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## On the King's Highway By the Merseyside

In this north-west portion of England the Advent banner is bravely flying. Our church building is situated almost in the centre of the city, near to the new and massive Anglican cathedral, and not far from the partially-erected Roman Catholic cathedral. Liverpool is one of the strongholds of the Romish faith and the presence of so many of its adherents presents a great problem to us in our evangelical work. Religious strife is quickly engendered here. Our membership in the central church is over one hundred strong, and embraces many strong and vigorous believers who are active and useful in the life of the church.

Recently we have established a new company of believers across the Mersey in Wallasey. Here our people meet three times a week in a hired hall—Sunday, Thursday, and Sabbath. The new believers are full of love and zeal for the cause and have soon learned to take an active part in all the various activities of our church life, such as Harvest Ingathering, tract distribution, *Present Truth* circulation, and billing. Our Sabbath-school is quite lively and interesting, many taking part. The membership here is twenty-five and still growing.

In February of this year we commenced work in Warrington, about sixteen miles away. We have already made many new friends and look forward hopefully

to establishing a new company in this town where soap and chemicals are manufactured. We are planning to follow up our hall effort with a series of Gospel tent meetings, a suitable site already having been granted to us. In this way we hope to become better acquainted with our new friends, and we feel sure the Advent message will appeal to them in these momentous days.

Our staff consists of three workers—myself, with Miss Hamblin as Bible-worker and Brother D. H. Handysides as assistant. On Sabbath mornings and Tuesday evenings the writer attends the Liverpool church, Sabbath afternoons and Thursday evenings at Wallasey, and Sundays at Warrington. With meetings in all these places, and attending to the business side

of our new effort, in addition to visiting the sick and needy members, we have quite an active programme. Miss Hamblin has her hands full each week. She conducts the young ladies' class in Liverpool on Sabbath and takes charge of the children in Wallasey, visiting and giving Bible studies, both in Wallasey and Warrington.

Brother Handysides also fills a useful place on our staff. He takes the Sunday service at Wallasey, Sabbath-school class in Liverpool, and Sabbath-school in Wallasey. He also has a list of names to visit in Warrington, besides assisting in the advertising side of our effort.

Recently a vigorous Youth Campaign was conducted in the Liverpool church by Brethren F. W. Goodall and H. T. Johnson. As a result we now have a Sunday-school which is manned by the young people of the church. The Liverpool Sunday evening service is conducted by two of our faithful lay brethren, A. Hatton and W. H. Woodfield. Several of our members come over to Warrington to help with the staffing of the hall, bill distribution, etc. Brother Penrhy Marsden has rendered very competent performance at the grand organ and piano. All these services are highly appreciated.

We trust that, by the grace of God, we shall be able to establish the Advent truth in these new centres around Liverpool, and therefore appeal to our people through-

### God Give Us Men!

God give us men! A time like this demands  
Great hearts, strong minds, true  
faith, and willing hands;  
Men whom the lust of office does  
not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honour, men who will not lie;  
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,  
Their large professions and little deeds,  
Wrangle in selfish strife—lo! Freedom weeps,  
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

—Selected.

out the British Union for their prayers to sustain us in this exalted but difficult task.

W. MAUDSLEY.

### From Prejudice to Praise

ONE Sabbath morning, about four months after we commenced our services, a middle-aged lady walked into our service a few minutes late, settled herself comfortably with pencil and note-book and proceeded to take copious notes of all that was said. In the afternoon the episode was repeated. Soon she and her note-book and pencil became a familiar feature of the services.

Later the story came out. She had heard of our services and "queer notions," and had despised them. Once she had sent her dog after our faithful bill distributor! One Sabbath morning as she was at work in her kitchen she was strongly impressed to go to our meeting-place. There and then she laid down her work, put on her coat and hat, and followed the leading of the Spirit of God.

Bible studies were commenced. In spite of bitter opposition and struggles in her heart, she finally gave in to the pleading of God, and gladly went forward with the others when the time for the baptism came. She has never regretted the step she has taken.

L. G. HARDINGE.

### "A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

"HURRY up and get ready for your gymnasium class, Jim, you'll be late!"

It was Mother speaking to her little eleven-year-old son. He had not been well for many months—indeed had not long returned from a convalescent home by the sea. His nerves had been shattered and naturally his mother was anxious that he should get all the help possible from his Friday night gymnasium class. Unbeknown to her, however, he had attended with his grandmother some of our services and had learned about the Sabbath of God.

"I don't want to go, Mother." Thinking he was feeling unwell she never pressed him, but when

there was a further objection next Friday night Mother said, "Aren't you well?" At last Jim had to tell his mother about the Sabbath. "Stuff and nonsense, get along off!"

So eleven-year-old Jim trudged down the road to the class. His chin was set with youthful determination. He was not going to break God's holy Sabbath, *no—NEVER!* What *could* he do? He must speak to the organizer of the gymnasium class who happened to be the minister of the Methodist Chapel, whose Sunday-school he was attending.

"Mr. —, I am going to change my church, and I cannot come any more on Friday nights."

That earnest, little face was turned up with such a depth of appeal to that understanding man of God. "Oh yes, Jim, just what does that mean?" Never before had the minister faced such a situation. In halting, simple language Jim explained the Sabbath and the reason why he could not come to any more Friday night classes. The minister understood.

Weeks passed. The lad attended one of our church schools. He grew stronger spiritually and physically. His ambition to become a minister for God never wavered.

Months passed. His mother began to come to the services. Her greatest happiness was found in the house of God. Her voice began to sing the melodies of the Cross. She sang at home, at church, and others sought her gift. At last she, too, with her mother connected with the movement.

Years passed. The determination to succeed grew stronger in that youthful face. Those eyes were clear and the vision of the field undimmed. Jim is still fighting his battles for truth. He is still labouring hard that one day soon he might have a place in the work of God.

Does evangelism in Britain pay? May 6,000 Adventists in these islands answer "yes." Let the answer reverberate through every city, town, village, and hamlet that the truth might cover the land as the waters cover the sea.

J. M. HOWARD.

### Grace that Conquers Enslaving Habits

AT some time or other in every individual's life comes a crucial question. A great decision must be made. Thus it was in the case of Mr. — at Barnsley. For years he had been a slave to a little wooden bowl, a devotee at the shrine of the god Tobacco. Many attempts had been made to break away from the enslaving vice which had met with as many failures. Then one day when the thin thread of faith became a mighty cable, he reached out to a Power outside his own. Immediately he was converted the desire and craving was swallowed up in a wave of victory. I cannot recall such an experience without offering a silent prayer of thanksgiving to God who can free us all from the shackles of sin and can make us clean every whit.

J. C. FRENCH.

### How I Came to Join the Advent Church

I HAVE often given thanks to God for the fact that I was born into a Christian home. My father founded a Baptist church with two or three other Christians, and was for fifty years superintendent of the Sunday-school, becoming a vice-president of the Baptist Association.

At the time I first heard the Advent message I was superintendent of the largest Sunday-school in Darlington. Mrs. Bennett, my children, and myself were deeply interested in Pastor S. G. Joyce and his lectures. There seemed to be a power in the message which was completely lacking in the message of the other churches, and added to this was the very comforting thought and knowledge that the Advent teaching was all revealed in the Bible itself. It was not merely founded upon one doctrine of the Word of God, as is the case with the very many churches which are in existence to-day.

In addition to the lectures we were greatly helped by the visits of Miss Ford, the lady Bible-worker, to our home.

For some years I had been led by God to study the Bible care-

fully, especially the prophetic writings, in order that I might find enlightenment upon many of the difficult passages of the Apocalypse.

I was very much impressed when I heard Pastor Joyce explain the true meaning of the millennium and the events preceding and succeeding this great period. The condition of the dead was also clearly and eloquently explained, backed up by biblical authority, and we found deep comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love and mercy as the memory of departed loved ones came back to us.

The great Sabbath question was gradually unfolded to our minds, and the pageant of historical events which was presented with the contemporary history of the true church of Christ down the ages illuminated and prepared the way for the further study of "present truth," as it is now in our own particular time, the last days of earth's history.

After the presentation of the great Sabbath truth, we proceeded to learn of its application in our individual lives. There was a depth

reached in this teaching which was marked and conspicuous by its very absence from the teaching of the other churches.

About this period I had the pleasure of speaking personally to Pastor Joyce and the pleasure of his visit to our home, when my wife, son, daughter, and I decided to be baptized and to join the Advent church.

Since then we have found a real Christian fellowship among the members of the church and have rejoiced to see many more brothers and sisters come to a knowledge of the truth, and find "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Our prayer is that all who have accepted the Advent message may remain faithful, by the grace of God, and that their pathway may be as the pathway of the just, which is "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," and that many more also may yet be added to the true church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

E. N. BENNETT.

to hand the same may be said of the whole Union. These uncertain and dynamic times really demand that the faithfulness of the Lord's people express itself in such concrete form that the maximum amount of soul-saving work may be undertaken while the opportunity remains open to us.

#### COLLEGE NOTES

Word to hand from Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch and his wife in Ann Arbor, Michigan, indicates that they are looking forward to returning to take up work in the British Union early in the month of June. Brother Murdoch is studying at Ann Arbor University for a certain degree and reports that he is having a very satisfactory time pursuing these studies.

We are planning to strengthen our school work materially with the next school year, for our present faculty has been too heavily loaded during the present school year. Details will be published in due course.

Greetings to all our believers and prayerful remembrances at the throne of grace.

H. W. LOWE.



FAR more than we do, we need to speak of the precious chapters in our experience, of the mercy and loving-kindness of God, of the matchless depths of the Saviour's love.—"*Patriarchs and Prophets*," page 347.

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#### WARNING!

WE wish to issue a word of warning to our churches against a person who has been around soliciting or begging for gifts. This morning we had two complaints from people who have given £1 each to the individual in question.

So many warnings of this nature have been issued from time to time that it seems scarcely necessary to tell our people that they should not give money to anyone unknown to them, even though the person represent himself as an Adventist in distress. Please do not be misled; every case of this nature should be verified before help is given. H. W. LOWE.

## Notes from the Union President

#### EVANGELISTIC INTERESTS

NOTHING is quite so thrilling in this Advent message as to see crowds of new people hearing this truth for the first time. Two of these thrilling week-ends came to us recently, one in Belfast and one in Ilford.

Brother E. E. Craven has two Sunday night meetings in Belfast, in addition to the usual church service. At one he has been preaching for fourteen months, and still has a good crowd of about 250 people from which thirty-seven have already been baptized into the truth. At the other meeting there were not less than 275 people who had just previously had the Sabbath presented to them. We were told that even more people are coming since the presentation of the Sabbath than before, which is unusual and a very gratifying feature of this work.

In Ilford Brother C. A. Reeves had not less than eighty people at his Sabbath-school and perhaps

120 at the afternoon service, practically every one of these being new to our movement. It was really an inspiration to see the way these new people drank in the truths of the Advent message, which makes the old Adventist wonder if he really is half enough appreciative of all the blessings that this truth brings. We can well understand this comment in a letter just received from one of our evangelists:

"The work is moving along encouragingly. We have never before been so conscious of the Spirit's compelling power as in recent days. The joy of seeing dozens of souls step out in faith to keep the commandments is just the greatest thrill this side of the kingdom."

#### FINANCE

First, though incomplete, reports to hand indicate that our tithes for the first quarter of the year are encouragingly upward in the two large conferences. We hope that when the missions reports are

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### Wimbledon Missionary Volunteers

ONE of the greatest privileges we have in our work is the opportunity to visit the various young people's societies, and see them actively engaged in work for Christ. We are sure that the believers throughout the conference will be interested to hear concerning the young people's work at Wimbledon in South London, where we have a flourishing society, composed of earnest, consecrated members, with energetic leaders. Nothing is left to chance in arranging the programmes for the society meetings in Wimbledon, and every member is called upon to play a part in the programme.

We have just received from the society a copy of their special cyclostyled magazine, which gives a synopsis of the series of studies given last quarter, entitled, "What Christ means to me." Various members spoke on their particular interests, such as medicine, literature, music, science, motherhood, religion, art, teaching, etc. We wish that all our young people could have the opportunity of reading this little magazine, but as that is impossible, we select the following few paragraphs from the reports of the talks.

One young person says: "My business is ever bringing before me my Saviour, Jesus Christ. I meet poor people and Christ helps me to do something for them. I kneel down and pray in homes which are alive with filth. I go as a humble servant of Jesus Christ. Oh, the joy I get when I come away! They smile and thank me and say they did not think anyone took any interest in them. If we could only get the loving spirit of Jesus in us and always have a kindly word and a shake of the hand for the poor and degraded! Pray for them."

In the report of the talk given by a member of the church engaged in business we pass on the following encouraging testimony:

"What is it that brings customers back again with the remark, 'I came on Saturday but you were closed'? We believe it is the Spirit of Christ which has overruled and brought them back. We have to rely upon Christ to help us in our business. People have often remarked that we commit business suicide by closing on the busiest day of the week. My reply is that I would rather close my shop and have a clear conscience. Having known what is right, if I were to open my shop on the Sabbath I would not expect success. God might allow success to come to me, but only for a short time. The closing of the shop on Sabbath is a silent testimony and the greatest witness for Christ."

One of the sisters, dealing with the subject, "What Christ means to me in the home," says: "Much depends upon the choice of companion. Young people should be most careful and prayerful over the one they choose to share their life and home. If they belong to the Lord, then only one who loves the Lord should be good enough for them. Elder McGuire, in his talk at the recent conference, assured all young people that if they have accepted Christ they have no right to hand out their affections just anywhere."

Another of the young people gave the following testimony: "It sometimes happens that an employer will put up with the inconvenience of giving us Saturday mornings off because the quality of our work makes it worth while. The standard is a high one and nothing short of the best should leave our hands. We set our own standard, and often more is expected of us than from others, both in quantity and in quality. Responsibility is often placed upon us, and while this may not be recognized by those over us, it is in itself a testimony to the value they place on us."

Not only have the senior young

people been having a feast of good things and also been actively engaged in home missionary work, but the junior society is also a live unit in the church. Every junior collected over ten shillings in the Harvest Ingathering, and some collected far more than that amount. At Christmas time they invited sixteen poor children, connected with the welfare work, and gave them a very happy evening, together with a gift for each child. Earlier in the year the junior society took a special interest in a poor little boy of the district connected with the welfare work, and out of their own pocket money bought him a pair of boots. We understand that they are doing the same again this year. It certainly is an encouragement to the church to see the children and young people actively engaged in Christian help work like this.

We ask the prayers of God's people that all our young people's societies shall be shining lights in the towns in which they are situated.

E. R. WARLAND.

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### Welfare Work

At the Wimbledon church, on December 16, 1937, the first welfare social was held. A good programme was arranged, opening with a hymn, "There's a work for Jesus," followed by prayer by the chairman. Two very nice readings were given, also four solos suited to the programme. Our leader gave us a very interesting, lively talk about our work, showing many of the garments, while the senior young people helped us to cakes, tarts, Postum, and lemonade.

One of our brethren gave us the man's point of view, which was very encouraging, and inspired us to push on with the good work.

An appeal was made for funds, supported by the chairman with very appropriate remarks. As a result, £1. 4s. 2d. was given, which with other gifts of £2, were spent on coal and food for deserving families during the festive season.

There was a good attendance and the evening was most enjoyable. Many of those present were surprised at the number of garments made, especially those made

from old clothes, which were given away to poor children.

We must also give a word of praise to our senior young people. They went out carol-singing and collected £3. 16s. 6d. This amount they gave to the Welfare Society. We were overjoyed at their thought for us, and pray that the Lord will bless our young people, and that they may always find joy in doing anything that may come their way to help those who are not so fortunate as themselves.

We do feel that the Lord has blessed us in our work. Many prayers have been answered in a marvellous way, and in the new year now begun, we press forward with new energy, new hopes, new ideas for this part of the Lord's work.

MRS. D. COLLIS, *Sec-Treas.*

### Dorcas Work in Reading

ON the afternoon of September 7, 1937, a good company of lady members of the Reading church met in the schoolroom. Each had responded to Brother Bonney's request that a Dorcas society should be inaugurated.

Under the leadership of Sisters Credland and Bonney plans were discussed for the successful running of such a society. Arrangements were made for members to meet on one afternoon each fortnight.

Each meeting was opened with a hymn, followed by a prayer, and the report of the previous meeting. The loving spirit and keen enthusiasm shown by so many willing workers gave great encouragement. Then as the members occupied themselves quietly and restfully with knitting, a spiritual uplift was provided in the form of a talk or reading given by the leader or assistant. These quiet half-hours were always greatly enjoyed and we trust God blessed them to each heart.

In addition to knitting there was much mending, making, and re-making of garments brought by the members. In all, close on two hundred warm, serviceable garments were made ready for wear.

We are most fortunate in having the help of members who possess more than average skill in cutting

out and needlework. One dear sister, being greatly afflicted with arthritis, was not able to meet with us, but did a good share of work of a very high standard in her own home.

As the colder weather came on we were very anxious to place the clothing where it was most needed. Contacts were made with families through the relieving officer and others. Wants were ascertained and where possible supplied, and the needs of our local churchmembers were not forgotten.

On December 16, 1937, the society met for a very happy time of fellowship. Christmas parcels were made up for fifteen families. Suitable gifts of groceries, food, fruit, sweets, toys, books, puzzles, etc., were put with the Dorcas garments in these surprise packets. And what joy they brought to the recipients! Truly the Spirit of the Christ Child was with us.

We fully believe that God will continue to bless and prosper the Reading S.D.A. Dorcas Society, and make it a shining centre of light, truth, and love and a blessing to many needy souls.

F. A. ALDER, *Secretary.*

### A Novel Harvest Thanksgiving Service

ON Sunday night, January 30th, a "Harvest of the Sea" service was launched with community singing. "Do you want a pilot?" and "I will make you fishers of men," were great favourites.

The church was decorated with gear used in the fishing industry, buffs, scoops, baskets, shovels, etc. The walls were lined with herring nets and flags. The masthead light, port and starboard lights were burning brightly when the service proper commenced with a duet by Pastor and Mrs. Watson entitled, "I know who pilots me."

A trio "Homeward Bound," was sung by Misses Pitchers and Pastor Watson with lights "doused" and only the masthead, port, and starboard lights in evidence, which gave a nautical effect. "Anchored," a splendid solo by Mrs. Cambridge, was another special musical item during the evening.

Pastor Watson gave the address. As the message came forth,

"Launch out into the deep, and let down the nets for a draught," the tail end of the nets came down with a run giving a realistic effect to the words.

Although the way has been rough and stormy at times, with God's help we shall land a good haul of human fish in the near future.

All departments of the church are actively engaged in this incomparable work of catching souls for the Saviour. W. FISHER.

### Young People's Convention at Plymouth

ON Friday evening, January 14th, Brethren F. W. Goodall and E. R. Warland were with us to begin a series of special meetings for the young people. Films were thrown on the screen for almost every service, and we believe they greatly helped our young people to grasp the true significance of the stories.

On Sabbath afternoon a service was conducted for the juniors in the lecture hall, and another for the seniors in the church. Again on Sunday afternoon the juniors met to spend a profitable hour.

It is always encouraging to see young people take their stand for God, and Brother Warland must have been cheered when fourteen responded to his appeal for reconsecration on Monday night.

As the Sabbath again drew on, we wended our way to the church. Young voices could be heard above the "din of toil and wrong" singing "melodies" of love, and yet again we were conscious of God's Spirit speaking courage and comfort to our hearts. Pastors Goodall and Warland conducted the usual Sabbath services.

To wind up a week of special blessings, the brethren suggested that we should have a social on Saturday night. The juniors had a very happy time in the early part of the evening. At seven o'clock the seniors took over, and I am sure it can be said that we never had a more sociable and happy gathering before.

We took part in several games and then enjoyed the refreshments, for which we were indebted to the kindness of Mrs. Clarke.

At 9.40 Brother Warland showed us some films of camp life, and a desire gripped our hearts to attend camp this year.

Time sped all too quickly and we were sorry to leave the company and friendship of Christian young people.

One hour from midnight found us bound for home with a desire in our hearts to serve God more earnestly.

H. G. CROCKER.  
M.V. Leader.

### An Appreciation

For twenty-one years Sister

Warren has been a faithful treasurer to the Portsmouth church, having worked with ten pastors. She was never late in sending in her reports to the conference office.

We are all sorry that she has had to give up her office through failing health.

Sister Warren accepted the treasurership under Pastor A. D. Armstrong, and has now resigned under his brother, Pastor A. K. Armstrong.

That God may bless her remaining days with His love and happiness is the wish and prayer of the church.

CHURCH CLERK.

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### Camp News!

We have secured a splendid site for the 1938 camp, and extend to all our young people, both junior and senior, our hearty invitation to join us there from August 1st to 14th.

Anglesey is a very interesting island. The field we have chosen has a wonderful outlook across the little bay of Benllech. The sands are ideal for safe and enjoyable bathing.

There will be plans laid for a trip round the island and a visit to the mainland, through the beautiful valleys, over the rugged, majestic mountain passes of North Wales, including a visit to Snowdon and the castle at Carnarvon, with its memories of early English history, besides many other places of interest.

The usual camp fees will be charged and the same plans are being made for travelling. All we ask you to do is to write to us immediately for the registration form.

Young people, make the most of this another opportunity of having an ideal holiday, under ideal surroundings, in ideal company. It will prove the best investment you have ever made.

Parents, send your junior young

people to us for a camp holiday this year. Special arrangements are made for their care, comfort, and enjoyment. Encourage your senior young people to take their holidays where they will obtain physical and spiritual blessings.

*We can make provision for all the young people who wish to join us, provided they register at an early date.*

H. T. JOHNSON.



### Youth to the Fore!

THIS was certainly the case in Liverpool when the Campaign for Youth by Youth was held from March 4th to 11th. Long before March, when the week loomed very distant, we planned and schemed for this campaign. However, three weeks before the event became due, there began a time of feverish activity. Postal communication between Nottingham and Liverpool was kept busy: bills arrived; film slides arrived; banners arrived; music arrived; the choir got busy. Everyone worked very hard. The schools in the neighbourhood were approached, and Sister Cleary did valuable work here, as we found, when we did personal billing and talked to the children. Yes, they'd come. The headmaster had told them to! Oh, they'd seen the bills. The headmaster had put them on the notice-board.

Pastor F. W. Goodall and Brother H. T. Johnson arrived and took charge of the juniors and seniors respectively. The theme for the latter was very appealing, "The World's Greatest Love Story," and on the Friday night, to a very appreciative audience, Pastor Goodall gave the introductory talk.

Saturday night saw the first junior meeting. Some adults were able to come in cars, but numbers of the juniors preferred roller-skates, though, unlike the adults, were not disposed to leave their mode of transport at the door. From seventy to almost a hundred children enjoyed the meetings throughout the week. Talks, nature stories, and films (including one of the Coronation) were all appreciated. The first Saturday night of the campaign the senior youth enjoyed a song service illustrating "The Pilgrim's Progress."

On the Wednesday we were sorry to lose Pastor Goodall through sickness, but Brother Johnson valiantly stepped in, and we carried on successfully. The senior meetings were not so well attended, but those present heard thrilling and uplifting talks by Brother Johnson, who unfolded to us each evening "The World's Greatest Love Story," drawn from Luke 15:11-24. As we followed the vicissitudes of the prodigal, some found their way back to God,

and on the concluding Friday a large number reconsecrated their lives for service to their Master.

We concluded the campaign with another musical evening, and a most interested audience saw the film on "Camp at Silecroft, August, 1937."

As a result of our campaign we have started a Sunday-school for the children in charge of Brother Handysides. So far we have an attendance of about forty. We pray that through these children many parents may be won to the truth.

PENRY MARSDEN.

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## SCOTTISH MISSION

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### Youth Campaign in Glasgow

WHEN planning for Pastor F. W. Goodall's visit to the Scottish field, it occurred to us that it would be a wonderful inspiration to all if, at the close of the ten days' campaign on behalf of our young people, ten would be baptized.

Accordingly we wrote to Brother Goodall suggesting that our motto for the campaign should be "Ten Young People Baptized in a Ten-Day Campaign."

With this objective in view we began to work and pray, and the Lord honoured our faith beyond our expectations. Last Sabbath afternoon witnessed the most impressive baptism of young people which we have ever had in the Scottish Mission, when eleven candidates went forward in this ordinance. It was a day of great rejoicing, and will long be remembered, especially by the fathers and mothers who saw the results of many years' home training and faithfulness to this message bearing fruit, as their loved ones decided to follow their Master.

We honour the parents who live consistent Christian lives in their own homes, so that their children as they grow older in years desire to identify themselves with this Advent message, and thus at an early age decide to give of the strength of their youth to this cause.

Four of the candidates were from the church in Glasgow and four from Edinburgh. A young man and his wife, who also took part in this service, are the result of a lay effort which was con-

ducted by Brethren Bleasby and Kelly in Rutherglen. Another isolated sister, having heard this message through her mother, who was baptized by Pastor D. Morrison recently, was also a candidate. Let us remember all these young people in our prayers, that He who has begun a good work in their hearts will continue it until they all come to the stature of the perfect man in Christ Jesus. It was fitting that the Union young people's leader should baptize these candidates, and we trust that this

will be but the beginning of many similar campaigns on behalf of our youth.

It would be impossible to speak too appreciatively of the work which Brother Goodall did during this campaign. On Saturday evening a very successful social evening was carried through, and at the close our local brethren freely expressed their gratitude to him for what had been accomplished during the past ten days under the blessing of God.

Our evangelists—Brethren D. Morrison, H. W. McCrow, and J. Wilmshurst—all report a goodly number revealing a deep interest in our message. Let us remember them in our prayers, especially at this time, as they have now reached that critical point which comes in every campaign when men and women are faced for the first time with the greatest decision of their lives.

Pray that those who are convicted may be given grace to break with their former church connection and with the world, and thus decide to follow their Master all the way. L. MURDOCH.

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## NEWBOLD COLLEGE

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### Days of Devotion

THE acquisition of knowledge, highly important as that undoubtedly is, does not compose by any means all the student's College experience. During the school year various organizations function, and special plans are regularly made for the deepening of the student's spiritual life, and the reaffirming of his entire dependence upon God. We realize, with the apostle Paul, that with our learning we must have love, with our education, consecration, if we are to be effective in the Lord's work.

There are two devotional seasons in the College year which are always anticipated with joy and remembered with thankfulness, the Autumn and Spring Weeks of Prayer. We have now just finished our Spring prayer season, and once again our expectations have been

more than realized, and our gratitude to God increased.

For the first part of the week we were fortunate in having the godly and searching ministry of Pastor W. H. Meredith. From his long experience he unfailingly produced "treasures" new and old, but always veritable "treasures" of wisdom and inspiration. We shall not soon forget the three questions which he made so potent and personal, "Whence comest thou?" "What doest thou here?" and "Whither goest thou?" Many a young Adventist was made more seriously and prayerfully to consider God's plan for his life, and how it might best be fulfilled, as Brother Meredith unfolded the Lord's purpose for the youth in these eventful days.

During the second half of the week we listened with deep inter-

est to much timely and practical counsel from Pastor R. S. Joyce. He reminded us again of those truths which young Christians need constantly to keep in mind. His direct and forceful presentations became an urge as well as a guide to us all, and made a fitting close to a week of heart-searching and renewed consecration.

On the Friday evening, after we had gathered as a school round the

Lord's Table, most of the students rose and gave willing and grateful testimony to the blessings received, expressing their confidence once more in the verities of this great message.

Surely the Lord has drawn nigh to us, as we have drawn nigh to Him, and with His help, and your prayers, we at Newbold mean to do our part in giving the last warning to the world. E. Cox.

will be commencing. Special plans have been made whereby a greater number of our students can secure their scholarships and re-enter the school unencumbered by debt. It is confidently expected that the summer of 1938 will be "vintage" year for literature scholarships. Should any young person be desirous of entering Newbold during 1938 the road has been made much easier by reason of the "Magazine Scholarship Plan" now being offered. If you are interested in this plan write to the Field Missionary Department for information.

Above all, we are thankful for the souls who are finding their way into the Advent message through the faithful efforts of our literature evangelists, and by reason of the ministry of the printed page.

Continue to pray for this important phase of our work in the British Union. G. D. KING.

## Field Missionary Department

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### Conquests and Confidence

By many the first quarter of the year is regarded as a trying and difficult period. Usually the weather is bad and people are affected by its gloominess. In some ways the first quarter of 1938 has not been true to such forebodings—the weather at least has been kind. In the field of international politics these three months have been most eventful, happenings of far-reaching magnitude have been taking place, and, in many respects, it has been a period of grave uncertainty.

However, the work of God marches on, achieving its purpose and making its conquests with increasing confidence. This is certainly true of our colporteur ministry in the British Union. The first quarter of 1938 is one of the best on record. Our colporteurs in conference, at the beginning of the year, unanimously voted a gain of £1,000 in sales as a goal for the year.

In view of the accomplishment of 1937, this seemed a reasonable yet courageous action. Now, the first quarter of the road has been covered, and it has been a source of great inspiration to see the gain in sales creeping up week by week. The total gain in reported colporteur sales is already over £700! Naturally this has not been accomplished without arduous toil and courageous effort on the part of the gallant colporteurs now working in the British Union.

More than £3,000 worth of literature has been placed in the homes of the people, representing a huge quantity of message-filled books now being read by the British public. Surely this is a conquest that increases our confidence both in the men and women carrying the printed page and in the product which they carry.

Great days are ahead of us for literature evangelism, and more and more consecrated workers will find their way into this self-supporting service.

One of the most encouraging features of this good beginning to 1938 is that so many of our new workers are finding the success which brings economic security and self-respecting assurance. Several "recruits" are now selling regularly £8 to £10 worth of literature each week. The medium-priced book, *Our Wonderful Bible*, is still meeting a most favourable market, and hundreds of these bound books leave The Stanborough Press each week to enter the homes of the people.

Undoubtedly there are many more of our members in the Union who, with training and preparation, could experience the joy and satisfaction which comes from successful colporteur work. The Field Missionary Department is always at your service to assist you to that end.

Soon the student colporteurs will enter the field. As these lines are read the Newbold Institute

### At Rest

AFFORD (née Hewitt).—Sister Olive Afford, of the Middlesbrough Church, fell asleep in Jesus on March 26, 1938. She had been in ill health for some years, but bore her sufferings patiently and with great courage. She was baptized in November, 1935, by Pastor S. G. Joyce, who also conducted the funeral service. We look forward to the resurrection morning, when we shall meet our loved one again.

H. A. WINDROSS.

WANTED.—Young ladies for domestic help in the various departments of The Stanboroughs. Apply, stating age and experience, to the Manager, The Stanboroughs, Stanborough Park, Watford.

WANTED.—Middle-aged S.D.A. sister willing to help in home of semi-invalid sister and husband in exchange for comfortable home. J.T., 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

MISS E. R. BINNS now requires no more literature and thanks past senders. Will borrowers of *Testimonies*, Vols. 1 and 3, also *Ministry of Healing*, kindly return them to her at 8 Magdala Crescent, Edinburgh, 2.

HOUSE-FARLOURMAID required. Small house, two in family. Two maids kept. For particulars apply: Mrs. Montague-Curtis, 5 Campden House Terrace, Kensington, London, W.8.

THE Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £4 for the Lord's tithe.

### SUNSET CALENDAR

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| April 22nd | 8.07  | 8.15  | 8.19   | 8.32 | 8.39  |
| April 29th | 8:18  | 8:27  | 8:31   | 8:46 | 8:52  |

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