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## God's Call to Every Believer

By W. E. Read

God calls His children into intimate fellowship with Him, not only that they may have spiritual communion and enjoy blessing in their own experience, but also that they may receive strength and power for definite service for God. Every soul born into the family of the Lord becomes not only a son or a daughter of the Most High, but also a servant, or rather bond-servant, of Jesus Christ. We are called to the blessings of association with God, but also to endure hardship and shoulder the burden and responsibility of earnest labour for the Lord.

The responsibility of winning souls to Christ rests not alone upon the ministers and Bible-workers, but upon every member of the church. In the parable of the talents, as recorded in Matthew twenty-five, we learn that the master gave to one five talents, to another two, and to another one. Then we read that he gave "to every man his work." Consequently every member of the church is called to service. It makes no difference what our vocation in life may be. One may be an artisan, a mechanic, or a member of the professional class. One may be engaged in business or employed in an office. He may be one of those who "go down to the sea in ships," seeking to guide great ocean liners over the mighty deep. Or one may be a mother in a humble home, endeavouring to guide the feet of her little ones into paths of truth and righteousness. Whatever our calling, wherever we may be placed, as children of God we are called to seek and to save the lost.

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"Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 822.

The commission uttered by our blessed Master centuries ago was given to His church rather than to a few disciples. In Mark's gospel we read, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Chapter 16:15.

The record in Matthew reads, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

It is true there were but eleven in the upper room when Jesus spake the words as recorded by the evangelist Mark, and the same eleven on the mountain-side in Galilee when the disciples heard the words as we find them in the gospel of Matthew. These disciples, however, were representative of the entire body of believers, not only in that day, but of all who should believe in the name of the only-begotten Son of God until the Gospel work should be finished.

"The Saviour's command to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained ministers."—*Ibid.*, page 822.

"Not upon the ordained ministers only rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Every one who has received

Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow-men."—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 110.

To us all has been committed the solemn responsibility of giving the truth of the Advent message to those around us. This responsibility rests upon every individual who has been begotten to a lively hope in Christ Jesus. To all upon whom the light of the third angel's message has shone comes the cry, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1.

What are we doing for our loved ones, those who are near and dear to us by the ties of nature? If they are outside the ark of safety and the overwhelming scourge is about to envelop the world, ought we not to go to them with a burning passion in our hearts to seek and save them ere it be too late? What about our neighbours and friends? Has God's wonderful message for this time reached their hearts? If not, who shall carry it to them? Shall we wait until a public effort is held in the city where they live, or shall we not ourselves seek to bring home to them the solemnity of the days in which we live and the urgency of yielding their hearts to Christ, the Saviour of man? Brethren and sisters, this is our responsibility, and let us ever remember that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising the church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Gospel Workers*, page 352.

May God help us to arouse and

dedicate all our powers to the saving of the lost. Our ministers can do much to gather in souls to the kingdom of heaven, but as church-members we have a work to do which ministers might never be able to accomplish.

"It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seed of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to be encouraged to labour for the Master according to their several ability. Hundreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbours, they could do a great work for the Master. God is no respecter of persons. He will

use humble, devoted Christians, even if they have not received so thorough an education as some others. Let such ones engage in service for Him by doing house-to-house work. Sitting by the fire-side, they can—if *humble, discreet, and godly—do more to meet the real needs of families than could an ordained minister.*"

Let us determine that just where we are, whether connected with a church or whether isolated, we will yield ourselves to God utterly and wholly for the work of bringing men and women to Christ. God will bless us in this determination. and His Holy Spirit will accompany our witness so that our words will go with convicting power to the hearts of men.

## Report of the British Union for 1938

BY H. W. LOWE

In this issue appear detailed reports from some of the men responsible under God's guidance for the good things we have to report for the British Union for 1938. This article, therefore, is but a summary of results from all phases of our work.

It has been a good, if difficult, year. God has wrought well through His people. By means of His Spirit poured upon His few people and their meagre facilities, the good Lord has enabled us to report advances in practically every department of the work.

Reflecting in some measure the faithfulness of our members, we had a tithe income of over £31,750—the highest in our history. This represents an increase in one year of £3,370, which, together with the fact that all our five fields kept well within their expense budgets, has enabled us to maintain our present working force and evangelistic programme, though these both should be larger.

Our support of foreign interests continues to grow year by year. The following were the increases over 1937:

Sabbath-School .....	£176
Harvest Ingathering .....	140
Annual Offering .....	21

Miscellaneous Offerings .....	24
Week of Sacrifice .....	21
Big Week .....	61
Special Offerings .....	82

Total Offerings Increase   £525

It was our privilege to turn over to the Division £26,480 for General Mission Funds, Tithe of Tithe, Sustentation, and Special Offerings. This was £1,248 more than in the previous year.

Throughout our Union we are now giving to missions sixty per cent as much as we give in tithe. This figure excludes special gifts. Some fields give over this, and the smaller ones give almost a second tithe as offerings.

Our institutional reports were equally encouraging. Great advances were made by our Food Factory. We created a sales record for health foods, and made a good operating gain. This will enable this institution to commence to repay some of its indebtedness. It will also need to create capital for equipment and alterations.

The Publishing House maintained its reputation and showed a higher gain than in 1937. Colporteur sales (£20,400) were the highest for many years, and were twenty per cent up on 1937. Thirty students gained scholarship figures,

and thirty-four colporteurs showed increased sales.

The Sanitarium showed a loss of £130, which is smaller than in previous years, excepting 1937. The Maternity Department of this institution is growing encouragingly, and should soon be self-supporting.

Newbold College is having a good year, and living within its budget. Its needs are rather large, but we are supplying them slowly one by one. The enrolment is 125, twenty-five of these being in our Overseas Department.

Lastly comes our largest problem—evangelism. We baptized 377 persons in 1938, and made additions by vote and letter which brought gross gains up to 596. Against this we lost a total of 332, leaving a net gain of 164, compared with 232 the previous year. This shows how inadequate our evangelistic programme is. It is appalling that the British Isles should still number its untouched cities by scores of hundreds. Between 1931-1935, when special funds were available, the average annual expenditure on evangelism was twenty-one per cent higher than the average for the past three years. Before this overwhelming problem, and in face of the nearness of the end, we can but cry to God for some solution of His own design. Some day we shall see through what is now an almost impenetrable gloom. But we are courageous in God and the work moves onward.

Our 111 workers are a faithful band, and we believe the progress and blessings of 1938 will be left far behind in 1939.

We send greetings to our fellow-believers throughout the Division.



W. T. BARTLETT has been in Nigeria for some weeks, assisting in a workers' institute in the Aba district. He reports a splendid interest in South-east Nigeria, and wonderful prospects for the future of the work in that growing field.

As we go to press, W. T. Bartlett and Wm. McClements are on a trip of investigation, hunting for a favourable site for the new hospital which it is hoped will be built in Nigeria during the latter part of 1939. J. I. ROBISON.

## Past, Present, and Future in the South England Conference

BY R. S. JOYCE

THE fact that glows the brightest as we turn our eyes back is that in 1938 we passed the three thousand mark in membership. Every conference worker responsible for a campaign, district, or church held at least one baptismal service. This achievement was made possible under the blessing of God by the splendid spirit of co-operation prevailing between the office, conference workers, and lay-members.

The sales in literature increased by £1,515; the tithe increased by no less than £1,675, and the offerings by £279. The Harvest In-gathering goal of £4,800 was over-topped by the end of October.

At the moment there are eleven full budget, seven small budget, twelve self-supporting, and two laymen's campaigns in progress. All our workers are giving time to new interest as well as to church work, not least in their programmes being the promotion of the course for the training of lay-workers as set out in the Bible Service Training Course. The message of the eleventh hour in the Lord's parable is unquestionably to laymen. It comes from the same source and is accompanied by the same assurance of reward as the call to the ministry. Immediately following their response and service, the evening comes and the labourers receive their reward. We trust that this new course will be completed by all who have undertaken it and that the results in

gains in membership will be great.

The prospects for advancement are brighter than they have been in this field. Special councils for ministers and Bible-workers were held during the year, when there was an exchange of ideas and methods set out in all branches of the work. The result of these councils can already be felt.

The ordained ministry is keen to search for new interests, and a new record in attendance in the provinces has been reached. Our young men are either in charge of campaigns or with evangelists who are holding campaigns in new cities. As we look at this fine body of young workers, we are sure that if they keep their consecration to their calling and their zeal for God, each one will be used in a remarkable way in this cause.

With ministers tried and untried, Bible-workers, colporteurs, office workers, and laymen bending all their energy to the task of soul-saving among the 18,000,000 in London and surrounding counties, with their Leader's words in their hearts as they meet the members of their churches and the unconverted, "I am among you as He that serveth" (Luke 22:27), we face the New Year with courage. We have seen God's hand moving in this field in the past, and we feel we are under that mighty hand today. "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." *Psa.* 146:5.

## The North England Conference

BY O. M. DORLAND

THE North England Conference is not large in area, being about 250 miles long by 150 wide. The population numbers over eighteen millions. Our cities are largely industrial and the people earn their living in the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods, steel, and coal mining.

Among these teeming millions

we have a church membership of 1,865, or one believer for every 10,000 of the population. This makes it very evident that our greatest problem is how to evangelize these multitudes.

One way in which to reach them is by the printed page. We have a loyal band of colporteurs who have done valiant service for the Mas-

ter during 1938. Our total literature sales for the year have reached the record sum of £11,258. In 1937 we had made an advance of £735, but 1938 shows a gain of over £2,000 on the excellent previous year's record. This is the best gain in our history and is, we believe, the world's record for the year. We do thank God and our faithful colporteurs and field leaders for this good showing.

We are also pleased to report a splendid gain in our conference finances for the past twelve months. The tithe shows a gain of £1,060 for the past year, and demonstrates the loyalty and faithfulness of the Advent people in this field.

Our best year in the conference for soul-winning was 1937, but 1938 is not so favourable, though we have several baptisms in prospect.

The power of the truth has been demonstrated in the work of grace on the hearts of some of those that have recently united with us. One brother informed us in the testimony meeting, at the time of his baptism, that he was a drunkard at twenty. We were told of the unhappiness and unkindness in his family as the result of this evil habit. Now, thanks to the mercy and grace of God, all this is changed, and as a result his employer granted him the privilege of carrying out his convictions in observing the seventh-day Sabbath.

One of our workers was brought in touch with a lady who in her younger days had known the truth. She had recently lost her husband and in her sorrow has turned to Him who alone can give comfort. She has surrendered her heart to the Lord, and in returning to God His own has paid the sum of £500 tithe into the conference treasury.

We have eleven public efforts in progress and others that will begin in January. The largest attendance at any of these meetings has been in the neighbourhood of 800.

We are of good courage in the Lord and look forward to the speedy finishing of the work through the power the Lord will give. "For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." *Rom.* 9:28.

## The Scottish Mission

BY J. A. MCMILLAN

SCOTLAND, with a population of almost five millions, presents the Advent church with a mighty challenge. There is Edinburgh, the capital city; with a population of 440,000, and only seventy members. Then Glasgow, ranking as the "second city of the Empire," boasts a population of 1,090,000; but only ninety churchmembers. Aberdeen has a population of 167,000 and a church of twenty-five. Dundee has a company of twenty-three in the midst of a population of 176,000. Kirkcaldy and Stirling have small groups, and there are isolated members in many parts of the country. But our small constituency of 290 represents hard work on the part of the many labourers who have toiled here.

Since the time of the Reformation, Scotland has maintained a fierce adherence to the teachings of Calvin. Because of this the progress of our work has been slow and difficult. The first public effort was held in 1901, when about twenty Sabbath-keepers were reported in the country. Many members have been transferred to other fields, enriching the work elsewhere with their sturdy Scottish characteristics. Tithes and offerings have flowed generously into the treasury throughout the brief history of the Advent cause in the Scottish Mission. Already, for the eleven months of this year (1938), our tithes are £249 above the corresponding period of 1937. Our Harvest Ingathering is the second highest per capita in the British Union.

As we have but recently linked up with the Mission, our main interest is rather with its future than its past. Our most urgent call is to a strong evangelism. This winter our small staff of workers, five male workers and two lady Bible-workers, are engaged in four evangelistic campaigns. We are planning and praying for a steady growth in membership. We also purpose to reduce apostasies to the minimum by carefully shepherding the flock.

Already during our brief stay in the field, we have seen the working

of the Spirit of God. Souls have been so impressed with the sanctity of the Sabbath that they have closed their business on this the busiest day of the week. Others have sacrificed lucrative positions to keep God's holy day. The first effort begun this winter has had an attendance of nearly 400 at the first meeting.

One of our most pressing needs is a church building in the capital city. How can we hope to build up a strong membership while our meeting-place is a room eighty stairs up from the street? In a very literal sense it is "an upper room." Many of our visiting friends and interested people find it difficult to locate this lofty room.

We can now report a new meeting-place, larger and lower and central. We have only one church building in all the country, centrally situated in Glasgow. We long to see Glasgow's motto, "Let Glasgow Flourish," extended to all the country.

A faithful band of workers has toiled here in past years. Their devotion and fidelity are a spur urging us to give of our best. In the words of Lincoln at Gettysburg, "It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here, to the unfinished work they have thus far so nobly carried on." To the building up of the work, the strengthening of the membership in numbers and spiritual attainment, to the finishing of the work, our entire worker staff is dedicated. We ask that our faith may be buttressed by your prayers.

## Ireland in 1938

BY E. E. CRAVEN

It would be difficult to find the estimated population of four and a half millions in this island. It would probably be much nearer the truth to say that the population of Ireland is just over three millions. Thousands leave our shores every week for England, where it is much easier to find better wages and better conditions. The Emerald Isle is divided into two camps, Roman Catholic and Protestant. The south is Roman Catholic and the north Protestant. The southerner's religious outlook becomes his politics, and the northerner's political views become his religion. The Irishman, apart from his religion and his politics, is the kindest and most courteous of companions.

The priest still retains his grip. This is equally true of the ministry of the Protestant established churches. The Catholics do not know us too well. The ministry of the established churches know us only too well, and certainly are not friendly toward us. Recently a young lady sang for the writer at a mid-week Bible class, and was immediately threatened with disfellowship if she ever did it again.

After fifty years of hard work we have just over 200 members.

Of course many have emigrated, and the strangest thing of all is, that those who have emigrated never have a burden to return and work in their native land.

A few years ago a young lady teacher of the Roman Catholic Church emigrated to the United States, later became an Adventist, and is to-day one of our most experienced Bible-workers in America. This summer she visited Rome, and talked with the Catholics there. She also came home to Ireland, was immediately rushed off to a convent, faced seven priests, and was threatened with force. They even threatened her life. She never again wants to see the land of the shamrock.

During the past year we have added fifty souls to our membership. Our Union Committee asked us to raise £350 in the Harvest Ingathering, and we raised £550. We are anxious to see greater progress. What can we do to break down the walls of prejudice? We have the Spirit. It awaits the demand and reception of every true child of God. We want more money. We want suitable places of worship under the eye of our northern Government. We want a few godly colporteurs. We want

suitable literature for the Catholic mind. We want a clinic with a good godly physician—this would most effectively break down the walls of prejudice. Will someone volunteer to come over and help us?

We are of good courage. A faint heart never won a fair lady, and a faint heart will never win the faithful daughter of the Catholic church. Many believe the Pope may yet make his headquarters in Ireland. There is no question that Ireland is the faith-

ful daughter of the Roman church. We can faithfully say that we have no prejudice in our hearts against these dear people. They are all our friends. They are all God's children.

"Pray for us, and as we are provided with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our eager desire and hope is that we may never be ashamed, but that now as ever we may do honour to Christ in our own person by fearless *courage*. Whether that means life or death, no matter." Phil. 1:19, 20, Moffatt.

## Progress in Wales

BY S. G. HYDE

WE are glad for the opportunity of reporting for the work of God in the Principality of Wales. We are more glad that we can report progress. During the past year our membership figure moved up to 466, in spite of losses amounting to twenty-nine, ten of which were from death—rather a high figure for a small constituency.

The tithe income rose from the previous year by £166 to £1,863, the highest recorded for some years. The Sabbath-school offering also moved forward by several pounds, reaching the highest figure for ten years—only £15 short of the £400 in the year.

In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign our members and workers not only reached the official goal of £850, but more than reached a self-set higher goal of £1,000. The total offerings for the year reached £1,474.

These figures may have little appeal to those not familiar with Wales. But if SURVEY readers could visit our membership and see something of the conditions under which so many live, the recorded figures would glow with sacrificial lustre, for they do represent not only self-sacrifice but a considerable measure of consecration.

The Welsh Mission not only includes Wales, but the three border counties of Monmouth, Hereford, and Shropshire. In all this territory there are well over three million people living in fifteen administrative counties, the Advent cause being represented by twenty-

two churches, companies, or groups situated from Milford Haven in the extreme south-west to Rhyl up in the north.

Many of these counties have no representative of the message at all, largely on account of the language barrier. The following are the Welsh-speaking counties with no representation:

	Population
Isle of Anglesey .....	50,000
Caernarvon .....	121,000
Cardigan .....	55,000
Merioneth .....	43,000
Montgomery .....	48,000
Radnor .....	21,000

In all this great area we have but three colporteurs, who last year sold £1,232 of literature. What are three among three million people?

We also need a strong young evangelist to carry a vigorous programme in these great centres of population. This is one of our more urgent needs.

Our force at the moment is located thus: F. S. Jackson is preparing to launch a campaign in Swansea; T. H. Cooper is located in North Wales; H. K. Munson is binding off his work in Newport; D. A. Conroy is busy campaigning in Shrewsbury, while P. Cumings is associated with the writer in a large campaign in Cardiff, where we have an audience of approximately 1,000 attending the Sunday-night meetings. Two lady workers, Miss E. Pinch and Miss E. L. Fraser, are assisting at Swansea and Cardiff respectively.

We have very few places of worship in Wales—that is suitable places. Newport and Barry churches are blessed in this respect. This past year, however, we have been encouraged by developments in Swansea. Sufficient monies have been collected to purchase a very fine property which has been turned into one of the best places of worship in Britain. We hope soon to dedicate this building free of debt.

Wales is also busy with the Bible Service Training Course, by which more members hope to share the blessed joy and experience of soul-winning.

The work is not easy here. But we believe that there are many more in Wales who are to share in the great gathering-day. We desire to give ourselves more prayerfully and consecratedly to the task assigned us, that the Lord may be pleased to do a larger work through us and through the facilities, though meagre, at our disposal. Through the medium of our SURVEY, the workers of Wales send to you all their sincere greetings.

## The Challenge of London's Millions

BY C. A. REEVES

ANY movement that would shake the world must surely move London. Confronted by the surging masses of London's mighty population, the Advent cause faces one of its greatest single tasks. In the ninety-nine cities and towns that lie within a radius of fifteen miles from St. Paul's Cathedral, and which make up Greater London,

we have the greatest multitude that has ever been gathered on so small a part of earth's surface. But London's greatness is not measured only by its numbers, great as they are. From whatever standpoint it is considered—commerce, finance, or international affairs—London is a focal point of world interest and a source of world influence.

Should we not, therefore, think of London as called to some high destiny in the closing work of God? Surely the time is overdue when the divine intention should be fulfilled that "the light radiating from London should beam forth in clear, distinct rays to regions beyond."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 25.

Amid the rush and roar of the metropolis there are many to whom God has been speaking through the Advent message. Changed hearts and lives abundantly testify to the transforming power of the everlasting Gospel. Not only are we seeing godly men and women embrace with joy the new-found light of God's truth; we have seen the Spirit of God mightily operating in lives where sin has long reigned.

I think of one who, before coming to the Lord, had squandered £180 in a single week on drink and gambling. It has been a joy to watch God working in the lives of another man and his wife who met the Lord at one of our meetings. Won from lives of worldliness they now live only for the Advent message. "What has taken place in my husband's life is a miracle," says his wife. He visits the haunts which once he frequented and gives earnest Bible studies to his former associates.

We have seen miracles wrought, in answer to prayer, enabling men and women to keep God's Sabbath. One young man, being refused permission to have Sabbath free, left his employment in the city. After many days of fruitless searching for work, his mother was saying to him that if God intended him to keep Sabbath He would have sent an answer to their prayers. Even as she spoke the postman knocked at the door. The young man was moved to say, "There is the answer!" And sure enough he found that the letter contained an offer of work with Sabbath free. This young man has since heard the call of God to give his life to the literature ministry. Among the eighty souls baptized in our district during the past eighteen months there are some who have been honoured by the Lord, even in a material sense, for their fearless stand. They are now receiving

larger incomes, after tithe is deducted, than they were receiving before the truth came to them.

We are at present binding off our effort in Ilford, a hitherto unentered suburb of east London. As many as 2,000 people have attended the Sunday evening meeting on a number of occasions. When a call was made for dedication of life to the Lord no less than 400 remained behind to pray. Victories were won and souls were born again that night.

Since the campaign began fifty-four people have been baptized. Another baptism is to take place before the new Ilford church is

organized on Sabbath, March 25th. The good total of £400 tithe has been returned to the Lord at this new centre in recent months. Offerings amounting to £540 have been given during the effort. In addition, the new members have collected £134 for Harvest In-gathering.

Ten million souls look to the Advent people for the light of Heaven's last message. What a bracing challenge to evangelism! God give us the vision to see and accept it, that thousands from mighty London may be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation.

## Progress in the Health Food Work

BY J. RIGBY

IN previous contributions to the pages of the ADVENT SURVEY it has been my privilege to mention items of interest in connection with this aspect of denominational activities in the British Union Conference. On this occasion I am glad to be able to tell a most encouraging story of progress during 1938. In the first place, the total sales for the year are the highest in the forty years' history of the Company; higher than last year by 7.75 per cent. Some of the products have contributed very nicely to this increase. For example, our name product—Granose Biscuits—is nearly 12 per cent ahead on last year; Fig-Vita Bran sales are more than doubled; Rissol Nut nearly trebled; other products ranging from twenty per cent to fifty per cent increase. Of course this means that some have dropped back a little, but it has been by reason of very severe competition, and we hope to rectify the situation in 1939.

Financially it has been a good year, too. During the boom years we certainly had balance sheets showing somewhat higher net gains, but when we take into consideration the amounts set aside for depreciation and the expenditure in maintenance of premises and plant, I think we are justified in regarding 1938 as one of our best years.

So far as economy in operating is concerned, we have now reached

the practicable limit. Any further savings could be only at the risk of reduced efficiency, but it is gratifying to know that every member of the staff is co-operating in the endeavour to avoid unnecessary costs.

It has been a year of investments. During periods of economizing there is always the tendency to put off until "more favourable times" the installation of desirable plant and equipment. Sometimes, however, circumstances arise which make some investment essential, and during 1938 we were able to make a number of installations which were really overdue. The chief item was the new boiler plant. The available evidence indicates that we may reasonably hope to cover the total cost of this by the savings in fuel during the first five years of use.

In spite of the various capital investments we found it possible to repay £500 of our loan indebtedness during the year, and we are planning to double this amount in 1939, so that if we continue to enjoy normal trading conditions we may be entirely clear of non-trading liabilities by the end of 1940.

Our expenditures have not all been selfish ones. We are happy to have been able to contribute to field work both monetarily and in personnel. So far as cash is concerned, in addition to our tithe on profits, we have given nearly £200

toward evangelism and smaller amounts to the needs of the local churches.

From the standpoint of personnel the contributions may be even more valuable. Our factory superintendent, Brother G. Norris, is now manager of the new food factory in the Austral Union, having previously been loaned by us to them for a few months in the early stages of their planning.

## News from Newbold Missionary College

BY W. G. MURDOCH

NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE has completed a very successful first term of the school year 1938-39. The dormitories were comfortably filled with an enrolment of 120 students, about thirty of whom came from overseas, the following countries being represented: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Hungary, Holland, Jugoslavia, and Switzerland.

One of the greatest achievements during the term was that of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, which reached the total sum of £503. Students and teachers alike were enthusiastic, and because of all taking part so willingly, most of this sum was collected in three days.

The spiritual tone of the school has been very marked, and the Friday evening testimony meetings, early Sabbath morning prayer band, and the Sabbath-school have been most inspiring and uplifting. The Week of Prayer was a time of great spiritual blessing to all. As a result we hope that sixteen young people will go forward in baptism before the end of the school year.

For some time we have felt the need of having an evangelist associated with our school, and we are glad to say that this lack has now been supplied. A number of the advanced students are planning to assist in a large effort six miles from the school, and thus obtain an experience in soul-winning while they are still in college.

Looking over the list of those who have been graduated from Newbold Missionary College dur-

Our senior stenographer left us to take up duties at Newbold College and, caring for the maintenance work there, too, is Brother L. Meredith, for many years a key worker in our bakery.

Naturally the extra load has fallen on those who remain with the institution, but the blessing of God has attended our efforts, and we can truthfully say it has been good to work together.

ing the past seven years, it is most encouraging to see how many of them are at present engaged in the organized work. The teacher has no greater joy than to see his pupils develop and become active soul-winners in the cause of God.

The college is manned by a strong faculty of fully-qualified instructors, and solid work is being done in all departments.

Our industrial work is making good progress. The sales of the Leather Department during 1938 amounted to £1,100, while the milk produced from our dairy

herd reached the sum of £1,058.

The spirit among the faculty and students has been one of unity and Christian comradeship. Definite progress has been made along every line. Plans are being laid to strengthen all the phases of the work done at Newbold Missionary College. We hope, in addition to the courses already offered, to begin a Normal Training Course. This will be a three years' course and will prepare teachers both for the home and mission fields.

We have many needs at Newbold, but we greatly appreciate what has been done during the past school year. Our new dining-room is a great asset and will seat about 200 comfortably. We hope during this year that it will be possible also for us to erect four new classrooms, and we need several cottages for our teachers.

We have a promising graduating class this year and are looking forward to seven young men finishing their course who are in the Overseas Department. This is the largest number we have had as yet.

The Lord is blessing our work in the training and developing of young people, and we know that many of those who are now with us will take their place in the closing work.

## Stirring News from the British Publishing House

BY ARTHUR WARREN

IF you were to see a long procession of 145,000 men, women, and children, marching in single file, all carrying an Adventist book—what a thrilling sight it would be! It would be a procession over eighty-two miles long! Over one hundred and twenty kilometres!

You would say it was a dream! Wouldn't you?

But if when that procession ended you saw another eighty-mile procession of people coming along, all carrying an Adventist magazine or tract, only then would you have a true vision of the number of people who had received literature from the British publishing house in 1938.

In that long procession you would see Irishmen who lived near

romantic Giant's Causeway. You would see Scotsmen from John o' Groats and the wave-lashed islands of the Hebrides. You would see Englishmen from old London and the great cities of the north; you would hear those who spoke with the accent of Cornwall and Devon, or perhaps the Channel Islands.

You would find that over 17,000 of the people had purchased *Our Wonderful Bible*—the bound book most used by the colporteur last year.

About 30,000 of those in the procession would be carrying one of our new shilling books, *Home Health*, and 50,000 a copy of our health magazine. Think of it! Eighty thousand people reading



how to obtain better health. What a physical fitness campaign is going forward!

Fifteen thousand of the people would have been reading *True Adventure Stories*—reading how God saves men and women and works miracles on their behalf! What a mighty influence to create faith and confidence in Him!

If, when you had pondered over

this, you heard over 6,000 of the marchers praising *The Desire of Ages*, *Christ Our Saviour*, and *Steps to Christ*, books of the Spirit of prophecy they had purchased—surely you would begin to think the long-hoped-for time was at hand, and begin to sing:

"Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!"

And you would be right.

## A Message of Cheer

BY S. G. JOYCE

IN this anxious hour of world perplexity, while men's hearts are failing them for fear, how grand it is to have a message of cheer, comfort, and guidance—the Advent message!

Up here in North England, where our journeyings in evangelism brought us four years ago, we have been so grateful for the soul-comforting truth of the Advent church. Here are indeed "distressed areas" not only materially, but also spiritually. Atheism abounds. Men are disgusted with God as revealed in false theology. Embittered, they turned away, but somehow hungered and thirsted for a better way. Yet their bitterness made the task hard.

Thank God, we had the "better way." A large cinema was filled Sunday after Sunday. Long queues, discomfiting to the police, waited eagerly to enter the theatre. That year about fifty gladly left the "fear of this world" for the hope of the Advent message. Wintry weather, long flights of stairs, poor halls (though the best obtainable), did not deter them—their aching hearts longed for the evangel! In 1938 we had to have our services on Sunday afternoon. Limited advertising, owing to limited funds, did not seem much of a hindrance, for sin- and trouble-weary humanity filled our halls. One aching heart passed on the word to another. During the past two years about seventy left the sadness of world-wide anxiety for the cheer of our message. Altogether eight baptismal services have been held in the four years.

The enemy worked with devilish energy to hold adherents that were

coming our way, but the citadel of Advent truth was strong in the Lord and in Bible teaching, and many were won from false paths. Men in good positions sacrificed their employment rather than disobey God, and unemployed found work and joy in the literature ministry.

Nowhere is the work of peace easy. The enemy of souls sees to that. He has "wrath, knowing that his time is short," but Christ has said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations: . . . and, lo, I am with you alway." How happy we are to have heard the call! We have felt and seen His power. We have witnessed the glad results—souls won for eternity—won from sin to obedience, from distress to peace, from anxiety to trust and confidence in the Lord.

With courage and joy we sound again the call, "A battle cry, a flaming breath, that calls to conquest or to death. . . . To heed the Master's high behest, the call is given, Ye hosts, arise. Our watchword is—Evangelize!"

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### Notes from the Secretary

IN March this year we will hold a general Missionary Council at Ibadan, Nigeria, the first to be held in the mission fields of the Northern European Division. Nearly all our missionaries on the West Coast of Africa, together with three from East Africa, will be in attendance, as well as W. E. Read, W. T. Bartlett, and E. R. Colson from the Division office.

We are glad to report that at a recent meeting of the Division Committee it was decided to begin work in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan this year. We are calling G. Gudmundsen of Norway back into our mission employ and have asked him to start the work in the Sudan in a few months' time. Brother Gudmundsen served a number of years in Ethiopia and is thus acquainted with African conditions. He has had a burden for the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan for some years.

W. E. READ and E. R. Colson left the Division office for West Africa on February 22nd. These brethren, together with Miss M. Morgan, under appointment to the Aba Girls' School, and W. J. Newman, returning from furlough, sailed from Liverpool on the S.S. *Accra* for Nigeria. They will arrive in Lagos just in time for the Missionary Council. Following this, W. E. Read will spend a short time visiting some of our missions, while E. R. Colson will remain some months on the West Coast visiting the various fields, and at the same time auditing their accounts.

THREE of our missionaries have been attending the Livingstone College in London this winter. T. Ketola on furlough from Liberia, and B. A. Walton and wife under appointment to Nigeria, have been taking the course in tropical medicine that is offered by the college to missionaries.

WE are glad to report that the Girls' School at Aba, Nigeria, will soon be opened again after having been closed for some months. Miss Morgan, formerly the headmistress of the Girls' School at Kamagambo, Kenya Colony, East Africa, has accepted a call to West Africa for this appointment, and sailed on February 22nd. J. I. ROBISON.

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