our workers have lost most of their belongings and the property has been destroyed.

This is doubtless the most serious destruction of property yet suffered by this movement anywhere in the world. It places an extremely heavy burden on the treasury of the General Conference, and it constitutes a call for all our believers to engage themselves earnestly in prayer. So far our workers are safe in the stricken area, aside from five of our publishing house staff who were killed in the International Settlement.

## Tell Everyone the Good News

We are more than happy to send out the good news to all our members throughout the British field that the 1937 Harvest Ingathering Campaign has been crowned with success. The goal of £10,000 was reached by the end of October, with an overflow of £225. This is the largest amount ever obtained in the British field by the end of October. The overflow of £225, we expect, will be increased by perhaps, another £200 or more. It is possible that we shall pass last year's record figure:

We desire to express our hearty thanks and appreciation to all who have helped in this great campaign. We know it has meant hard work and faith, but God has blessed our efforts and success has come. No doubt there will be many people who have become interested as a result of our calling upon them. Would it not be a good thing to follow up this interest and endeavour to win some souls for the truth?

We are sure that you will do all you can in this way, that we may have a double harvest, not only of money, but also of souls won to the truth.

F. W. GOODALL.

## At Rest

EDMUNDS.—The Southend church has sustained the loss of one of its charter members in the death of Sister Elizabe'h Sarah Edmunds. She lived to the great age of eighty-seven years, and passed away-peacefully in her sleep on the morning of August 26, 1937. She accepted the truth under the labours of Pastor Douglas Armstrong, and was baptized with the first-fruits of his first effort in Southend on January 5, 1913. Until age and infirmity prevented, she was a regular attendant at church, and faithful in its support. Her faith was strong in the Advent message. We laid her to rest in West Leigh Cemetery, there to await the coming of the Lord. A short service was conducted at the home by Pastor J. B. West, assisted by the local velder, Brother Vince, at which a number of churchmembers and friends were present. Four daughters and one son are left to mourn their loss, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

HARRIS.—On July 9, 1937, Sister Harris fell asleep in Jesus at the age of eighty-three years and was laid to rest in St. Woolas Cemetery, Newport. She accepted the message under the labours of Pastor Meredith in Cardiff, over thirty-one years ago, and since her transfer to Newport she proved a source of strength to the church there. As the result of a stroke, some weeks before the annual meetings in Cardiff, she lost her sight, but requested the prayers of God's children at the time of the conference, and God rewarded her faith, for she received her sight again. She never lost an opportunity of witnessing for the truth. The Newport church has indeed lost an old and tried member, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, and confidently look forward to meeting our sister in the first resurrection. We extend our sympathy to her relatives who mourn, and commend them to the Lord Jesus Christ and the God of all comfort.