

Things We Must Not Forget

In the book of repetitions (Deuteronomy) we have an account of all the instructions given to Israel during their forty years' disciplinary wanderings in the wilderness. We read in Patriarchs and Prophets that "Moses gave the whole book of Deuteronomy in discourses to the people."—Page 503.

It is evident that the crisis experiences which befell Israel at Kadesh-barnea are stressed at great length by Moses in this series of sermons. These experiences revealed weakness which caused their failure to enter the land at the moment of God's choice. The people resented being reminded of their failures, but after forty years of painful experience they see their failures in a new light. Pride is replaced by humility, contrariness by confession of failure.

These sermons which closed the life of the great leader are replete with admonitions which can be reduced to three or four words. In chapter nine, verse seven, we find these four key words: "Remember, and forget not." There the admonition is to keep in mind their own stubbornness, and the provocation they offered the Lord. At other times (e.g. chapter 8:2) they are exhorted to remember the ways of God during four decisive decades in their desert wanderings.

In his farewell address Moses, the sorely tried leader, told them to "ask now of the days that are past." They were to recall the By H. W. LOWE

exodus as "this great thing," and the Lord as supreme in greatness and love. (Chapter 4:32-40.) These thoughts were commemorated in a song of Moses' composition. (Chapters 31:19-22; 32:1-52.) Moses had also composed a song which was sung after they had crossed the Red Sea, and also certain psalms. All these contained reminders of their mistakes, as well as praise of God's goodness.

Now the Second Advent Movement is a parallel of the exodus movement in many ways. We are in some respects repeating Israel's history. We must "remember, and forget not" certain things.

The mistakes of our fathers we must not repeat. We must look back before we go forward into Canaan and observe the ways through which God has led us. No longer must the kingdom be delayed by mistakes, waywardness, and folly. The backward look must bring precious lessons for the forward march.

"The history of the wilderness life of Israel was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God to the close of time. The record ... is fraught with warnings and instruction for His people in all ages. . . . God would have His people in these days review with a humble heart and teachable spirit

the trials through which ancient Israel passed, that they may be instructed in their preparation for the heavenly Canaan."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 293.

Irrefutable evidence exists on every hand that God is ready with the final movements in His great plan to establish His kingdom. This is no time for continued unbelief. That was the sin of Israel which held them back when they were at the gateway of the promised land. (See *Great Controversy*, page 458.) Unbelief was the fruit of forgetting the divine Leader, and the wonders He had wrought for His people.

Let us look back. "In reviewing our past history, having travelled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as Leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us."—"Testimonies to Ministers," page 31.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—"Life Sketches," page 196.

The reason for reading the law in Israel every seven years (Deut. 31:10-13), for Joshua's repetition of Moses' exhortations (Joshua 1:7, 8), and for Moses' last words before relinguishing leadership (see Patriarchs and Prophets, page 463), was that strict obedience and full surrender to God's guidance were the basis of inheritance of His promises.

So it is to-day!

This is the time to remember God and His truth. Are we decided before all else to serve God? Are our loyalties divided? Do the clouds of war dim our faith in the certain triumph of the Advent message?

According to Isaiah 62:10-12 there is to be some revolutionary movement in the lives of individuals who are unready for the concluding phases of God's work. "The way of the people" is to be

prepared by lifting "up the highway" of holiness. "Stones of stumbling" are to be removed, and the true standard is to be exalted before the people.

All this simply means that "it is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement" (Testimonies, Vol. 5, page 214), by a complete surrender to God and a whole-souled obedience to the truth. We know naught else is worthy of our allegiance in these days of sin, disillusion, discontent.

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall we be established."

"Remember, and forget not."

Notes from the Union President

A LARGE number of Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Conventions is being held all over the Union during the first two quarters of the year. So far these conventions in the main have been well attended, and there seems to be a very earnest spirit abroad among our membership. We are particularly gratified at the way our young people are responding to the appeals for whole-hearted consecration, and for the way in which they are supporting the cultural and spiritual phases of our work as represented in such things as the Progressive Courses. Their new paper The Progressive Volunteer has had a very hearty reception, and if we all stand by this new paper there is no reason why it should not grow in usefulness and have a very successful future.

HEALTH FOOD WORK

THE institution that has probably faced the severest difficulties during the past few months is our Granose factory. We do not hear quite so much about this institution as about the others in our public services and in our churches, partly because the nature of its work is not so intimately connected with the spiritual aspects of our movement as is the case with some other institutions. Nevertheless, this institution is doing an important service to the cause in the production of health foods and in the employment of a large number of Adventist workers. Have you ever considered that if every Adventist family were to spend one shilling extra per week on Granose products the sales of this institution would be increased by perhaps £150 per week?

While 1939 was a record year for this institution, a slump came at the beginning of this year, and on one occasion short time had to be worked. We could avoid this experience if each family spent just a little extra on the products turned out by this factory. No body of workers has put in more time or hard work than those in this factory, and we commend to our people and friends everywhere the duty of rendering just a little extra effort to keep all our institutions working at full pressure during the present difficult period.

MILITARY SERVICE MATTERS

In the record of some sixteen cases before us of Adventists who

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have appeared before local tribunals to state their beliefs respecting war service, eight have been allowed to remain at their present employment, three have been allowed to find work of national importance, and the remainder have either had deferred judgment. or been assigned to non-combatant work. Some are appealing their cases to the Central Tribunal. We think this record is a very wonderful tribute to the way the Lord is leading us through this difficult problem for Christian people. It should give us cause for gratitude to God for the privilege of living in a country that still loves liberty. It should impress the young men who have been well treated by these tribunals with the necessity of rendering to the State such services as they can. Some of these men have been allowed to remain in their present employment on condition they render A.R.P. services of some form or another. These men should be among the most conscientious workers in every one of these praiseworthy efforts, and above all they should never forget the way the Lord has led them.

Will those appearing before tribunals kindly keep us informed of proceedings in cases where workers from headquarters do not appear with them?

H. W. Lowe.

Can You Help?

Unfortunately all of the surplus edition of the Advent Survey, January, 1940, appears to have been lost in transport. Will those who have clean copies of this issue still in their possession and who are willing to send them to us, kindly post them to: The Editor, Advent Survey, 41 Hazel Gardens, Edgware, Middlx.

W. T. BARTLETT.

Wedding Bells

ROPER-HOLLAND,—George Roper and Nora Irene Holland were united in marriage in The Advent Hall, Clacton, on Tuesday, January 23rd.

As our friends go forward together in the work we know that the blessing of God and the prayers and good wishes of their many friends will go with them.

J. M. HOWARD.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE

As never before the cause of God in the earth needs men and women endued with power and a burning love for souls. We at the college sense that our students as they enter the field must bear the stamp of Heaven, or they will be unable to make headway against the concentrated forces of the evil one. With this realization comes an awareness of human inadequacy to prepare workers who will accomplish exploits for truth. We appeal therefore to the members of our churches to bear us up constantly before the throne of grace, that in God-given strength we may be equal to the task confronting us.

The believers in the field will rejoice to know that this year as never before we see marked evidences of the working of the Spirit of God in the school. A new earnestness and zeal have taken possession of the students. Indicative of this is the following message from Brother Dougherty, the leader of the young people's society. He writes:

"As we start out on a new term's activities, we feel that the times demand more concentrated service than we have been giving. The call has come to us 'Arise and work.' Many, if not all have responded to that call and a real desire to do definite service for Christ exists among the members of our society.

"Our motto for the term, and we hope for the rest of our lives, is, 'Victory in Christ.' Without the

V.C.' there is no victory in Christ. The V.C. of the world is awarded for bravery on the battle field. We are fighting a spiritual battle against sin and there are many opportunities for deeds of bravery in saving men. We believe that many V.C.'s will be awarded.

"In order to carry out this work more efficiently our society is organized into bands, five in all. The Prayer Band is the medium through which we receive our power. The Correspondence Band, the Christian Help Band, the Foreign Mission Band, and the Gospel Workers' Band, are outlets for this power. You will hear concerning their activities from time to time. There is also a large enrolment for the Progressive Courses.

"May we all pray and work during 1940, so that Victory in Christ may be ours."

Our hearts respond, I am sure, to the wish expressed by Brother Dougherty. What a glorious year 1940 will be for us all, if at its close, despite the war clouds, we can claim Victory in Christ.

The students have demonstrated how much in earnest they are about this matter by ordering almost fifty per cent more copies of *Present Truth* for the Tract Campaign than they did last year, and there is about a twenty-five per cent smaller enrolment.

A. J. RAITT, G. E. Powls.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Notes from the President

'This month L. Murdoch, assisted by S. H. Parkin and E. Adair, began his second campaign in Hull with an attendance of 250 and forty names for literature. B. Kinman began his second effort in Beeston, Nottingham, with a con-

gregation of twenty-two and thirteen names. D. Handysides began his first effort in Sheffield with thirty-three in attendance and obtained ten names. Before the close of the month all the workers plan to be engaged in aggressive evangelistic endeavour.

EVANGELISTIC BOXES

May I suggest that you read the very interesting articles on evangelism appearing under the heading of South England and that, when you have read them and been gripped by the great need, you send a gift to the treasurer of North England? We can all help by at least giving one penny a week to this very worthy and needy cause. Have you a Brown Box in your home? If not, please ask for one this week-end.

NEWBOLD

Last week-end we enjoyed a visit to the college. As we looked at the crowd of young people from the platform we wished that every Adventist young person might have the opportunity to attend our school. The work of the principal and faculty in moulding future workers, is not easy. We must pray for their continued success.

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

Our work for children is almost negligible. Very few churches are doing anything to attract and interest children even on Sabbath. At Coventry we found a large class of children who have their own Sabbath-school classes, 11 o'clock, and afternoon services. Where this is done the meetings are invariably well attended, as the parents can then enjoy the preacher's messages uninterruptedly.

However, you will rejoice, as we did, to learn that in one more town work has begun for the children. In Ilkeston one of the members courageously began a service for the children of the neighbourhood. At the first meeting there were ten present, and at the second there were seventeen. A borough official is taking a great interest in the meetings. We are also very glad to learn that a good children's meeting has grown from very small beginnings in the home of one of our members in a small village near Newbold.

We are told that "as we near the close of time, the human mind is more readily affected by Satan's devices."—"Testimonies," Vol. 1, page 293. And that "the mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds; and it rests with us to determine upon what it shall

be fed."-"Education," page 126.

Who will awaken to the present opportunity to mould the minds of the children in our midst by teaching them the things which will endure? A special book has been prepared for your help.

COLPORTEUR ECHOES

"I have made the great decision," is the heartening word in a letter to a colporteur in North England from a school teacher. This lady had purchased one of our books from this colporteur and later had studies on the message.

These same colporteurs, husband and wife, are also rejoicing in another person who first bought one of our books and is now a baptized member of the church.

Such experiences speak volumes for the value of the literature ministry at a time like this. Properly' conducted, it wins people to the message, and is truly "missionary work of the highest order."

NEWS FLASHES FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS

B. Belton writes: "Since our last report in the MESSENGER. literature conventions have been held in Sheffield, Middlesbrough, and York. We feel encouraged by the lively interest shown by the members in each place.

"The improving weather brought what we had anticipated-more volunteers for Sunday morning missionary work with Present Truth

"It was a happy band of workers that went forth last Sunday in York. Our hearts were touched by the enthusiasm of a blind member of the party. In spite of his physical handicap he pressed on from door to door until he had disposed of forty-nine copies of the magazine—a fine example of courage to the rest of us.

"The 550 copies were practically all sold. Such a spirit, as it is fostered, will surely contribute much to the church life in that historic centre.

. "We wish to thank L. A. Vixie, J. M. Howard, and A. Warren for their inspiring messages and to endorse the expression of one young people there, as elsewhere, sister who said, It gives new

such a practical and widespread Gospel movement."

B. E. Sparow writes: "Liverpool, Birmingham, and Leeds have been the scenes of three more conventions. In the first two places, home missionary matters were the central theme. These were thoroughly and profitably discussed with the help of Pastor G. E. Nord at Liverpool and Pastor J. I.

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Robison at Birmingham. Thoughts were guided in missionary channels; Present Truth and tract work was included in each programme; and many resolutions were made concerning more active Christian service.

"At Leeds, we sought to help our missionary volunteers. These came from Bradford and Wakefield as well as from the city in which we met. They came in great numbers on Sabbath morning, when Pastor H. W. Lowe conducted the opening service of Missionary Volunteer Week. The good attendance held through the afternoon and evening and was even noticeable on Sunday. Our want to be good volunteers. They courage to know we are part of have ability, enthusiasm, consecra-

tion. The convention harnessed these qualities in the Master's service.

In each church, steady interest is being shown in The Progressive Volunteer. This is reflected in the circulation figures which show every sign of keeping at 300 per month.

LAUDABLE GOALS

This is a familiar one: "Every churchmember a member of the Sabbath-school." If you are not, can you give a reason, or just an excuse?

This one needs to be stressed: "A light every Sunday night in every church in North England."

This is a personal one: "It is a duty to cultivate and to exercise every power that will render us more efficient workers for God."

APPEAL

In North England "restless thousands wait

The Light whose coming maketh all things new;

Christ also waits, but men Are slow and late.

"Have we done all we could? Have I? Have you?"

R. S. JOYCE.

The South Yorks Literature Convention

THE week-end February 9th to 11th will remain a very happy memory in the minds of the members of the South Yorks district (Sheffield, Rotherham, Killamarsh). for that week-end was one of great spiritual blessing.

Inspiring sermons, splendid illustrations, and a keen desire on behalf of the members to receive all the blessings offered, brought about that wonderful sense of Christian fellowship. It was good indeed to belong to the family of God.

It was with interest that the members listened to the story of the literature ministry; to hear the way God was opening doors so that the Gospel of Christ could reach hungering souls, where the preacher had been unable to enter. Surely all of us should determine to do more in this vast field of labour and enter upon a tract campaign with vigour and zeal.

We thank Pastor Howard and Brother Belton for their words of encouragement, and are glad that we join with them in the great work of spreading the literature of the Gospel.

D. J. HANDYSIDES.

Literature Witness Crusade

MIDDLESBROUGH churchmembers were greatly privileged over the week-end, Sabbath, February 17th, when Brethren Vixie and Belton visited and gave us of their best. We learned from films of the great missionary work being done by colporteurs. Both of these brethren, by their spoken experiences and by their example in

visiting with us the people in their homes on Sunday morning with Present Truth were a source of great inspiration and help.

G. E. Powls.

Wedding Bells

FUCHS-HOLLANBY.—Michel Fuchs and Ethel Hollanby were united in holy matrimony at the Holloway church on September 3, 1939, under really unique circumstances.

A few minutes after war had been declared, the bridegroom and some guests were present at the church, when we heard, with sinking hearts, the wailing note of the air-raid sirens. The bride and her maids were held

up on their way. Later, however, they were cheered by the people on the streets as they made their way to the church, for what seemed to be one of the first war weddings.

A great feeling of relief and thankfulness to God filled our hearts when the "all clear" signal sounded; and the ceremony, conducted by Pastor R. S. Joyce, proceeded without further disturbance.

The happy couple will especially recollect this experience on their wedding day. The bridegroom serves in the French Army and attends our church at Valentiquey, while the bride is a member of Holloway church and remains with her parents in London.

We wish them both much of God's blessing and trust circumstances will shape so as to unite them in their nuptial relations.

JOHN H. BAYLISS.

South England Conference FLASHES FROM THE HOME FRONT

On Finding a Hall

AND what a day it was too, this first day prospecting in Newtown! \mathbf{Armed} with a map he had obtained—free—from the first estate agent, Evangelist tried to get the lay of the land. Woolworth's was located and marked more or less as the centre. The cinemas and halls were visited. Their strategic value was carefully weighed. Their "appeal"-reputation. prestige, size, amenities, organ, considered. The managers were interviewed. Some were offhand, some were rude, some were helpful. He had trudged around all day with the spirit of adventure surging through his veins. Back at home that evening, he wrote to five "possibles" asking for terms and stating the purpose for which he wanted a hall.

Within a week or so he knew. Yes, he could have the lovely Town Hall, wonderfully situated in the centre of the town, with subsidiary halls, and excellent accommodation. His heart overflowed with gratitude. He would go the next week and find a house in which to live. He was thrilled at the prospect of starting work in Newtown.

"You want a house?" the estate agent asked, "sorry, but we haven't any. This is a reception

area, you know." He did! But it takes a lot more to daunt the



PASTOR LESLIE HARDINGE

Ordained 1938 Annual Meeting
District Leader, Devon District:
Torquay (new church organized, 1938)
Exeter (planning church building,
1939)

Last year added 33 new members in the district.

Present campaign—Taunton—new place to Advent message.

Attendances have been smaller in Taunton than in previous campaigns. Sunday afternoon meetings were conducted owing to blackout conditions. At present reports 50 persons showing an active interest in the message. Intensive door-to-door work is also being conducted in connection with the evangelistic campaign.

Associate workers:
L. W. Normington (Exeter), Miss F.
Barr-Hamilton.

enthusiasm of Evangelist. He plodded on for several days, in different weeks. He did see houses, some too big, some too far away, most too expensive, but at last this difficulty was overcome by prayer and patient perseverance. Evangelist and, his wife were citizens of Newtown. They saw the streaming masses of people, everyone of whom was to hear the last message, and prayed, "God use us to save souls here in Newtown, for Jesus' sake."

Evangelist called at the Town Hall to make some final arrangement and was greeted with, "Very sorry, but all bookings have been cancelled. The military authorities . . ." Once more the halls were visited, managers and secretaries re-interviewed, "Sorry, no book-ing during the duration." "Impossible, headquarters won't hear of it." "Taken over by the military." But at last these obstacles were removed. The hall was not ideal that he finally had to book. But there's a war on, and it was the only one he could get. He breathed a sigh of relief. Evangelist had his hall, he had found his base of operations. He now began to plan his mode of attack.

LESLIE HARDINGE.

Next time: "Plans and Preparations."

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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At Rest

Ball.—On Sabbath morning, October 28, 1939, our dear Sister Eva Harriett Shannon Ball, aged seventy-five years, fell asleep in Jesus at her home, St. Valery, 36 Central Parade, Herne Bay. She accepted the truth in 1929, and was baptized by Pastor O. M. Dorland at the Holloway church, during the conference held there in the summer of the same year. Our dear sister was a great sufferer, and during the last few years was bedridden and continually in pain, but her great desire was to spread the truth that she loved that others might be blessed by it. To this end she dedicated her home, and would speak to those who visited her, giving Bible truth and pointing them to the Saviour. Latterly she longed for rest, and it came unexpectedly to her on the sacred day of rest. Our sister who sleeps in peace was much loved, and is greatly missed. The funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mustard at the house and by the graveside in the Herne Bay Cemetery.

M. Taylor.

Haden.—Our beloved brother, Cecil Haden, passed away peacefully, after a short illness, at the age of fifty-four years, on February 6th, and was interred at Yardley cemetery, Birmingham, on February 12th. Brother Haden accepted the Advent message under the labours of Pastor G. D. King, some eleven years ago, and served as deacon of South Birmingham church for several years. One of the most active members of the church, he was ever at his post of duty, and could always be relied upon, down to the smallest detail. He will be missed greatly by the whole church, but his good example will surely live on. He was the proud possessor of a medal, presented to him by the late King George V, for gallantry at sea, in the rescue of Princess Maud, daughter of the

late Princess Royal, on the occasion of the wreck of S.S. Delhi, in a storm off the coast of Morocco, in 1911. He leaves a wrife, son, and daughter, an aged mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. The service was conducted by the writer.

HAROLD W. McCrow.

LAVERICK.—Sister Mary Ann Laverick had spent nine long years in her bed, and her final rest came as a happy relief at the age of eighty-five. Although "weary of earth," she maintained a happy and cheerful spirit to the last. It was Mrs. Laverick's own wish that her body be cremated. We paid our last respects to the departed one on February 3, 1940.

D. J. CLARKE.

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