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The Sabbath and the Present Crisis

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MANY local newspapers all over the country have devoted much space of late to the cases of Adventists who have appeared before tribunals to state their position regarding Sabbath-keeping in war emergency services. Two of these cases went to appeal tribunals. In each case the authorities concluded that Adventists should be allowed to find civilian work of national importance. This does not imply any desire on the part of our men to avoid sacrifice. Indeed, they all should be willing to assume a full load of work and inconvenience in recognition of their responsibility to the government under which they live. What the tribunal decisions do mean is that Seventh-Day Adventists are stressing their allegiance to their Sabbath-keeping principles, and that the present emergency is bringing them into positions where their witness is becoming widely known.

These times are demonstrating that the fundamentals of this message are a safeguard to God's people. Far from being a hindrance, the Sabbath is a hedge about God's church. So is it with other foundation doctrines such as the second advent, the sanctuary, and the prophetic word. These teachings save us from the specious deceptions and errors of these dreadful days—things which are worse than such physical inconveniences as compulsory war service.

Effective witness can only come from a consecrated life, from a devout heart to whom loyalty means

more than life. To such souls God's requirements are man's delights and a sign of man's redemption.

A REDEMPITIVE MEMORIAL

The power of redemption is the same as the power of creation. The Sabbath represents both creative and redemptive power to the believer. (Exod. 31:13, 16, 17.) Hence we read, "To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ's creative and redeeming power, it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it, they delight themselves in Him. The Sabbath points them to the work of creation as an evidence of His mighty power in redemption."—*"The Desire of Ages,"* page 289.

Christ, the founder and sanctifier of the Sabbath, also sanctifies the person who observes the Sabbath. The true observance of the Sabbath is an evidence that a person has been remade. "The Sabbath is a sign of Christ's power to make us holy. And it is given to all whom Christ makes holy. As a sign of His sanctifying power, the Sabbath is given to all who, through Christ, become a part of the Israel of God."—*Ibid.*, page 288.

THE SIGN OF HOLINESS

The church that is waiting for the Saviour's advent should be a holy church. When God's judgment is said to be near, we often read of

His righteousness. "Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isa. 56:1, 2.

A reading of verses three and eight reveals that true Sabbath observance can only come from sanctified people. No pollution of sin should be in them, for such a life destroys the significance of the Sabbath. (Read Isaiah 24:5 and Psalm 119:1.)

If the Sabbath is a sign of righteousness, sanctification, and separation from sin, it should be observed with great joyfulness. "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness," is the spirit of true Sabbath-keepers. The blessings of the new earth abode are promised to those who see in all such observances the memorials of God's holiness, of Christ's righteousness. "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor

speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 58:12-14.

Under the Holy Spirit's outpouring we are told that God's church will go out and proclaim

the Sabbath more fully. (*Early Writings*, page 85.) Has that time come? Are we ready for such an experience? Are we like the "holy people" of Isaiah 62:10-12?

We must be on our guard against the formalism of outward observances. We must remember that true witness springs from a redeemed heart surrendered to the Saviour.

On tithing we have this strong comment: "Some will pronounce this one of the rigorous laws binding upon the Hebrews. But this was not a burden to the willing heart that loved God. . . . There are even more urgent necessities upon the Israel of God in these last days than were upon ancient Israel. . . . God never designed that the law of the tithing system should be of no account among His people; but instead of this, He designed that the spirit of sacrifice should widen and deepen for the closing work."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 396.*

If the spirit of sacrifice is to "widen and deepen," we must do some serious thinking and praying. We must put God first in this matter as in all else.

H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

"GOOD NEWS"

THE Stanborough Press has produced a really nice number of *Good News* which ought to be a valuable asset in our Missions Extension Campaign this year, April 13th to 20th. The articles are timely, the layout is good, and the cover bears the usual selling appeal. We hope, despite the conditions, that all will rally to the cause of missions in this campaign.

tions, and "prove" the good Lord to be our guide and stay under all circumstances.

Take financial faithfulness, for example. Should we put God and His cause first or last? Must the spirit of sacrifice grow less or more?

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

OUR members will rejoice to know that authority to collect under government licence has been granted to us in England and Wales. Our applications for similar permits in Scotland and Ireland are in hand, and we hope they will go through in due course.

The regulations will make certain drastic changes in our organization. Most of these changes will be welcome, though there will be certain restrictions, such as our inability to use any young people under sixteen in the provinces or under eighteen in London. We shall need to organize better and to go out in the campaign with a little greater alacrity. There is no doubt that in the right spirit the new conditions will bring us success and blessing.

FAITH IN ACTION

THESE are easy days to drift into unfaithfulness. It is so easy to excuse our lethargy, to let slip our regular attendance at worship, to fail in prayer, to plead increased expenses as a way out of sacred obligations to God's cause. We must not allow war conditions to become a smoke screen to hide our human frailties. Rather we must rally to the challenge of these condi-

Preaching and Praying

IN a very marked manner the good hand of the Lord has been working on behalf of His school here in the British Isles. Especially has this been so during the school year 1939-40. With the world running anxiously to and fro talking war, hardship, and confusion, the school calmly opened at its appointed time in September, and teachers and students carried trustfully on with the work of the Lord. The call to national service came to the young men of our Newbold family, but the Lord overruled, and the school went on its accustomed course undiminished in numbers.

It was with a keen sense of God's overruling power that we entered into the Week of Prayer, and this may account for the mighty power in which the Holy Spirit was felt among us. Pastor W. H. Meredith seemed to bring in with him the great revival power which so marked the entry of the Calvinistic and Wesleyan movements into Wales.

"The Place of the Advent Youth in the World To-Day" was the subject of the opening meeting on March 8th. It was a message which stirred and gripped every heart.

Young people as a rule like to take up the gauntlet, and many a youth realizing the force of the challenge, "Thou art called to the kingdom for just such a time as this," with humbled heart, enlightened vision, and with full realization of its import, stepped into line with the conquering army of Prince Emmanuel.

We would share with you, young people in the field, the counsel and inspiration which day after day came to us from the Lord. Each meeting was preceded by a season of prayer and praise in which teachers and students took part. Our minds and hearts thus quickened, we followed the theme closely throughout the week.

Firstly, "One thing thou lackest."

With this came the call to the Advent youth, "Sell all that thou hast, . . . and come, follow Me." "Death before dishonour or transgression of God's law should be the motto of every Christian."

Secondly, "One thing is needful."

Having heard His call, Jesus would have us sit at His feet, listen to Him speak to us, and train to work for Him.

Thirdly, "One thing I know."

The blind man knew he had re-

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ceived his sight. "Whereas I was blind, now I see." So definite should our experience with the Saviour be. This is no hour for half-hearted endeavour. We are either God's or Satan's.

Lastly, "One thing I do."

With Christ's promise of victory, and assured of the final triumph of His work, with what decision we should all say: "Forgetting the things that are behind, . . . I press toward the mark for the prize."

As these thoughts were being presented to us during the week, we met in little prayer bands, earnestly seeking the Lord. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, hard hearts were broken, strong wills were surrendered, confidence in this last glorious message was re-established, and lives were rededicated to the finishing of the task.

The final message from Pastor Meredith came on Friday evening, March 15th. In this day of uncertainty and distress there is safety only in God. The very foundations of nations are trembling. Now is the time to stay upon our God. With these last words of Pastor Meredith ringing in our ears, we went forth with renewed confidence, whatever the future may hold for us. "Trust in God alone—there is no other help." The season of testimony which followed this final appeal gave strong evidence of the great blessing we had received.

It was our privilege also to welcome Pastor W. E. Read into our school family at the close of the week. He brought with him experiences from his recent visit to Scandinavia and the Baltic States, and the long-looked-for greetings from our sister schools. His message was that we should know God's will for us. This certainty in our souls as to His plan for each of us both in major and minor matters can be secured only by prayer, diligent searching of His Word, and a keen perception of the overruling providences of God.

In the strength of this certainty, shall we not arise and sound anew the clarion call of God for these last days?

"With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified and soon-coming Saviour

might be carried to the whole world! How soon might come the end of suffering and sorrow and sin."

I. HAPGOOD.

Meet Your Friends at Newbold College

SINCE it has become known that Newbold College is arranging to accommodate visitors during the summer months, the suggestion has been made that this will provide a splendid rendezvous for friends to meet again and enjoy a happy holiday together. Some have made arrangements already to do this, and it is anticipated there will be many happy reunions in the ideal surroundings of the peaceful atmosphere prevailing in the natural beauties of the College Estate.

Those who have not yet arranged

for their summer holidays should decide immediately to visit Newbold. One of its chief attractions is the complete separation from the noise and bustle of town and city life. Newbold is located in a truly rural district but is surrounded by many places of interest.

For the "hiker" Newbold offers many enjoyable days, the "leafy lanes of Warwickshire" presenting numerous cool and pleasant walks. For those desiring complete rest and quiet, Newbold is ideal in every respect. Various forms of recreation will be provided for those interested in tennis and other forms of healthful exercise.

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Notes from the President

"GOOD NEWS"

WE thought that a wonderful name for a very good magazine last year. This year it is a wonderful name for a wonderful magazine. Turning the pages with merely a casual glance at the articles, you see that it has been written by men who have a clear perception of the message the world needs now.

Every Adventist will enjoy this paper, but it has been prepared with "the man in the street" in view. This paper will bring our message to him and at the same time bring in money for the work overseas.

The world has never longed for good news more than it does to-day. Before you go out, study the paper so that you will be able to point out striking titles and pictures.

The cover picture, the first picture inside, the pictures on pages 9, 20, and 21 and the beautifully written children's stories are just a tithe of the selling points.

If you have never sold the magazine for Big Week before make your start with this splendid paper. If you have sold Big Week literature

before, take extra this year. You'll need them.

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

THE children's meeting which began in a small way in a member's home in Ilkeston has now grown until it is bursting its bounds. Last week there were thirty-four children present. Will you make a start in your town?

"THE PROGRESSIVE VOLUNTEER"

I HAVE been asked to write my opinion of the *Progressive Volunteer*, and I have the three issues before me. The ingredients are certainly varied. At first the *Progressive Volunteer* makes one feel like one of the ignorant masses, but you will not remain in that mass if you read every issue attentively. You will improve in every way. You may find certain hobbies advocated for which you have constitutionally no bent whatever, but the *Progressive Volunteer* contains menus for all minds with vitamins and calories to suit all tastes. Most of us live under a very low ceiling of ideas, most of them coloured by the talk

of the small circle of people with whom we come into contact daily. The *Progressive Volunteer* will widen the circle. If read intelligently, it will give our conversations the flip they need. You have had the experience, I am sure, of the sudden proximity with a mere acquaintance—say for a threepenny bus journey. Once you have dissected the weather and the last and present wars, it looks like developing into a very long and muted journey. It won't be if you have only read one part of the *Progressive Volunteer*—Brother A. Warren's tit-bits, for example.

You go into a library with a feeling of expectation which is dampened when confronted by hundreds of books by scores of authors of whom you know nothing. Take the *Progressive Volunteer* with you and look for the books under "What You Read You Are," and you will spend interesting and profitable leisure.

The *Progressive Volunteer* will inspire you in your Progressive and Vocational Courses and in your hobbies. The general knowledge tests will tease sluggish minds into action. I am not saying anything about the devotional articles and the very instructive questions and articles on Bible knowledge. Their benefits are obvious.

I do say that if you want to learn, to improve, to progress—subscribe to the *Progressive Volunteer*.

R. S. JOYCE.

Coventry

ON January 25th a church social was held in Coventry. For some time we had been trying to obtain a hall for this purpose, but it has been so difficult since war was declared and the military took possession of so many halls, and the black-out makes its demands. The caretaker of the hall we did have, when we first made inquiries, stating that we wanted accommodation for one hundred or so, said: "Oh, you don't need all that, your people had a social here before and there were so few of you."

True, there had not been a baptism in Coventry since 1925! The membership had sadly decreased. Coventry was not favoured like some places that almost every year have

an effort of some sort and thus are continually adding new members to counterbalance the losses. But 1939 saw a change, and the Coventry membership nearly trebled. With relatives and children this now gives a fair-sized following. There was no apostasy last year because definite work was done for the few who apparently for years had strayed from the teachings of the Advent faith. They all decided to return to the fold and gave evidence of this happy change, so that their names were retained on the church books.

It was a grand occasion, that social. Long tables, tastefully arranged with good food and surrounded by happy smiling faces. A tall Christmas tree, about ten feet high, laden with gifts, crackers, imitation snow, and fairy lights. These lights, by the way, were once owned by Uncle Arthur! Gay streamers wound their colourful way around the pillars. Children's games were played before the meal. Then Father Christmas (his clothing kindly loaned by the big local department store) came in with a gift copy of *Bedtime Stories* for all the children. Solos, recitations, community singing, etc., filled up a pleasant half hour.

Then joyous games brought this real Christian time of fellowship to a happy conclusion. Of course, the usually thankful folks were extra loud in their appreciation, but this time even the more careful with their praise broke into many expressions of gratitude. We believe this will help materially to break down any barriers and help us all to be the true Christians we profess to be.

It came at a time of the year that is not the best for church activities. Around Christmas these are so disturbed by the happy festivities that are so welcome, we felt we were making good use of the time. The expense was largely met by the good balance in the home missionary department. This was made possible by the splendid work of the home missionary secretary, Mrs. M. Martin. A new member, Mr. E. Plummer, a caterer, was responsible for the splendid results in that section—a very important part!

With very limited use of halls we have had difficulty in commencing the senior Missionary Volunteer society. But now this has been

started and the difficulty overcome. The thriving junior society meets twice every Sabbath. The Bible-workers are rendering good service in this section of the church life.

Five hundred and fifty copies of the special *Present Truth* were ordered for the Tract Campaign. Really there is a sound of a going in our midst. The 1939 evangelistic campaign has worked wonders. There is nothing to equal a strong soul-winning campaign to put new life and vigour into a church. Its large meetings act like a tonic and then comes the influx of new members with all the departments prospering.

War, black-out, afternoon services, all can be used by God to His glory and the saving of souls. When men are more afraid of sin than bombs, then lasting results for the kingdom of heaven will be obtained. We go on into 1940 with this anticipation.

S. G. JOYCE.

York Literature Convention

BROTHER A. WARREN, manager of The Stanborough Press Ltd., and Brother B. Belton, our field missionary secretary, paid us a visit in connection with the literature convention held at York from February 23rd to 25th.

The opening session commenced Friday evening, when a good company assembled to hear Brother Warren give an address, based on the text, "Cast thy bread upon the waters." By way of illustration, Brother Warren related that he was in Norway during a time of famine. They had a sack of potatoes, and whilst in need of food themselves, decided to plant them. In due course an abundant harvest of many sacks was the result of their sacrifice. How aptly this brings home the lesson in the text.

Pastor Lennox joined the brethren on Sabbath morning, when Brother Warren again addressed the gathering, taking the text in Revelation 1:11, "write in a book."

John was imprisoned on the Isle of Patmos for his faith in the Word of God. But it was not a time of inactivity, for he wrote spiritual messages to the churches, to help them in their great time of need.

In the pioneer work of the Advent message and to this present day the

silent messenger has done a wonderful service in the building up of this great movement, having entered places where the living preacher could not go.

In the afternoon Brother Belton continued this theme in his address from Isaiah 45:1. In the plan and purpose of God He chooses His messengers to carry out His schemes on time. Cyrus was one called and girded with strength for his task, and wonderful promises were given to him from God. Prison doors were also opened in answer to the earnest prayers of the church for the deliverance of their leaders.

The York church took 550 copies of *Present Truth* for the Tract Campaign, so that we needed many open doors for them to abide in the homes of the people. We also needed the

Spirit of God to impress the truths on the minds and hearts of the people. As the papers lay on a table before us, Brother Warren offered up a dedicatory prayer for God to bless them to His glory.

In the evening several gathered for instruction in the art of canvassing, preparatory to a field day on Sunday morning. The party gathered together about ten o'clock Sunday morning at the church, when prayer was offered for success on our mission. We then journeyed to our territory, working according to instruction given to the disciples, two by two.

Sunday evening brought the convention to a close with a very inspiring and entertaining lantern lecture, demonstrating the power of the "silent messengers" and the

courage and faithfulness of the colporteur in this phase of God's work.

At the close of the meeting we were thankful to God to be able to report 343 papers sold, and, to the delight of our missionary secretary, all paid for, too.

The young people enjoyed their part in the campaign. Now, with a good supply of tracts and the impetus given to the church as a result of this convention, a greater field of activity lies before us.

Our sincere wish is that the prayers of God's people will bring blessing to the brethren as they visit the churches and endeavour to awaken them to greater spiritual activity at this hour.

W. S. BARKER,
Missionary Secretary.

South England Conference

FLASHES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Launching the Effort

NEXT morning Evangelist is again hard at work deciding upon the final details for his campaign. It is because he realizes the tremendous responsibility that is his, that he is so careful. He has, too, the unenviable task of trying to do a job on hopelessly inadequate means. Hall rent £60; advertisements £40; choir transport £20; billers' wages £15, and, and . . . and his budget is £100. You work it out and send him the answer! Still Evangelist is a man of faith. His plans finally crystallize. He decides on his opening title! What a decision! He knows what to expect from his well-wishers. "Oh, Evangelist . . . why not have something more subdued?" And there floats through the Evangelist's mind a picture of "subdued" journalism. He compares the numbers of the readers of the more restrained journals with their popular brothers and decides that a readership value of sixteen to one is what he will probably gain by the more spectacular notice. He must reach men by every means he knows.



PASTOR G. R. BELL
ORDAINED 1939 Annual Meeting.
District Leader—Southern District
Bournemouth, Ferndown, Salisbury,
Poole, Weymouth.

Last year baptized twenty new members.

A remarkable increase in tithes and offerings in 1939 as compared with 1938 was a most encouraging feature in this district.

Present Campaign—Weymouth (the home of a small company of Advent believers).

It is hoped that a church will be organized in Weymouth during 1940. Attendances at public meetings have been quite encouraging. Thus far they have been held in the afternoons. Quite a number of interested people are now attending Sabbath services. Associate worker: Miss O. C. Davies.

Still Evangelist understands what his well-wisher means. He has thought of the point long before. He knows its solution. If he could print two different types of advertisement, his advertising by careful distribution might be even more effective. But—and he can hear the conference treasurer saying, "Thus far and no farther. . . ." Evangelist forgets what he might do if . . . and gets on with the job.

At last the bills are printed. The billers are engaged. The newspaper advertisements are booked, the posters placed. Evangelist and Bible-worker who has arrived in Newtown are feverishly active making quite sure that every home receives an invitation. What a week!

As they see the thousands in Newtown they wonder often how many will come to the Majestic Kinedrome on Sunday. "O God, grant me a full house on Sunday. Forgive me for any mistakes I have made. Give us many souls here in Newtown, for Jesus' sake."

(Next Time: "The First Night.")

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Notes from the Superintendent

SINCE our last "notes" were published, Wales has been favoured with considerable ministerial activity. Pastor W. T. Bartlett came in connection with the Tract Campaign and gave four churches the benefit of his acceptable and inspiring studies.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK

THEN for M.V. Week we had Pastor W. L. Emmerson in the north and Pastor L. A. Vixie in the south. Both these brethren gave very acceptable service, ministering primarily to the youth.

In Cardiff we finished up the week with a Youth's Rally and social evening, the honoured guest being Pastor Vixie. Some thirty-five young people came in from the Cardiff area—Newport, Barry, Aberdare, and Caerphilly being represented besides Cardiff. This rally was so successful that the young people decided to have another in three months' time.

HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION

THESE activities were followed by an excellent Home Missionary convention in Cardiff from the Friday to the Sunday. Sabbath services were held in the Salem Chapel, and a splendid representation came in from twelve of the churches and companies in South Wales. Pastors H. W. Lowe and J. Harker contributed of their valuable experience to make this one of the most successful conventions held in the Welsh Mission. We felt grateful to the Lord that such meetings could be held and so many of God's people attend them in spite of the dark clouds which cover the earth to-day. We feel that our church life in Wales will be stronger and more fruitful in coming days as the result of this convention.

TRACT CAMPAIGN

WE were glad to hear that Wales' contribution to the Tract Campaign exceeded last year's. Some 500 more papers were ordered this year. Surely

there must be a fruitful harvest from all this seed sowing! What will the harvest be?

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

ENCOURAGING word comes from our North Wales effort where Pastor H. K. Munson and Miss M. Mason are labouring. After terrible wintry conditions and an epidemic of sickness, they report an active interest of over forty people, with a visiting list of ninety. We invite all to remember this campaign in prayer. Remember this is new work and these workers are hoping to establish a church of Advent believers in that busy town of Wrexham.

BROTHER CONROY has a growing interest through his campaign in the Newport church. As an auxiliary, Brother Conroy is conducting a Sunday-school for the local non-adventist community.

PASTOR JACKSON and Brother Cumings, in Swansea and Barry respectively, are putting forth earnest endeavours to reap some fruitage from their past month's labours.

IN Rumney, near Cardiff, we are holding a small meeting on Sunday afternoons in the War Memorial Hall. We are not spending very much money on this meeting as we hope to have something larger started later.

MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

MAY we remind our Welsh membership that the Missions Extension Campaign is now in full swing. Let us rally together and circulate as many of these truth-laden papers as we can. The *Good News* magazine is full of good things—the truth for these last days. You dear friends who are isolated, join us in this good work. Sales week is April 13th to 20th. Remember that many sections of the needy field of Africa are to benefit by our efforts in this campaign. Let it be the best, brethren and sisters, we have ever undertaken.

THE TITHE INCOME

THE tithe income for the past two months has been up to standard. What we must guard against is "unfaithfulness" in tithe-paying. It is not good enough to pay into the tithe fund. What the Lord asks of us is a tithe of all. And what a blessing we miss by our failures! At the end of this first quarter of 1940, let us pay our debt to the Lord, and so enrich His treasury and our own personal experience of Him.

Above all, let us talk faith and believe the things we are supposed to believe. The Lord's coming is at hand. Are we ready to meet Him? Beware the "cares of this life" and other snares which seek to spoil our spiritual experience and rob us of the eternal pleasures we have so long anticipated. S. G. HYDE.

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Convention at Cardiff

A CONVENTION after the order of the one held at Cardiff during the week-end March 15th-17th might well be regarded as a kind of Spring General Meeting. All the services from Friday evening to Sunday evening were well attended. Sabbath, of course, was the big day. For that day the Salem Chapel was in use. Here workers, church officers, and members from a dozen places in the southern part of the field spent a very happy and profitable time.

Pastor H. W. Lowe delivered the morning address. He called attention to the solemn hour to which we had come and the need of an experience that will stand the strain of that hour. Brother Lowe also spoke on Sunday evening. His theme on this occasion was the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men raised up by God to bring deliverance and victory to the church. Every heart felt the appeal to be fully surrendered to the only agency that can fit us as individual heralds of the last message of mercy to live true to our high calling.

Subjects dealt with during the convention sessions related chiefly to Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary interests. It was felt that more could be done for our young people. Societies were encouraged to line up with the rest

of the Union in training the youth in mind, heart, and hand. For this there is nothing better than the Progressive Courses as outlined in the Junior Handbook.

Greater missionary zeal on the part of churchmembers was also stressed. God calls His people to carry a definite burden for the souls about them. Carefully planned tract and paper work should find a large place in such a work. For this it is essential that the local church committee should function freely and vigorously. Little can be accom-

plished without counsel and careful planning.

The question of suitable literature in the Welsh language was once more brought to the fore, and a recommendation was passed on to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

We believe these special week-ends are in the order of God. Every good thing discussed and all the good impulses awakened should be cherished and made to count in building up the kingdom of God.

J. HARKER.

found that she had been well taught, and understood the Advent message thoroughly. Many and severe have been her tests, but through it all she has stood loyal to Christ. Please pray for others in Dublin, who at the baptismal service were deeply impressed.

On Sunday night the theme considered was, "The Man of the Book." Jesus Christ is central in all God's plans, especially so in the book of the Revelation, where the Lamb is seen in the "midst" of the throne, an ever-present sacrifice, where the virtues of Calvary ever speak on the sinner's behalf.

Dublin has its peculiar problems. Our usual public evangelical work is somewhat restricted. The work there is more of an individual, personal character. Brother Nicholson has worked hard, and has been rewarded.

JOHN G. BEVAN.

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Notes from the Superintendent

THE year 1939 has spelt progress here to a degree. But we as workers are far from satisfied with that progress. We would like to soar above the difficulties which confront us. Humanly speaking this sometimes seems impossible. Perhaps a few facts will create a greater interest in the work in Ireland.

In the period 1926 to 1936 the number of Roman Catholics in Eire increased by 22,651, and the number of all other religions declined by 26,223. The Church of Ireland lost 19,185. Since 1926 the number of persons other than Roman Catholics in Dublin City and County decreased by 4,011, compared with an increase in the number of Roman Catholics of 85,282. The decline in the number of persons other than Roman Catholics was general throughout the country, but a particularly heavy fall of 8,509 occurred in Cavan, Monaghan, and Donegal. In our next article we will endeavour to give you the figures for Ulster, where the Roman Catholic population is growing rapidly. In the city of Belfast 26.5 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic.

AFTER a long struggle we find ourselves on the eve of producing our own tracts, which will be known in the future as the Shamrock Series. These will be used solely to interest our Roman Catholic friends. One of our oldest and most energetic members is an ex-

Roman Catholic lady. At the end of 1940 we should have two more in the north, apart from two or three in our Dublin church.

It would bring wonderful encouragement to all of our workers if our people across the water would remember us all in their prayers that we might be able to break down the Gibraltar of prejudice. Pray for the work and workers in Ireland.

E. E. CRAVEN.

A Week-End in Eire's Capital

ON Friday evening, March 15th, it was good to be at our young people's meeting. These vigorous and enthusiastic Dublin members are a credit to our cause. The talk was on "Providential Experiences in the Great War," revealing God's grace and strength which is given to help one meet the difficulties of life.

Sabbath morning the subject was, "In Tune with God." The message was suggested to us by the radio, revealing the spiritual value of oneness with God.

Sabbath afternoon was a very happy occasion. Brother Nicholson, in the ADVENT MESSENGER of January 19th, had asked us all to pray for prospects in Dublin. The Roman Catholic young lady has now decided to follow Christ, and was baptized. God's delays are not denials; prayer can and has changed things. Reviewing our tenets of faith, and testing her upon them, I

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