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## LAYMEN, ARISE!

By W. E. READ

"Ye servants of God, your Master  
proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful  
name;  
The name all-victorious of Jesus  
extol;  
His kingdom is glorious, and rules  
over all."

THIS is the call of the Most High,  
not only to His ministers, but to  
every layman in the church of God.  
By our words, by our acts, and by  
our lives, we are to witness and tell  
the story of redeeming grace. Thus,  
like the Saviour, we are to "seek and  
save that which was lost."

It is a remarkable privilege to be  
a servant of the Lord. It means be-  
ing "workers together with Him,"  
"labourers together with God." He  
whom the Revelator calls "King of  
kings and Lord of lords," whom  
Daniel calls the "Prince of princes,"  
is also the "Servant of servants." The  
evangelical prophet of the Old Testam-  
ent portrays Christ as the "Servant  
of the Lord." Isaiah refers to Him  
by this title twenty times up to verse  
eleven of chapter fifty-three; after  
that another title appears—not used  
before—namely, "servants of the  
Lord." The "Servant" disappears  
and the "servants" take the place.  
This title occurs ten times from  
chapter fifty-four to chapter fifty-six.  
In Isaiah fifty-three the "Servant of  
the Lord" lays down His life; how  
fitting thereafter that the "servants  
of the Lord" take His place in the  
great work of God on earth.

Before He laid down His earthly  
ministry He bade His disciples, "Go  
ye into all the world, and preach the  
Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:

15. These words He spake not merely  
to the apostles, nor to the group of  
disciples that surrounded Him; He  
spake them to the whole church of  
God for all time.

"Those who stand as leaders in the  
church of God are to realize that the  
Saviour's commission is given to all  
who believe in His name. God will  
send forth into His vineyard many  
who have not been dedicated to the  
ministry by the laying on of hands."  
—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 110.

In the days of the early church, we  
read that laymen "went everywhere  
preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

Gibbon, in his *Decline and Fall of  
the Roman Empire*, volume 2, chap-  
ter 15, page 7, remarks that:

"It became the most sacred duty of  
a new convert to diffuse among his  
friends and relations the inestimable  
blessing which he had received."

Again we read in *Expansion of  
Christianity in the First Three Cen-  
turies*, by Harnack, Volume 1, pages  
54, 460:

"We cannot hesitate to believe that  
the great mission of Christianity was  
in reality accomplished by means of  
informal missionaries. . . . We may  
safely assume too that really women  
did play a leading role in the spread  
of this religion."

When the message of the living  
Christ grips the hearts of men they  
are bound to tell the story of re-  
deeming love. Dr. Robert E. Speer  
emphasizes the obligation of Chris-  
tian believers in the following words:

"Any man who has a religion is  
bound to do one of two things with  
it; change it or spread it. If it isn't  
true, he must give it up. If it is  
true, he must give it away."

What wonderful results we should  
see in the world to-day if every be-  
liever of the Gospel of Christ were a  
living missionary. Quickly the  
Gospel tidings would be heralded to  
earth's remotest bounds. Soon the  
work would be finished, and soon  
the Saviour would come to gather  
His people home.

Over in Finland not long ago, one  
of our sisters, the wife of a business  
man, with her home and two children  
to care for, felt such a passion to  
preach the message that she began  
conducting cottage meetings and giv-  
ing Bible readings. A remarkable  
interest developed and in a short  
while through the blessing of God  
twelve souls were won to Christ.

In distant Africa, we are finding  
men of humble birth being used of  
God to unlock the door to the most  
hardened hearts. In a new tribe 120  
miles north-east of one of our mis-  
sion stations in the Gold Coast,  
where the people are primitive, and  
where there are no signs of modern  
civilization, one of our humble lay-  
men entered with the message of  
God. He went there as a trader, and,  
like the Waldensian missionaries of  
old, talked about the truth while sell-  
ing his wares. Soon an interest  
sprang up, a teacher went in, and  
forty persons were won from the  
grossest heathenism to walk with the  
Lord.

In Kenya Colony a young man

became acquainted with the message, and without our knowledge began preaching in the villages, heralding the truth that Jesus is coming again. Not long ago when one of our missionaries visited his district, knowing practically nothing of the work he had done, the young man talked about what God was doing in his neighbourhood. He and the missionary went for a walk.

When they came to a certain hill where they could see the country for miles around, the young man pointed to one part, and said: "Over there you see the roof of our little church building. Every Sabbath 200 people come to worship the Lord." Then he held out his arm as he pointed to a place about fifty miles away in another direction. "Over there," he said, "we have 100 attending the meetings regularly Sabbath by Sabbath." He pointed to another place some distance farther away. "Here," he said, "we have eighty meeting in their own little place of worship and serving the Lord."

In Nigeria our young people are doing a wonderful work for God. One of our missionaries visited a

Sabbath-school recently, where the membership had been increased by more than 200 souls within a period of eighteen months. No less than fifty-eight of these people had publicly burned their idols. How was this interest developed? By our Missionary Volunteers. A group had hired bicycles and gone to the place preaching Sabbath after Sabbath. One influential chief in the district after hearing them wanted to know what Bible they used because of the sweetness of their message; and so the work goes on.

How earnestly we should pray for the day to come when multitudes will accept the message and turn to the Lord. This is the day of God's visitation, the time when His people should arise and shine, for surely the light has come to our hearts. Remember God stands ready to equip us as He did the disciples of old.

Let us take courage as we go forward to the task, praying that God may endue us with power from on high; then in His strength move forward to do exploits in His name, remembering that we must work while the day lasts, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

The students will be spending a busy summer. Over sixty are going into the colporteur field, while more than thirty will remain at the college to work full time, caring for the farm and the garden and the other school activities and providing for the comfort of the visitors whom we are expecting to receive during the summer months.

#### LITERATURE AND MISSIONARY WORK

DURING the past school year over £1,100 worth of literature has been sold by the student-colporteurs as they have gone out Sunday by Sunday. This is a record figure and to it must be added over £100 sales for Big Week. We pray that God will bless the literature which has been distributed and that many may find the way of truth from its perusal.

During the past year the Christian Help and Visiting band has distributed over 3,000 tracts in the villages near the College, besides giving Bible studies and helping the people in various other ways. Many of the students have lent their own books to interested people and during the school-year an appeal was made to the student body to donate books or money toward the formation of a lending library for missionary work. As a result we now have available a number of books, such as *Great Controversy*, *Daniel and Revelation*, *Steps to Christ*, which can be passed on to those who are showing real interest. We would suggest to our churchmembers everywhere that the lending of these books, which may be growing dusty on their shelves, would do much to advance the cause which we love, and second-hand copies, which you cannot use, could be passed on by the students to some who are eagerly waiting for them.

#### EDUCATION DAY

JUNE 7th is Education Day; a number of the teachers will be visiting the churches then and also at various times during the summer. They will be happy to discuss with you any matters relating to Christian education and we would take this opportunity of inviting parents to communicate with the College at any time concerning the education of their children. Newbold College is here to serve the whole field and not merely those whose children are already students here at the College.

A. J. RATT.

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## NEWBOLD COLLEGE

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As we write these last notes of the school-year our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for His protection. Many hardly expected that we should be able to proceed with our educational work uninterrupted until the present and we feel that it is in the providence of God that we have been able to do so.

We are happy to be able to report the baptism of five young people who have joined the Advent movement and been received into fellowship with the Newbold College church. The baptism took place on Friday, May 2nd. We look upon this spiritual fruitage as but a token of the much greater fruitage which will result from the work of the graduates as they go into the field.

#### GRADUATION SERVICE

ON Sunday, May 11th, we hope to see many of our friends. We regret that it has been impossible for us to accommodate over the week-

end the many who would have liked to come, but with so large a graduating class we have had to reserve practically all available accommodation for their particular friends, and even those we have had to remind to bring their rations!

We are severely handicapped this graduation by not having the use of the gymnasium. Our chapel will not hold a third of those who will be present on Sunday, so that we trust that none of our visitors will be disappointed at finding that we have to ask them to occupy one of the adjoining rooms. However, we shall have loud speakers fitted up so that all should be able to hear distinctly, even although they cannot see. Pastor W. L. Emmerson will give the Graduation address.

Our friends will understand too, we are sure, that it is impossible for us either to provide or to sell refreshments.

## SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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### Folkestone Sabbath School

It was with glad hearts and a firm purpose that the five remaining members of the Folkestone Sabbath-school decided to recommence their meetings in the home of a member, on the first Sabbath of this year, 1941.

Owing to the pressure of the authorities in advising evacuation, it had been found necessary to close the church and suspend the general work in the autumn of 1940.

Although so few in number, it has been found encouraging to keep to the order of the service, to sing the hymns, to read the missions appeal week by week, to speak to God in prayer, and then to gather round His Word, remembering how many are uniting with the isolated members, in thought and purpose, if not in actual presence.

Singing is a weak point with the five, but not too weak to reach the ears of our Father in heaven. During the first quarter of the year, special prayer was offered for the scattered members of the Sabbath-school, remembering each by name, and asking a blessing for them according to their circumstances, not forgetting the three students, who represent Folkestone at Newbold.

The study of the Sabbath-school lessons is mainly conversational, as five untrained minds can dig more widely and deeply than one. Never before have the acts of the apostles stood out with such emphasis. With the help of the lesson book, the nineteen hundred odd years seem to have rolled away, while Paul and his companions appear as vital living personalities, and the days of the early church not unlike these days of the closing years of time.

It is significant that the eyes of the world are looking to-day, on the same cities and towns that marked Paul's missionary journeys. It may be that some who had forgotten the foundation of the church of Christ will look on their war maps and recall the message of the Gospel.

A visit from Pastor Warland dur-

ing the first quarter of the year, greatly encouraged the members, who have also been helped by two week-end visits by Brother Leslie Shaw.

Folkestone Sabbath-school eagerly awaits the return of its other members, and remembers with prayer and sympathy isolated members of all Sabbath-schools elsewhere.

ONE OF THE FIVE.



### Medstead

WE were very glad to welcome our Union field missionary secretary who visited Medstead church on Sabbath, April 26th, when many friends and visitors from surrounding districts assembled for worship.

## SCOTTISH MISSION

*Superintendent:* Pastor J. A. McMillan  
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### Notes from the Superintendent

PRESENTING a brief review of the main activities of the past quarter, we are glad to report a net increase of twelve in the membership, which stands at 315. We trust that this increase is but a foretaste of a general increase throughout the mission as a result of the campaigns now proceeding.

REPORTS from the evangelists show an active interest in every centre. Brother Vince has had 200 at his meeting in Hamilton. Brother Morrison reports 125 at his Sunday night services. Brethren Johnson and Butters write of good interests at their meetings in Aberdeen and Stirling respectively. Here in Edinburgh there is a good interest which has been maintained since the opening meeting. Please pray that the Word of the Lord may be "quick and powerful" and that many souls may be won to the truth.

He reminded us of the serious times in which we are living and that in several countries enemies of the truth have sought to put an end to our efforts. But in spite of great difficulties with which we have to contend God is causing the work to go forward and He will stand by His people and protect them.

There could be no more simple language than that given in 1 John 5:11 which tells us that the Lord will hide His people in Christ Jesus. He has given us a perfect gift and he just asks us to take it. We sacrifice nothing for the truth, for in the world to come God is going to give us eternal life. Our part is to sow the seed in order to reap the harvest.

Brother and Sister George Shaw had brought their few months old baby boy with them in order that he should be dedicated to the Lord. Prayer was offered on behalf of the child and parents. We trust and believe that one more soul may be added to our beloved church should time last.

F. J. KINMAN,  
*Church Leader.*

THE financial report for the quarter is most encouraging. The mission offerings show a small gain over last year, while the tithe increase is £330 over the first quarter of 1940. This is actually more than double the sum received last year during the first quarter. May this good increase be maintained throughout the entire year. We all need the blessing that comes from a faithful discharge of our stewardship.

SOON the Harvest Ingathering will be with us again. This year we are hopeful that there will be no delay in getting started on June 1st. Let every church and each member decide the goal and plan for victory. We must do better than last year. Just that little extra will see us well over the £600 mark.

SOME more active churches and members may like to shoulder the burden of those who are incapacitated. For example, we have a church

in Kirkcaldy which has given and striven faithfully for more than a score of years. There are eight members there whose total years come to 608. The youngest of this older group is about sixty-eight and the oldest is eighty-nine. Some of these are now growing feeble and cannot collect as they did formerly. Wouldn't it be a good plan for some more youthful members to adopt one of these faithful souls, and collect their £2 for them. Who will volunteer?

THESE are strenuous times and we

need to cultivate a deep fellowship with the Lord. "Live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold you firmly by a hand that will never let go. Know and believe the love that God has to us, and you are secure; that love is a fortress impregnable to all the delusions and assaults of Satan. 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.'—" *"Mount of Blessing,"* page 173. I pray that this may be the experience of every believer, now and always.

J. A. McMILLAN.

## IRISH MISSION

Superintendent: Pastor E. E. Craven

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### Notes from the Superintendent

THE members of the ADVENT MESSENGER family will be glad to know that all our members are safe. It is true we hardly know where many of them are, as they have gone to the country. Brother Robert Dougherty without a doubt saved the life of one member and her father. Heroically, amidst the bombs, he threw bricks and timber right and left until they were rescued.

Our young brother was soon on

THE South England Conference wishes to acknowledge the receipt of £10 tithe from Anon.

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my doorstep, and before noon the workers had visited nearly every home. As soon as we saw each home was standing we moved on as time was precious. Two of our members Brethren Murray and Watt, had remarkable deliverances. Brother Watt received a very heavy bomb in his garden. His garden produce was thrown three streets away, and yet not one window pane of glass was broken in his home. This must have been the Lord's doing. It is wonderful in our eyes.

The Sabbath morning service in Florenceville was a praise service. We are now in a position to sympathize with you all across the water. We are all of good courage and our confidence is in God.

### EVACUATION REQUEST

WILL any of our dear isolated people who are willing to take evacuated churchmembers, including children, kindly write to Pastor E. E. Craven, 16 Knockbreda Gardens, Belfast. This matter is urgent.

### NEW PLANS

WE have recently been compelled to make some re-adjustments. Our workers have responded nobly. Brethren W. Nicholson and R. Dougherty are planning to devote three days each week to country-side work. We are expecting to place a tract on the soon coming of Jesus in every home in Ulster, if possible. Pray for the work in Ireland.

E. E. CRAVEN.

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### SUNSET CALENDAR

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May 16th	9.46	9.57	9.59	10.19	10.24
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