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Colporteur Week at College

By IRIS A. HAPGOOD

DURING the past few weeks the subject of the coming summer vacation has occupied a prominent position in the plans of the students who are contemplating the joys of student-colporteur work once more. We recognize that the experiences and blessings issuing from this work constitute an important feature of our College education.

The Institute this year has proved a great blessing to us all. Throughout the whole of our meetings we have felt God's Spirit very near to us. The opening meeting was indeed an inspiring one, and at the beginning of our work we realized that the blessings for which we had been earnestly praying were to be ours. From Tuesday, April 19th, to Friday, April 22nd, the devotion hour each morning, chapel exercise, and the evening worship hour were conducted by one of the publishing department brethren. Beside this there was a Gospel Salesmanship talk at mid-day, special class work in the afternoon, and general instruction in the evening from seven to eight o'clock. This, of course, broke up the regular school routine, so that our ordinary classes suffered a little, but

the fine spirit of co-operation shown by all enabled the programme to run smoothly.

Pastor G. D. King had the able support, in the Institute work, of Pastor F. Charpiot, secretary of

Newbold College Graduation Exercises

The Graduation Exercises will take place Sunday, May 22nd, at 4 p.m. We cordially invite churchmembers and friends to this service. The College will provide refreshments after the meeting. Will those planning to attend kindly notify the Business Manager, stating if transportation to and from Rugby is desired.

GEORGE BAIRD, *Principal.*

the Publishing Department for the Southern European Division, Brother A. W. Cook, field missionary secretary for the South England Conference, and Brother B. Belton, field missionary secretary for the North England Conference. Later in the week they were joined by Brother A. Warren, manager of The Stanborough Press, who is always a great friend of the student-colporteurs.

Students are always ready to make new friends, and Brother Charpiot found his way into our hearts immediately. He has spent three years as preceptor at our sister college in Collonges, so he understands the special needs of young people. Each Gospel Salesmanship hour was conducted by Brother Charpiot, who told some of the difficult experiences which

the colporteurs the world over are facing in their work, and of the way in which these seeming obstacles have proved channels of blessing.

As student-colporteurs of the British field, we felt how open and easy was the way before us. Few oppose us in our work, and there is nothing to prevent us from going forward, and under the influence of God's Spirit to ef-



Student-colporteurs at the recent Newbold Colporteur Institute.



Overseas students at Newbold College this year.

fect transformations in the hearts of those who are waiting for the Gospel.

Day by day our leaders instructed us in the various phases of our summer work, and in the special afternoon classes each student was given the opportunity of making himself thoroughly acquainted with the set canvass. Our final class convened at noon on Friday, when the whole body of prospective colporteurs was reviewed and approved by the leaders.

One of the most inspiring meetings of the week was the students' symposium on Friday evening, under the chairmanship of Brother King. Nine of our young people, who had had previous experience as student-colporteurs, had been chosen to lead out. The experiences differed, but they were bound together by one objective, that of saving souls for the heavenly kingdom. During the week we had studied mostly the theoretical side of the work, but that evening we were brought into contact with the very soul of the work, where theory mysteriously became a very living reality. Some told of labour among the Catholics in far-away Ireland, others of their contacts with the rugged farmers of Scotland, the miners of Wales and Englishmen in town and country.

Gospel Salesmanship has an effect upon the character which no other work has, and as we listened to these experiences, we felt the working of the Spirit which had actuated the speakers. As we left the meeting, the thought of God's leading and guiding hand in the lives of our fellow-students assured us that He would be with

us again this year. The words of Joshua, which have been the strength of many, rang in our ears: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Brother Charpiot spoke for the last time in the Sabbath morning

service, which was the closing meeting of the Institute. His stirring message remains in our hearts.

The closing event of the week was Big Day, April 24th. Two buses full of happy young people set forth with a determination which knows no defeat. We were welcomed in the evening by the cheers of those who had remained behind. Amid the noise of tinkling coins and fluttering papers we anxiously awaited the results of our work. The final total showed a sum of over £50 for the extension of missions.

There are now about fifty students who have been assigned territory for their summer work, and are now continuing their mental and spiritual preparation for this great colporteur work. We earnestly ask you to remember us in your seasons of prayer this summer, that God will grant us success and make us able workmen in His vineyard.

Some College Activities

By FRANK MEEK

VILLAGERS around the beautiful wooded grounds of Newbold Revel Estate are now becoming familiar with the activities of the "Missionary Training College."

From time to time they see large buses leave the estate filled with crowds of happy young people ready for service in the towns

near-by, and every now and then they receive a visit from a member of a Master Comrade group on a "tracting" expedition.

Young churchmembers with an eye to future enrolment as students ponder over possibilities of real development as active workers and wonder what the College has to



The College Brass Band.

offer them. Those who have finished their course know only too well.

Young people who wish to succeed at canvassing will find themselves studying alongside those who are canvassers, and many of whom are experts so far as selling small literature is concerned.

One car left the school a few weeks ago with five to canvass during the brief hours after Sabbath and before Monday morning, and its occupants returned with £22. Who, we wonder, will take the place of Brother Normington, our No. 1 shilling-book salesman? And who will come to fill the large gap left by Brother McCougan, our prolific paper seller? Our young ladies command the respect of the young men canvassers by the way they dispose of *Good Health*.

The open-air department is searching for young men with talent and courage for open-air speaking. Veteran speakers are soon to graduate, and who is to carry on?

The brass band needs young men with courage enough to practise, and musicians of some talent will find more than enough to do.

Those of long experience in Ingathering must look again at the total of £500 collected in so short a time, and wonder just what they could do if connected with such a band of enthusiasts. Can we repeat it next year?

Big Day saw ninety students set out to spread the printed page. The territory was hard, the people poor, but the greatest joy to the organizer was that none of the students grumbled, although most of them had had a hard day.

Many students are going into the canvassing field this summer for the first time. We admire their courage and will indeed pray God to protect and bless them.

Every Sabbath morning Newbold meets for Sabbath-school, and the enormous chart standing nine feet high and fifteen feet long is a big attraction. It is a huge map of the world. A green light is lit for class attendance of seventy-five per cent, a red one for full attendance, while the white lights show class goal for collections reached. Numbers represent the classes.

Nearly one-third of the student



The fine chart used by the Newbold College Sabbath-school.

body comes from countries outside the British Union territory. Seventeen different nationalities are represented, including representatives from Canada, Australia, East and South Africa, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Finland, Poland, Sweden, Hungary,

Germany, New Zealand, and India.

The overseas group is ably led by Brother Tobiassen and is always to the fore as willing volunteers in all missionary activities. Newbold is truly an "International Missionary College."

Notes from the Union President

By the time these words are in print all the conference workers in the Union will be assembled at Watford for an important Institute.

We are living in days when problems multiply on every hand for workers and laity alike. These problems wear on our spirits and puzzle our minds, and we need to get together as workers for counsel, study, and prayer.

It is ten years since we had such a gathering in this Union, and new difficulties confront us on every hand. We ask our members throughout the field to join us in seeking God's blessing for an enlarged measure of the Holy Spirit's power in our ministry. There is none of us but could develop in God's service. We may be doing our best but we must do better. We must win more souls for the Lord, and carry the witness of this message into every corner of these islands.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE same reasons that make it so essential to have a Workers' gathering obtain when we think of

the needs of our lay brethren and sisters who should assemble in our annual meetings this year. On page 8 will be found a table repeating the dates of the assemblies of God's saints in the different parts of this Union, together with the names of brethren who will visit us from outside the Union. Other workers from the Union will be in attendance also. Can we keep this list by us and pray and plan that God may open the way for us to be present and to reap the rewards of united worship and the inspiration of common praise and testimony?

GRADUATION EXERCISES AT NEWBOLD

OUR Newbold graduating exercises will be held May 20th to 22nd and thereafter a large number of our young people will be out in the field scattering our literature. About fifty of them will enter the ranks of our student-colporteurs.

They will be subject to peculiar temptations and we ask our believers to pray for them. They need perseverance, for most of our

student-colporteurs fail to put in a sufficient number of hours to obtain success in their work. They will need a great amount of devotion to the spiritual objectives in colporteur work. It is fatally easy for them to be after money more than after witnessing for Christ. We should like to see at the close of this summer the largest number of scholarships ever obtained in the British Isles in one year.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

PARENTS and guardians of young people who are thinking of going to our Newbold College next year should bear in mind that it will henceforth be necessary for our students to take a larger minimum amount of cash with them. We are not able to put students through school wholly, or nearly so, by their labour. A full report

on this subject will appear in an early issue.

URGENT WARNING

WE regret to state that two young men are still going about the country defrauding our church-members and others. They work separately, so far as we know, sometimes as Harvest Ingathering workers, and sometimes as colporteurs.

Unfortunately, one of them has a Stanborough Press permit issued in January. The police are after one of them.

Some of our members, on discovering the fraud, write to relatives and have received repayment. That, we understand, is a responsibility the relatives will not continue to accept.

Having warned our members we hope no one will suffer in the future.

H. W. LOWE.

Take advantage of the special offer made by the Press for literature sales; save your money in all the small ways you can—but come!

IN one district, not very long ago, a campaign seemed to have failed utterly. Last month a local preacher took his stand for the truth, and we believe that others are now stirred and are planning to follow his example. Have you longed to see a harvest from the seed you have sown faithfully, and almost despaired? That well-known verse about God's Word not returning unto Him void is often strangely fulfilled.

WHEN Brother A. W. Cook, our field missionary secretary, visited Colchester a few weeks ago, he attended Brother J. M. Howard's meetings. After the service a lady asked him if he had sold her *Bible Readings* ten years ago. He said he had sold that book in the town that number of years ago, and she told him she had studied the book and longed to know the people who honoured its truths. She had gladly absorbed the same truths when presented by Brother Howard week by week last winter. Thus, as planned by God, the colporteur and the evangelist work together.

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Notes from the President

"STILL upward." These two words should describe our outlook in all our work, and, thank God, they apply in every case. All the reports are not yet in, but we will have an increase of at least £503 in the tithe for the first four months. We are grateful for this because the more our tithe increases, the more rapidly the unentered places will hear the third angel's message.

THE Week of Prayer in the College was greatly blessed of God. We are thankful for our educational institution. The school year has seen an upward move in all phases of school life. In Harvest Ingathering and literature sales all records have been broken. More students have taken part. They hope to close the school with a record of £1,000 in literature sales!

ON April 9th Pastor F. C. Bailey held a baptismal service. Six persons were baptized. These are part of the 1936-37 harvest from Croy-

don. Pastor Bailey is now opening the work in Beckenham.

THE London members were favoured with a week-end of special services when Pastors Steen Rasmussen and H. F. Brown visited Holloway. Their experiences in lands not far away, and yet lands with little or no religious freedom, thrilled us all. The reports of progress, and especially of growth, thrilled us, and yet humiliated us. As in apostolic times the heralds of the cross, with meagre material facilities, penetrated the darkness around them and proclaimed the Gospel, so to-day in these lands the Holy Spirit is using humble instruments to do a great work. The thoughts of all the hearers must have been, "What might *we* not do for God if thus filled with power?"

YOUNG people and older members, book these dates:

July 7th to 10th. Annual Meeting in Holloway, London.

July 31st to August 14th. M.V. Camp at Woolacombe, Devon.

Holloway Church

THE MESSENGER family during recent months has read much in its fortnightly journal concerning the progress of the work in the British Isles. Naturally, in a review of the field our thoughts have turned to the metropolis, and particularly to North London, where the Advent message has been preached for many decades, and possibly we have wondered what is happening in our headquarters' church. We are glad to relate that God is greatly blessing His people in this busy centre.

The attendance at the regular church services has been increasing ever since last October. Many of our believers have sensed the need of a deeper understanding of the third angel's message. Consequently an increase has been observed in the Sabbath-school average attendance of thirty-eight per

cent; in the regular study of the lesson an increase of forty per cent, and in offerings to missions seventy-two per cent, over the corresponding period last year. A teacher's meeting has been started and has proved a boon to the church.

At divine worship on Sabbath morning, and the hours devoted to Bible study, it is very gratifying to those who minister to hear the rustling of the pages as the congregation turn over the leaves of the sacred Book to the passages quoted. Thus our heavenly Father has been honoured. God has accepted the sincerity of His people, and the reverence they have shown in worshipping Him "in spirit and in truth."

The Sunday evening attendance has greatly increased. The members have loyally supported these services in increasing numbers, thus encouraging non-members to attend. No conference money has been used to advertise the services; the church has carried all expenses.

To assist in the worship, the re-organized choir has been rendering valuable service at the major meetings. Sacred song by local talented individuals, moreover, has been used to praise God and to add emphasis to the message of the hour. Community singing, too, has featured in our programmes.

The young people's society, the nursery of the Advent movement, has an increased attendance of fifty per cent. The society has presented some very fine programmes. Much local talent has been used in the programmes, and will be used, we believe, for the future sustenance of the torch of truth.

The church cradle, in the form of the Junior M.V. Department, has displayed its ability at the home missionary meetings to advantage. Among these lambs of the flock it is clear there are many who show promise of being stalwarts for the Lord, if He tarries.

We believe that a strong Welfare Society can do much to bring blessing to God's people, as is evident in other countries. The nucleus of such an one has already been set in motion. We are expecting to see great things done in this line of soul-winning en-

deavour from this humble beginning.

A word concerning the finances of the church will not be out of place. Although we worship in a large building, and humanly speaking, the maintenance of which seems overpowering, yet under the blessing of God the members have faithfully rallied around the task and we are now able to pay our way after clearing a large crippling debt. The tithe receipts for the first four months of the year show an increase of £84 over the corresponding period of 1937. And God is keeping His promise. A faithful brother, dissatisfied with his emolument in business, interviewed another firm for employment and requested a salary of fifty per cent more than he was receiving. He is engaged at the figure he stated. Within a few weeks, his employer, recognizing his ability, gave him a five shillings per week rise in pay. Then at the close of the financial year, his services were still further appreciated, and a similar increment was made. Our brother attributes this temporal blessing to his loyalty to God during times of perversity as well as prosperity. Many other such experiences can be related, but space does not permit.

Last, but not least, the home missionary department has been a hive of activity. In addition to the regular monthly missionary programme, during the Tract Cam-

paign fifty per cent more copies of *Present Truth* were disposed of in the territory of the church than in 1937. This was followed by a systematic distribution of suitable tracts to those interested. Such faithful labour has been rewarded by our seeing a number of these persons regularly attending the Sunday night services.

For Big Week, eighty per cent more copies of *Wonders* were sold than in 1937, and thus far forty per cent more business has been done with The Stanborough Press than in the corresponding period of last year. These facts were given to the church by the secretaries who reported at the last business meeting, and were a source of great rejoicing. Under God's guidance and blessing the members are anticipating reaching the Harvest Ingathering quota for the first time.

Last year the Executive Committee advised Pastor R. S. Joyce to take direct control of the Holloway church. His ministry with us began last October. This has necessitated his spending considerable time in Holloway, but results have proved that the time has been well spent.

As a church we have much for which to thank God, and we wholeheartedly renew our consecration to Him. By His grace we are attempting great things for God and expecting great things from God.

J. H. BAYLISS.

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Come to Anglesey

Not long now!

May, June, July, and then good old camp—the word that spells the best holiday ever. What a thrill, what a joy the word "Camp" means to us fortunate ones who have been privileged to attend former ones. What scenes are conjured up in the mind—the happy days, smiling faces, good square meals (a most important item, this!), the new friends made,

the hikes, the games, jokes, pranks, sunshine, and a hundred and one other happy items that go to make up camp.

If you were as rich as Croesus, you could not find a better or more beneficial holiday than an M.V. camp. To meet new faces and to see old friends, to realize that not "I, only I, am left," to fight for the Prince of peace, but that there are dozens more young men and women who are having the same

difficulties to contend with, makes one take heart to face the fray when camp is over, and individually we stand to face the enemy.

To sleep in tents—quite an experience!—and to wake in the morning with that “top of the world” feeling, to eat a breakfast fit for a king, and then to meditate awhile with the camp family on God’s Word and give thanks for His goodness; then hikes or games, and dips in the sea, with a full happy day ahead. For these joys I, as an old camper, thank God from the bottom of my heart, that He allows us to meet together thus.

Shall I ever forget those heart-searching talks and the nearness of God as we have pondered over His truths together during the Sabbath hours at camp? Or will time ever erase the picture of those jolly sing-songs held round the blazing camp-fire?

Thus the story of camp life might go on. Whole books could be written about this best of all holidays, but why not come and sample it first-hand? You will be assured of a good time, and when the rain patters against the window-panes and the night is dark and cold, you, as well as I, will thankfully pull up your armchair to the fire’s comforting warmth when the long weary day is done, and will dream again of camp and campers, for the memories are always happy ones.

Friend o’ mine, you cannot afford to miss camp, so shall we shake hands and exchange yarns at Anglesey this year?

G. L. CLEE.

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Notes from the Superintendent

Just a line to remind you all that our Annual Meetings will be held in our own church, Florenceville Avenue, Belfast, over the week-end, July 14th to 17th. Brethren W. A. Spicer and E. R. Colson will be with us, as well as our Union president. An unusual treat is in store for God’s people this year. I feel sure all will want to hear Elder Spicer and his stirring messages. We hope all will make plans to be present.

THE work of God is moving slowly forward in this part of the vineyard. Brother W. G. Nicholson and Miss Cleary are working hard in Dromore. Brother E. Zins is holding his audience in Larne.

In Belfast our audience still keeps up. At our after-church service in another hall we have over 200 present at 8.30 p.m., and over 200 fresh names keep Miss Kirby going all the time. We are very grateful to Brother Murray who ably assists the writer by taking charge of the music. Brother Barker acts as our Religious Liberty secretary, and watches faithfully the columns of the *Telegraph*. He often succeeds in getting articles in the paper upon the Sabbath. Many people not of our faith look forward to his pen.

We long for the Union to supply us with a godly colporteur. We wish that someone would volunteer to come over and help us. Is there anyone in England or Scotland who would come, and answer this Macedonian call? Whoever will volunteer will have the full support of the workers in Ireland. We want you to pray for the work and the workers, that God will bless our feeble ministry.

E. E. CRAVEN.

Special Notes to Campers

As a special offer to prospective campers, The Stanborough Press offers an extra ten per cent discount on the sale of our periodicals, *Wonders*, or shilling books, provided at least 50/- worth of literature is sold between April 1 and July 17, 1938.

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At Rest

HODGES.—Sister A. Hodges fell asleep in Jesus on December 3, 1937, and rests in the City of London Cemetery. The funeral was attended by a few relatives, not of our faith, who were deeply impressed by the encouraging words concerning the "blessed hope," spoken by the writer. Our sister has been greatly missed by the members of the Holloway church, where she worshipped regularly, and where she was noted for her quiet, self-sacrificing love for Jesus and His kingdom. Those who knew her confidently await a reunion on the resurrection morning. JOHN H. BAYLISS.

SEWELL.—Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Sewell, a loyal saint of Holloway, who fell asleep in Jesus on January 11, 1938. We tenderly laid her to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. O. H. ROSIER.

POSITION wanted as companion by well-educated middle-aged lady. Willing to do light housework if required. Has been in England for some time before and wishes to practise more English. Write: Miss H. Kaijalainen, Adventkontoret, Vasagatan 12, Gothenburg, Sweden.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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May 20th	8.52	9.03	9.04	9.26	9.30
May 27th	9.01	9.13	9.13	9.38	9.41

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There is a danger that we overlook the marvellous work of grace

by looking for the spectacular. Miracles in the natural world are happening all around us; without any big commotion, quietly the fields and trees are taking on fresh verdure and new leaves; bulbs are sending forth bright, fragrant flowers. This same quiet transformation takes place as week after week the evangelist gives forth the word of life. As the energizing life of the Holy Spirit fills men, like sap rising in the trees, a renewal of life takes place. Just as in the mission lands men are saved from the devil dance, immorality, betel-nut chewing, etc., so in our land souls are turned from the works of the flesh, dancing, gambling, the cinema, tobacco smoking, etc., to live the new life in Christ Jesus. This transformation is seen in every part of their lives; they begin to do everything "as unto the Lord"; homes are brightened, made sweeter and tidier. The message which aims at sanctification of the "spirit, soul, and body," produces in many cases wonderful improvement in health; the timid and nervous become bold witnesses for Christ.

Like the pebble thrown into the pond, which sends ripple after ripple to the farthest shores, so this

work of evangelism ever widens in its blessed work of soul-saving. From each effort souls are won and developed into workers, who in turn bring in others, and they still others. Oh, who can compute the greatness of this greatest privilege committed to men! If we could begin to realize what a wonderful investment we make when we support evangelism, how much more should we support the Brown Boxes.

D. L. Moody tells the story of the child who was rescued from a fire raging in a house away up in the fourth story. The child came to the window, and as the flames were shooting up higher and higher, it cried out for help. A fireman started up the ladder of the fire-escape to rescue the child from its dangerous position. The wind swept the flames near him, and it was getting so hot that he wavered, and it looked as if he would have to return without the child. Thousands looked on, and their hearts quaked at the thought of the child's having to perish in the fire, as it must do if the fireman did not reach it. Someone in the crowd cried: "Give him a cheer!" Cheer after cheer went up, and as the man heard them he gathered fresh courage. Up he went into the midst of the smoke and fire, and brought down the child in safety. If you cannot go and rescue the perishing yourself, you can at least pray for those who do, and give, and cheer them on. If you do, the Lord will bless the effort. A. F. BIRD.

ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1938

Conference or Mission	Date of Annual Meeting	Visitors from General Conference and Northern European Division
Scotland	July 1st to 4th	W. A. Spicer T. T. Babienco
South England	July 7th to 10th	W. A. Spicer J. I. Robison T. T. Babienco
Ireland	July 15th to 17th	W. A. Spicer E. R. Colson
Wales	July 22nd to 25th	W. A. Spicer W. T. Bartlett
North England	July 29th to August 1st	W. A. Spicer G. E. Nord

Pastor A. E. Bacon

We deeply regret to announce that Pastor A. E. Bacon of Southend passed away suddenly on Friday evening, May 6th. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Sister Bacon and her daughter in their sad bereavement. A full obituary notice will appear in the next issue.

R. S. JOYCE.