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The Evangelistic Council

By H. W. LOWE

ALL our evangelists and Bible-workers, with the exception of two who could not get across from Ireland, were privileged to meet together for a little more than three days at Watford recently. It was a very blessed season, and without question it brought a good deal of courage to men and women who have been grappling faithfully with the problems of evangelism, and particularly with the difficulties that war has brought upon us in this respect.

We thought very earnestly about the matter of expense in days like these, but so much is at stake when we look at our membership figures that we felt justified in proceeding with this meeting, and we certainly feel that God greatly blessed us and rewarded our faith.

Many of the precious promises of the Word and of our Adventist literature indicate that nothing but opposing circumstances and obstacles await the church of God in these days. Among them the following came to our minds:

"Trials and obstacles are the Lord's chosen methods of discipline and His appointed conditions of success."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 471.

"Man can shape circumstances, but circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man. We should seize upon circumstances as instruments by which to work. We are to master them, but should not permit them to master us. Men of power are those who have been opposed, baffled, and thwarted. By calling their energies into action, the obstacles they meet prove to them positive blessings. They gain self-reliance. Conflict and perplexity call for exercise of trust

in God, and for that firmness which develops power."—*Ibid.*, page 500.

As we sought the Lord earnestly, and as we discussed our problems in the light of addresses given us by certain workers, our courage and our determination rose to the extent that we agreed, with the greatest unanimity, to ask the Lord to reward us, during 1942, with a net gain of ten per cent in our membership. Reducing that to actual figures will reveal what a great step forward that must mean to us in this Union. Our net gain for many years has been not more than about 150. A net gain of ten per cent of our present membership means an addition of nearly 1,000 during the year 1942, after allowing for losses from all causes. Every worker will seek God earnestly for the power in his preaching, for the consecrated and added energy in his work to make this gain possible. This number should be divided up so that each church and each evangelist takes a fair share of this goal, and if that is done there is no question but what a net gain of 600 members will be reached.

The joy of soul-winning is something that needs to be recaptured by all our churchmembers and by many of us in the ministry. C. H. Spurgeon once said, "If ever I preach again, I will leave out every bit of flourish and preach nothing but present truth . . . and direct all

my energies to the salvation of souls."

We talk a great deal about being "baptized with the Spirit," and there is surely nothing wrong with that as a phrase. Where we fail is that we do not understand that phrase as a living experience. We talk as though at a pre-determined moment God will suddenly pour upon His church some hitherto unknown power and without warning something pentecostal will happen. That is altogether a misconception. Pentecost came to a body of people who had already determined to seek God unitedly, and who were already active, energetic, believers in the Lord. Every one of the apostles and all the pentecostal believers who were baptized by the Spirit, were earnest, aggressive seekers after souls. We must be up and doing in the battles of the Lord, if we are also much upon our knees seeking the Divine power. The two things go together.

It is inconceivable that any church can be baptized with the Spirit and at the same time be lifeless and inactive in any phase of the Lord's work. It is incongruous that any preacher should be full of God's Spirit while churches under his control are lifeless, or where children and youth, and Sabbath-school and Home Missionary departments have anything in the nature of uninspiring spiritual inertia about them. Similarly laymen who preach well but work little for the Lord must realize that there is something wrong.

We have been told, "All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God

will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. . . . Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life."—"Desire of Ages," page 827.

During the meetings the ministry of Pastors W. E. Read and W. T. Bartlett was greatly blessed and we appreciated the help brought to us by our own field leaders and by every worker who took part in the programme. We must now earnestly set ourselves, in the fear of God, to the task of converting our loss in membership last year into the greatest gain we have ever seen in our history. Our institutions, our schools, our churches—everything connected with the movement must be on fire for God and the spirit of soul-saving must run through our whole ranks. Everything else is subsidiary to this one grand purpose for which the church exists.

We earnestly ask our church leaders to take this matter to the Lord and to wrestle with Him in prayer until this great burden is rolled over on to the heart of every member in our midst. Then, and not until then, will our church activities, our campaigns, become agencies for the winning of souls for God's kingdom. Great things lie ahead of the church as witnessed by such as the following statements which mean so much to us at the present time:

"There is before the church, the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pages 11, 12.

"If she will honour the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 8, page 11.

"All that the apostles did, every churchmember to-day is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervour, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 7, page 33.

WE should never give to the world the false impression that Christians are a gloomy, unhappy people. If our eyes are fixed on Jesus we shall see a compassionate Redeemer, and shall catch light from His countenance. Wherever His Spirit reigns there peace abides. And there will be joy also, for there is a calm, holy trust in God.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Notes from the Union President

WE have a fine body of young workers who have come to us during recent years. To them comes an unprecedented opportunity in evangelism. Surely a task to test their mettle, with a satisfaction beyond measure to those who, placing all on the altar, find success in soul-winning.

At the close of the Evangelistic Council, Brother B. E. Sparrow was ordained to the ministry. This would have taken place at the North England Annual Meeting had there been one this year.

PASTOR L. D. VINCE, who has worked in Glasgow for three years, is to join the work in South England toward the close of the year. Pastor L. G. Hardinge, from South Eng-

land, is to take up evangelistic work in Edinburgh about the same time. Miss Hanna joins the Scottish Mission as a Bible-worker, and Miss Hapgood, of Glasgow, goes to Wales in the near future.

OTHER evangelistic dispositions are pending and will be published shortly. Upon all these workers may there come great and increasing power in service.

THE Week of Sacrifice comes this year toward the end of October. We once more invite workers and members to plan for this week's offering prayerfully and faithfully. Great have been God's mercies upon us, great should be our gratitude to Him at this crucial time

H. W. LOWE.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE LIBRARY

THE library at Newbold, in its new home (the former history room), to which it has been recently moved, is very well patronized. Its doors are ever open to the inquiring student. Here may be found, throughout every day of the working week earnest young men and women diligently studying at the tables, consulting the encyclopædias and other reference works, and preparing their themes and essays for the morrow's classes. One might think of the library as the armoury of the College, where weapons to be wielded in the defence of truth and the assault on evil are selected, and arms are furnished and renewed.

During the forty years of the College's life, the library has grown year by year, until now it contains on its shelves, a good selection of books dealing with all the subjects taught in the classrooms. Some fields of study, such as history and theology, are especially well represented. But there is urgent need that the library should develop and grow, until it adequately represents the great and noble work which is being done in educating our youth. It would be well if we had for instance, more works on Christian evidences, and apologetics, as well as on evangelism.

This year, we have an unusually large class—of over forty—studying the "Testimonies." Unfortunately, we do not have more than two com-



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plete sets of these invaluable books in our library. We really need a number of copies of each of the books written by Mrs. E. G. White.

We would like to appeal to our workers and lay members throughout the field to help us to replenish and build up our library. If you have good second-hand copies of any of the books contained in the appended list, which you would be willing to donate or sell to this worthy cause, we shall be very happy to hear from you. Remember that you are aiding needy students, as well as the College library, for many of our students can ill afford to purchase individual copies of the books to be studied in their history and Bible classes, and they will greatly appreciate a supply of books which they may borrow while at College.

LIST OF BOOKS NEEDED

All of Sister White's writings.
A System of Christian Evidences—Keyser
The Basis of the Christian Faith—Hamilton
Handbook of Christian Apologetics—Garvie
Creation not Evolution—Baker and Nichol
Evolutionary Geology—McCready Price
The Spade and the Bible—W. W. Prescott

Living Evangelism—C. B. Haynes
The Divine Art of Preaching—C. B. Haynes
Public Evangelism—Schuler
The Art of Personal Evangelism—Wearner
Evangelistic Sermons—Selected
The Preacher—His Life and Work—Jowett

The Preacher and His Preaching—I. H. Evans
Natural Theology—Paley
Christian Evidences—Paley
The Minor Prophets—Pusey
The Minor Prophets—Lange
Fundamentals
Miracles of Unbelief—Dr. Ballard
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Are You One of the 800?

We hardly like to suggest that you are. But as there are, in fact, more than 800 somewhere, it is just possible that you are one of them, isn't it?

Whom are we talking about? Well, just those 840 churchmembers in South England who are not members of the Sabbath-school. Think of it, *nearly one-third of our membership* not enrolled in any class or studying the lesson at home as members of the Home Division! Are you one of them? If so, we invite you—yes, we implore you—to join your local school this coming Sabbath. You will find the present lessons on

"Christian Experience and Growth" just the help you are needing at this time.

The keynote of our Workers' Council was "Evangelism." Sister White tells us that "the Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and *the most effectual* in bringing souls to Christ," so, if you are already a member may we suggest that you invite your interested friends to come with you to the Sabbath-school? By so doing you will receive a blessing as well as they.

That even isolated members may do this missionary work is illustrated by the following letter just received from Brother Barriball, far



British Union, with their wives, assembled at the recent Evangelistic Council in Watford.

away in Cornwall. He writes: "I have several people interested in the Advent message, and as they express a desire to study the Sabbath-school lesson I am wondering if you can send me a few copies, as I feel it would be very helpful to them if we can study the lessons together." May the Lord bless our brother, and all others who thus seek to be soul-winners. And, is not his earnestness a reproof to the large number of members who do not even study the lesson for themselves? *Are you one of the 800?* E. R. WARLAND.



News from East London

I MENTION a few items concerning the work in our East London district, mainly that the Advent family may have an interest in this part of London, and definite objects for which to pray.

The Edmonton young people, with the full support of the church-members, have commenced open-air services. One stranger who came to a recent Sunday meeting first made contact with us at the open-air service. Pray for the success of these meetings.

An Inquiry Card campaign has been launched at Walthamstow. Fruit is being seen from a recent similar campaign at Edmonton. One person is keeping the Sabbath and others, I believe, will follow. Pray that the people in Walthamstow who are waiting for the truth may be reached by means of this campaign.

In the early spring we plan to start a layman's evangelistic campaign in Edmonton. We are "saving our pennies" so that funds will be in hand for rent, bills, etc. Pray that God will prepare the way that this humble effort may bear fruit.

L. E. A. LANE.



Edmonton's Open Air Offensive

"LADIES and gentlemen, this is the London Advent Mission calling." These words rang through the market place, as Edmonton Missionary Volunteer society opened its Autumn Open-Air Offensive. It seemed fitting that the young people should be spending the closing hours of the Sabbath in preaching the Word.

Before long a small crowd of

people had gathered and Brother A. H. Farthing and the writer drew their attention to God's message for these times. The number rose—thirty, forty, fifty, seventy—until at length possibly one hundred and fifty were listening to the presentation of the Word of God. Brother Woodhouse ably took the responsibility of chairman, leaving the young men to preach and to answer the many questions fired at them from the audience. The answers given were certainly satisfactory for one gentleman commented that he had never before heard questions answered in

so straightforward and convincing a manner.

So great was the interest, especially in the second chapter of Daniel, that the next day *two* more open-air meetings were held, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. Again the Advent youth of Edmonton gave a strong witness for their motto is "North East London *shall* burn—with the fire of God's truth." Let our youth elsewhere take courage from this experience, and gain inspiration to follow the command of the Lord and "Go forward."

J. G. FROST.

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North Wales Convention

Shrewsbury, September 5th-7th

THOSE who were privileged to attend the Shrewsbury convention will not readily forget it, for it was one of the best meetings of its kind we have ever attended. The attendances were good—yes, very good, considering that this convention served a very small section of the Welsh Mission constituency. Above all, it was truly representative, every company in the North Wales sector being represented. Members came from Hereford, Rhyl, Rhos, Shotton, Buckley, Wrexham, Llandoverly, and Shrewsbury.

Guest speakers were Pastor J. M. Howard and Pastor J. J. Hyde, superintendent of the Northern Nigerian Mission. These brethren, along with the Welsh Mission superintendent, shared the burden of the meetings. Pastor H. K. Munson conducted the Sabbath-school, Pastor T. H. Cooper presided over the lesson study and Brother J. Rutherford conducted a short review.

There is nothing more gratifying than to have a group of Advent believers together in spiritual council and association and to observe their obvious enjoyment of all that they are able to crowd into a week-end's programme, to say nothing of the delights of personal fellowship and comradeship.

All the meetings were held in our own hall situated at the approach

to the Greyfriars Bridge which crosses the lovely Severn. Pastor Munson, Brother S. Smith, local leader, Miss Mason, and many local friends, combined their efforts to provide all necessities for both meetings and visitors. They did a good job and visitors owed a debt of gratitude to Pastor Munson for the comfortable sleeping quarters which he provided. Miss Mason directed the distribution of several hundred announcements regarding the public meetings of the convention.

Now this convention was not held in the interests of any one department of the church, but in the church's general interests and its spiritual welfare. In fact that was how the convention was advertised—"for the deepening of the spiritual life"—and that objective was kept in mind at every service. From the Friday evening until the Sunday evening, speakers and hearers alike sought to obtain inspiration from the Lord and to be more conscious of His will and plan.

That we did not seek in vain was abundantly evident as the convention proceeded. Very apparent was it on the Sabbath day—in the morning when the superintendent after basing his message on the prayer of Habakkuk: "Revive Thy work, . . . in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy," invited those present to express their need of praying such a prayer. For seek-

ing such a revival, we witnessed a spontaneous response. Again in the afternoon after one of Pastor Howard's stirring and inspiring messages, at the praise and testimony meeting, some wonderful experiences were related of the Lord's leading. Further evidence of the Spirit's presence came from the number of persons who were led to ask the convention for prayer on behalf of some personal burden. On three separate occasions lists of names were read and the Lord's intervention invoked.

Apart from the messages of Pastor Howard, crowned by an inspiring presentation of the Advent message on the Sunday night, we were fortunate in having the missionary aspect of the work of God colourfully presented by one of the superintendent's three missionary brothers—Pastor J. J. Hyde. We had a fine Missions Rally service on the Saturday night, when Africa was brought to life and realization by word and picture. This presentation enabled us to appreciate more the needs of the mission field and the mighty work which is being done by God through humble missionary labourers. Such better conception, greatly

encouraged all hearts and made them feel that the Welsh Ingathering campaign which had just finished with a new record of achievement, was well worth while. At this rally, our N.C.C. young men, stationed in a nearby camp, brought the camp's male choir to regale us with much appreciated choral selections.

Between meetings friends gathered in happy and informal groups for needful refreshment; and even in this, local friends came to our help with refreshing drinks thus completing their endeavours to make us all happy and satisfied.

Brethren Alwyn Morris (whose two children were dedicated by Pastor S. G. Hyde on the Sunday afternoon) and Private Percy Dunham, served us well as organizers. And so there came to an end all too quickly a feast of good things and a time of real refreshing and happy fellowship. We feel confident that the convention served its purpose and the spiritual life of all deepened and strengthened and that future days will see those fruitful results for which we so earnestly prayed.

S. G. HYDE.

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ADDITIONS

WE are glad to announce to the MESSENGER family that a few additions have been made to the membership of the Scottish Mission. On August 23rd four souls were baptized in Glasgow. Three of these were young people belonging to the church. It is good to see our youth being taken into church fellowship. We have also accepted two men into church fellowship in the Edinburgh area.

THE efforts conducted by our evangelists are nearing their climax. Let us pray for the workers as they labour for decisions. Soon we expect baptisms at Hamilton, Aberdeen, Dundee, Stirling, and Edinburgh. God will give the increase as we labour and pray for souls.

STUDENT-COLPORTEURS

EIGHT students from Newbold

canvassed in the Mission during the summer. It was joyful to watch their reports from week to week. All have returned to school with scholarships, or near to that good standard, while hundreds of books have been left in the homes of the people to witness to the truth. Shall we not pray continually that the Lord will water this seed and give us a rich harvest of souls for His kingdom.

FIVE of our young people from the Glasgow church have gone to the College for the first year. Remember these young men and women as they grapple with their problems and studies at Newbold. Pray that the Lord will enable them to prepare for His service. Shall we also pray for the parents who have made sacrifices to help them receive their education in our school.

HARVEST INGATHERING

I WISH to take this opportunity of

thanking all who helped to reach the highest total ever collected in the Mission. This grand result could only be achieved by loyal co-operation on the part of workers, members, and isolated believers. We thank you for what has been accomplished, and pray that the funds thus harvested for missions will bring many souls to Jesus.

CHANGES

A FEW changes in our Mission personnel are taking place. Pastor L. D. Vince, who has laboured in the Glasgow area for three years, is leaving at the end of the year for the South England Conference. Brother Vince has done good work in Glasgow and we pray that the Lord will use him in his new field of labour in the South.

PASTOR L. G. HARDINGE, who has been labouring in the South England Conference for several years, replaces Brother Vince in the Scottish Mission. Brother Hardinge, however, will work in the city of Edinburgh. We pray that the Lord will use him mightily in this ancient and cultured capital.

The head-quarters of the Mission will be moved to Glasgow, where we hope to conduct an effort in the coming spring. Shall we remember to pray for the workers as they seek suitable houses in which to live. This is an extremely difficult thing to find at the present time, but the Lord can open the way.

SISTER I. HAPGOOD, who has given loyal assistance to Brother Vince in Hamilton, will soon be leaving for Wales. Her place in the west will be taken by Miss Hanna, one of this year's graduates. It is to be hoped that these changes will prove of real benefit to the building up of the work throughout the Mission.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

THE Week of Sacrifice offering is due to be taken up on the Sabbath of the 11th. Shall we make this a real thank-offering to the Lord for all His goodness and providential care. As we think of world conditions, and the way in which we have been preserved, we should respond to the needs of the cause of God with a liberal offering. Soon money will count neither for this world nor for the kingdom of God.

Let us employ it wisely now, and thus make to ourselves "friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into eternal tabernacles." Luke 16:9 (R.V.).

J. A. McMILLAN.

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"Blitz" Progress

COVENTRY is a name that has been on many lips, the world over, because of the scars it has received at the hands of the enemy. But what of the church there? Has that, too, been destroyed by the "enemy of souls" because of the dreadful things through which its members have had to pass? Into our minds come the familiar words, "The more they were afflicted the more they grew"!

One look at the gain in Coventry's finances for the first six months of 1941 as compared with the same period in 1940, before frequent air-raids and the terrible "blitz" of November 14th, is a testimony to a living church and the faithfulness of its members. For those six months

of 1940 the tithe amounted to £158. For the same period in 1941 to £235—a gain of £77. The Sabbath-school offerings show an increase of seven pounds and Big Week totalled seven pounds. Altogether thirty-seven of the churchmembers left Coventry after the raid for less vulnerable areas and twenty-four are still away, but word reaches us from time to time of the good courage and faithfulness of Coventry's scattered membership. One lady has written to say that her mother and sister are waiting to be baptized into the Newcastle church. It was she who though new to the truth herself first introduced it to her dear ones.

Coventry's membership is temporarily depleted, but those that remain are proving by their works that the love of God is in their hearts.

Leicester, too, shows healthy growth. In January the Sabbath-school membership was twenty-three. Now it is fifty-three. The tithe for the first six months of the year shows an increase of £33 compared with the same period in 1940; the Sabbath-school offering a gain of £10; Big Week a gain of £6; and the

Harvest Ingathering a gain of £87, the church goal and over being reached in three weeks!

E. A. BUCK.

With Our Magazines

THE missionary colporteur work is a blessing in disguise. The hours are well spent and the time usefully given. It is not business for profit, but a mission to give the vision of the soon-coming Saviour.

The selling of our beautiful magazines—*The Bible and the Outlook* and *Good News*—should be undertaken by many of our churchmembers. They are easily secured, easily canvassed, and easily disposed of. Thousands of poor benighted souls are looking for the "light of truth" for to-day. You have it. Pass on the glory to the outside world. God has many hidden jewels. It is for you to seek and find. I have found many in the course of selling 229 magazines in thirty hours. You, my dear friends, can find also. As God has helped me, He will help you—will you let Him?

MR. ORMSTON.

At Rest

BRITTON.—The Cardiff church has sustained another great loss by the sudden passing of Sister Mrs. Amy Britton on August 28, 1941, in her sixty-first year. Mrs. Britton accepted membership with the Advent people over thirty years ago, being baptized in Newport. Since her marriage to Brother W. A. Britton twenty-six years ago, our sister was associated with the Cardiff church. Thus a tie of long standing has been broken and her passing the more keenly felt. Many friends came along to the home to share in the humble service, and again at the graveside in the Western Cemetery. How good it is at such times to be able to reaffirm one's faith in the "blessed hope" and to be able to say with assurance: "Thy dear one shall rise again!" Yes, we shall see our sister again when "the shadows flee away" and then the dear ones left to continue the pilgrimage—Lynda, the only child of the marriage, and her father, will enjoy the glad reunion. Meanwhile our sister rests from a life of arduous and loving labour spent unselfishly in spite of much affliction.

S. G. HYDE.
D. A. CONROY.

WHITE.—It is with great sorrow that we have to record the sudden death under tragic circumstances of our beloved brother Alfred H. White, in his thirtieth year. Some time ago, Brother White appeared before the tribunal as a conscientious objector and was granted exemption from military service on condition that he would do agricultural work. It was while he was fulfilling his duties on Bonerbo Farm, Anstruther, that he met his death, being gored by a bull. Brother White accepted the truth about six years ago, having heard the message first of all from Brother H. D. Howard. He afterward attended the services conducted by Sister Archibald and took his stand. Since then he has been a faithful member of the Dundee church. Our deep and heartfelt sympathy is extended

to our dear Sister Nóra Braniff to whom our late brother was to have been married in November, and also to his bereaved father and relatives. A very impressive funeral service was held in the Nethergate Assembly Hall, Dundee, the writer officiating. The members of the church and many friends were present, and a fine tribute to our late brother in a personal letter of sympathy was read to the church from the Lord Provost of Dundee. He was laid to rest in the Eastern Cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver. We believe that we shall meet our brother again on the resurrection morn.

D. MORRISON.

IVEY.—The Plymouth church has sustained another loss in the death of Sister Mrs. Ivey. Sister Ivey had been a faithful member of the church for twenty-eight years, being baptized in 1913. She passed away on Friday, September 12, 1941, and was laid to rest on September 17th in the Efford Cemetery by Pastor A. K. Armstrong. She now rests from her labours and waits for the call of the Life-giver on the glorious resurrection morning so soon to dawn.

GLADYS ANDREWS.

GALPIN.—On August 26, 1941, we laid to rest at North Watford Cemetery our aged Brother George Galpin, who passed away in his eight-sixth year. Brother Galpin first heard the truth from Elder J. S. Washburn at Southampton as far back as 1894 and finally was baptized in 1926. His later years were spent at Watford with his daughter, Sister Till. He loved to be with God's people and his presence in Stanborough Park Church will be missed. He leaves behind children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but they sorrow in hope of his triumphant resurrection when Jesus comes again. The funeral services were conducted in Stanborough Park Church by the writer.

W. H. MEREDITH.

Weston-Super-Mare

ON and from November 1st Sabbath services will commence at 11 a.m. at the Y.M.C.A., 1 High Street.
G. H. BARTLETT.

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