

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

It's in the office. It's in the air. It's everywhere!

Yes, Ingathering is here again. A few days ago our Union treasurer and department secretary came into my office with a chart, "The Union goal chart. Have you any ingathering to report?" asked Brother Carey with glee.

For the first time for some months I dropped in on Brother Warland, and found him with large maps spread across two tables, and coloured like Grandma's patchwork quilts. He looked as keen and concentrated as General Montgomery's pictures show him! Then, walking back across the Park I met our worthy Union department leader studying a chart en route to the Press. (And I expect when I meet Brother Sparrow in Nottingham in a few days I shall see a zealor's smile eloquent with "Ingathering's here again!")

I then recalled that while our 1942 accounts and reports had been submitted to the Government we had had no renewal of a collecting licence for 1943. What if . . . ! But it came next morning and now we are all set for our "May for Missions" campaign.

With six thousand efficient, co-operative, prompt, and regular workers for one month our task is easy and we should lead the world in this missions endeavour.

"All Christians must work with others, and promptness, regularity, dependability, and willingness to co-operate are indispensable qualities in Christian service, for 'none of us liveth to himself.' When the ninefold fruit of the

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Spirit is present in a Christian's life, he will be easy to get on with and will be an efficient worker."—*Sunday-School Times*.

Rightly understood this missions' campaign should teach us these lessons:

1. The true spirit of missions is sacrificial but satisfying. ("Who for the joy that was set before Him, . . ." etc.)

2. Co-operation with others in God's team. Only a Spirit-filled person is easy to get on with. It is weakness, not strength, to expect everybody else to do what you want them to do.

3. Promptness and regularity, without which effort is wasted and becomes "beating the air." Five week-ends in May must be utilized up to the last minute, as well as weekdays where possible.

4. The value of personally meeting men and women outside this message. Christian witness increases our courage.

5. The importance of consecrated service in our world evangelization programme. It is God's method of concluding His righteous work on earth.

Elder Meleen, one of our leaders in India, recently sent us some valuable news of mission needs and opportunities. The last foreign workers left Burma in April, 1942, escaping by plane, since when no communication has been possible with that field. Apparently our Burmese school at Meiktila was taken over by the Japanese and was much damaged

by bombs. Our Rangoon clinic was closed and the equipment stored in the headquarters office. Rumour says that much of this was looted before the invaders entered. Many thousands of rupees' worth of medical supplies were sent to Mandalay for safety, but all was lost in the general destruction.

There has been a reasonable degree of order in India and our work has continued despite the disappearance of many, and the prohibitive price of all commodities. One boarding school is in military occupation. The Surat hospital is still building but working at great pressure. New wards costing £2,250 are urgently needed.

A simple dispensary is urgently required at Shillong (cost £375), a school at Pondicherry (£300) for which our believers have been appealing for twenty-five years. A storm recently damaged a hospital and dispensary in South India among the poorer classes, and must be repaired (£120). At Karmattar, in North-east India, the high school needs hostels for boys and girls as present accommodation is deplorable (£450). In all parts of India forty small school houses are needed, costing £350, and in South Travancore a boarding school for the depressed classes is needed. The cash income of a family in this district is about £6 per year, and this school would provide agricultural work in lieu of cash fees. (£2,000 needed initially).

That is a good programme which calls for operating help at

present. Add to this the rehabilitation plans which will be essential after the war over the world and a vision of a grand closing work is upon us.

This is not an appeal for your cash gifts, but it is an earnest appeal for your service in this 1943 Ingathering. Without a solitary exception let us arise and

work to God's glory. The harness of service is ready. It wants only willing horses who will take their place in a great team effort that will soon be over.

"All can act a part in this work, and none is excused. Jesus would have all who profess His name become earnest workers."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 129.

Keyed for Victory

By J. HARKER

Just a few more days for preparation and off we go. For a whole month Ingathering is to be "Our thought for to-day." We cherish the hope that with the dawn of Sunday, May 2nd, after a good inspiring Sabbath the previous day, every church and group will be ready for action. Victory comes to those who plan well and work hard.

So may we make this last-moment appeal to church leaders, every one of whom we respect and trust—please see that all is done that can be done to ensure a large army of collectors in the field on our first big day, May 2nd. And to individual members, all through the Union we say, come along and lend us a hand. We are on the side of God and the angels. That's the victory side, as experience teaches us.

You will be receiving a small supply of leaflets, enough only for exhibition purposes, also a coloured folder, one of the loveliest pieces of literature that has come into our hands for Ingathering use. Be sure to display this at every opportunity. Hold the folder well up. Let those youthful eyes, so full of dedication and purpose, speak to the heart of your prospect. We wish more of these booklets could have been made available.

May we stress again the value of setting an individual goal. To be keyed for victory means to have definite objectives. "I will do my very best," says one. We

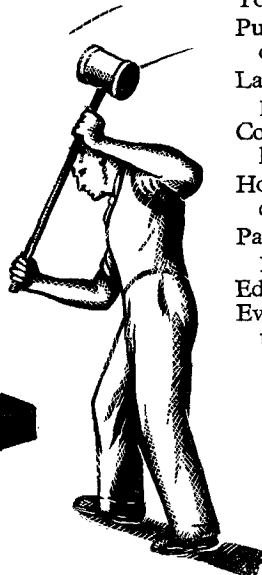
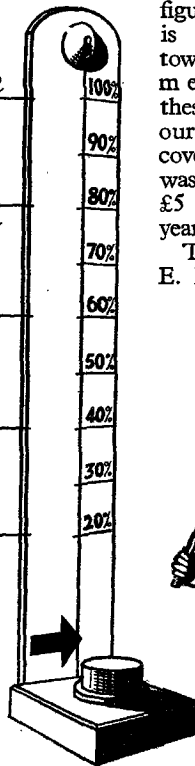
are sure you will, but you will agree that definiteness is an element of all true achievement. So set a goal for yourself.

It has cheered our hearts immensely to learn that many churches are planning bigger things than last year.

We visited Ipswich two weeks ago and had it in mind to suggest a goal the same as last year's total. Timidly, we mentioned the

figure (for Ipswich is an East Coast town, and that means something these days), but to our surprise we discovered the goal was already set at £5 ahead of last year's total.

Through, Pastor E. R. Warland, we



learn that Torquay has a higher-than-last-year figure in mind. So have at least half a dozen other places. Stanborough Park, Southend, Wimbledon, Plymouth, Brighton, Bournemouth, and Portsmouth are all listed for goals equal to 1942. Glasgow last week set a goal of £250, a fifth beyond their quota. The Edinburgh members are preparing for their biggest of all records. Wales and Ireland will not be a whit behind the other fields.

From Pastor B. E. Sparrow we get word that several North churches are wholeheartedly on the side of keeping the pace of 1942. Watch Birmingham and the College. "May for Missions" is to stand for the very utmost achievement with this happy combination.

So, with hearts full of gratitude to God for the privilege that is ours in these dark, tragic days, let us march forward to victory.

Facts for Ingatherers

World membership	520,644
Churches	9,105
Countries and island groups entered	413
Languages and dialects employed	810
Mission recruits sent out in 1941	81
Total sent out since 1900	4,774
Publishing centres in operation	83
Languages in which printing is done	200
Colporteurs engaged in literature sales	3,106
Hospitals, sanitariums, dispensaries	163
Patients cared for during year	783,465
Educational institutions	3,131
Evangelistic and institutional workers	28,335

"Religion in the head
Will think for God.
Religion in the heart
Will feel for God.
Religion in the hand
Will work for God.
Religion in the feet
Will run for God."

Notes from the Union President

MISSIONS ITEMS

PASTOR LEONARD EDMONDS has arrived safely in Sierra Leone. Mrs. Edmonds (in England with her two children) has successfully undergone a heavy surgical operation and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Pastor Spencer G. Maxwell informs us he has now left East Africa, and after spending a furlough in the Cape will take up new work in Nyasaland. His children, Stanley and Enid, are at Helderberg College, South Africa, and his daughter Ruth is with him in the Cape.

In connection with our 1943 Ingathering it is interesting to know that we forwarded the sum of £6,000 from our 1942 Ingathering to India, referred to in the article on page 1. Our Ingathering money is sent direct from here to British possessions.

EVANGELISM AT HOME

A NUMBER of evangelistic campaigns are now beginning and some encouraging reports are coming in. One indicates a deep interest in our message on the part of a Christian minister and his whole congregation. Another shows that as all other avenues were closed one of our workers had to enter a new town, where the work is starting encouragingly. Other evangelists are moving and will need our prayerful thought at this time.

We are spending more money this year in evangelism, and we hope to see good results.

COLLEGE GRADUATION

GRADUATION week-end is May 14th to 16th, and the speakers will be as follows:

Friday evening: O. M. Dorland.
Sabbath morning: B. E. Sparrow.
Sunday afternoon: R. S. Joyce.

Probably twenty young people will graduate this year and we hope a number of them will enter our organized work.

A COMPARISON

IN 1936 the tithe per capita in this Union was £5. 0s. 7d., and in

1942 it was £7. 16s. 1d., which is an increase of 58.7 per cent.

In 1936 our missions' gifts were £1. 7s. 2d. per capita and in 1942 they were £2. 1s. 3d., or an increase of 51 per cent.

The tendency in all the world is for missions' gifts to decrease as compared with tithe income. In our Union the comparison is not so distressing as it is in some other places. H. W. LOWE.

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Notes from the President

THE last issue of the MESSENGER contained a brief report of the special meetings held at Stanborough Park for the South England Conference workers. From the point of view of the conference administration, it was a most inspiring and instructive gathering. The outstanding feature was the earnest and prayerful attention given by the workers to every aspect of the council. There was manifestly a spirit of true devotion and fellowship in our midst, and we believe this will mean a great deal to us as we unitedly press forward in our soul-winning endeavours.

ORDINATION

As already intimated in the Council Report, Brother F. J. Wilmshurst was on March 16th ordained to the Gospel ministry. Brother Wilmshurst graduated in 1935. For some time he laboured in Scotland. Then about two years ago he connected with the work in South England, caring for the work in Southend. Strong personal evangelism combined with special campaign meetings which he conducted in our own church building, resulted in eighteen souls being won to the Lord. During his years in the work, Brother Wilmshurst has given loyal and fruitful service, and the responsible committees, the Union and local executives, were unanimous in recommending his ordi-

nation. We pray that Pastor Wilmshurst, and his wife as she labours with him, will see an increasing number of souls won through their efforts as they now labour in Plymouth.

EVANGELISM

A NUMBER of evangelistic campaigns have now commenced throughout the conference territory, and others will be opening before these notes appear. While the attendances have not been nearly as large as in former years, the evangelists speak encouragingly of the opening meetings. Will you remember especially in your prayers the new work now beginning in Stroud, Gillingham, Basingstoke, Sheen, Hammer-smith, and Brislington (Bristol). Campaigns have also started in Ipswich, Felixstowe, and Colchester, where efforts were held last year, and the workers there have special need of wisdom and courage.

At Bridgwater a most remarkable opening has occurred which Pastor Dorland, along with Brother R. H. Smith, is developing. We hope to report more of this as the work proceeds.

Should any members have relatives or friends in towns where campaigns are being conducted, we shall be glad to put workers in touch with them.

INGATHERING

WE are fast approaching the "glorious month of May." Let us make May a "glorious month for missions" this year. Already you will be well acquainted with the plans for your district and church. Have you made your personal plans? Will you not determine, under the Lord's blessing, to make this your best Ingathering year? We have been encouraged with the response from the churches as they have set their goals. There is every indication that church officers, members, and conference workers will press forward into the campaign, determined to make it the best in our history. The Lord will not fail us if we take the opportunities He is presenting to us at this time. South England has a heavy load to lift, but if we all lift together it will not seem heavy.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE first quarter's financial reports indicate that last year's record achievements in this respect are likely to be surpassed. The loyalty and faithfulness of our members is a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

INFORMATION WANTED

WILL any person having information as to the present whereabouts of any of the following members please communicate with Mr. J. H. Parkin, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

Miss G. Bedford
Miss M. J. E. Chester
Miss D'Arcy Gibson
Mrs. H. Hayward
Mrs. Jordan of Ramsgate
Miss Lorna Richardson
Miss F. Stead
Miss N. Woodhouse

We are anxious to make contact with these members as soon as possible and would appreciate their latest postal address.

G. D. KING.

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Baptism at Bournemouth

ONLY four this time, but—perhaps we had better begin at the beginning. We were delighted to have Pastor G. D. King, our president, with us on Sabbath, March 27th. There were about one hundred souls present to greet him in the morning, and a few more than that number in the afternoon. It did us good to see these dear ones: members of the Bournemouth church, members from Weymouth, and isolated believers besides non-members and candidates. It was a very happy day for us all. It may be of interest to tell a little about the experiences of these new members.

One sister is well advanced in years. We had hoped for her baptism some months ago, but she had promised her employer that she would not leave until the spring. A good while before the spring came she gave in her notice, and left her job. Now she is a member of the church. Moreover, her employer has now given her work, so that she can do it at times convenient to herself. So faithfulness has been rewarded.

Another sister has had a good

deal of opposition, but God has enabled her to meet it all successfully. Moreover He has given her wonderful victories and has used her to help others in the same way.

Still another candidate was in a good job, earning good money, when she made her decision to obey the Lord. She lost her work. There was no other post in view. Unemployment money was refused on the grounds that our sister had left her job of her own accord. An appeal against this decision resulted in a verdict in her favour, so she drew all the money then due. A few days later a higher official ruled that no more unemployment pay should be allowed for some time to come. Just at that time, after being out of work for two months, our sister obtained a new post with Sabbath off, and increased pay.

This lady has a sister, slightly older than herself. After many years in business, this sister came home to care for her aged mother who had been very ill. She, too, accepted the truth. She has passed through a particularly trying, anxious time, but God has been her Helper. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." So these two sisters, the one who goes forth to battle and the other who, in a most self-sacrificing way, tarries by the stuff, alike receive the blessing of heaven.

Yes, there were only four this time; but they are four stalwart soldiers of the cross, who will fight the good fight of faith.

F. A. SPEARING.

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Coventry and Leicester District

THE year 1942 closed with a final gain of seventy-three new members for the two campaigns—Coventry and Leicester.

Leicester sent £922 to the con-

ference office last year. Coventry sent £830. Total £1,752. Every member in Leicester paid tithe and was a member of the Sabbath-school.

For some long time now we have been conducting intense home missionary work throughout the entire district. Having used all our quota of papers from our own publishing house we have made use of copies of *Signs of the Times* kindly supplied to us by Pastor A. S. Maxwell of the Pacific Press. Every member, including the isolated, took at least one copy each for their friends or relatives. Copies have gone right throughout the British Isles and overseas. The harvest will surely come for there has been much acceptance of the truths in these grand papers and many messages of appreciation.

Every meeting—and there are four preaching services each week in Leicester beside Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer meetings—was used to foster and promote the home missionary work.

Newbold College has been very sympathetic and helpful—supplying preachers when requested. Pastor Baird has kindly given some attention to the Coventry church as his many College duties permitted. We have been very grateful for all this.

Now we go on to open up work in a new district and Brother K. Lacey has come to care for the work in this area. It is his first appointment of this nature—but he is the son of a soul-winner and a successful church elder.

Fragrant are the memories and many the friends we leave as we move on, but we know they will pray for us in these unusual days as we break new ground and by the grace of God continue to build up the cause we love so well.

Will you join us in our prayers that evangelism in the British Isles will rise to new heights of attainment this year—1943?

S. G. JOYCE.

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"THE shortest road to success is the road of earnest endeavour."

"ONE hundred per cent on service bent."

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Scottish Mission

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Superintendent's Notes

OUR workers are engaged in aggressive evangelism in all the towns and cities where they are located. Brother Johnson is running two Sunday services in Aberdeen, one at one end of the city, and one at the other end. These services have a combined attendance of one hundred and there is a visiting list of sixty-four. Pastor Morrison has just launched an effort in the Queen's Theatre, Dundee. We await news of the first meeting there. The interest in Edinburgh is being maintained, and a series of health lectures there on Thursday afternoons has created a lively interest. Here in Glasgow, we had to start in a second-rate hall, and the opening attendance was 110. This has grown during the past two weeks to 150. We bespeak your earnest prayers that these campaigns may win many souls for the kingdom of God. Brother Bleasby is now conducting Sabbath services for the interested people in Greenock.

"MAY FOR MISSIONS"

WHEN you receive this issue of the MESSENGER, the Ingathering campaign will be at its beginning. Brother Harker has introduced us to the "Strong Man" who is going to do valiant things this May. Over in the book of Judges we have the statement that "out of the strong came forth sweetness." Judges 14:14. You will recall that this sweetness was the result of bees making their hive in the lion's carcass.

"Behold, there was a swarm of bees." Judges 14:8.

As we think of the month of May for Missions, we visualize a swarm of busy bees at work throughout the land.

There are some "B's" mentioned in Scripture that will make the campaign successful from every angle. To begin with, "Be

instant in season." 2 Tim. 4:2. Make a good start right at the beginning. "Be ready always." 1 Peter 3:15. Make sure of your supplies, equipment, and approach. "Be diligent." 2 Peter 3:14. "Be Vigilant." 1 Peter 5:8. Neither slothful, nor sleepy in your contacts with the people. Above all, "Be courteous." 1 Peter 3:8. "Be thou faithful." Rev. 2:10., and "Be rich in good works." 1 Tim. 6:18. There should be no drones in the hive so "Be doers." James. 1:22. There is an old English proverb that gives point to the fact that we must make the *most* of our effort in May this year. It reads:

"A swarm of bees in May is worth
a load of hay,
A swarm of bees in June is worth
a silver spoon,
A swarm of bees in July is not
worth a fly."

May is the month, let us get our equipment, and get busy, and keep right at it, till the goal is reached. Let us conduct the campaign in such a well-organized manner "that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11.

DISTRICT MEETING

WE are planning a district meeting for the membership of the Scottish Mission for June 19th. Details and further information will be issued later. Keep the date in mind. Pray for revival and blessing. Plan to come.

J. A. McMILLAN.

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Superintendent's Notes

THERE'S a stirring in the camp down in Wales. Between Barry in the south and Rhyl in the north; between Milford in the south-west and Shrewsbury in the north-east (extreme points in our territory each about 150 miles apart) there are nearly a score of places where Ingathering agents and officers are making careful preparations for the biggest thing we've ever attempted—the In-

gathering goal gathered in one month, the month of May!

Familiar red boxes are emerging from the dusty-darkness of cupboards and other hiding-places to be polished and labelled. Permits and badges are also being prepared and soon will take their places alongside our other official cards and rationing paraphernalia!

Goals are being set—and in every group that goal will at least equal last year's record figure. Wales has a great Ingathering reputation to maintain. Fourteen hundred odd pounds in 1942 gave Wales second place in the British Union and possibly second place in the whole of our world work! And though we have only the month of May for the task this year we ask: "Can Wales do it?" And in answer there comes echoing through the valleys at Mountain Ash, Merthyr Tydfil, New Quay, and all over the Principality, a confident "Yes, we can and we will." For Wales loves the cause of missions and will not spare herself. In a bright, breezy, and brief campaign she will take up the task of the May campaign with resolute determination and prayerful resolve.

Our agents are now busily at work. We are thankful for them and their valuable service and inspiration. Here they are for 1943:

Cardiff	Mrs. F. Harrington
Barry	Mrs. A. F. Carter
Caerphilly	Mr. F. Hall
Gelligaer	Mr. F. R. Matthews
Porth	Mr. R. Flude
Aberdare	Miss M. Howlett
Merthyr	Mrs. M. Balkwill
Swansea	Mrs. H. E. Powell
Llanelli	Pastor F. S. Jackson
Milford Haven	Mr. J. Rawlings
Henllan, New Quay	Mr. J. Allen
Newport	Mr. A. W. Howard
Risca	Mrs. E. Watts
Blaenavon	Mr. R. Brooks
Hereford	Mr. A. E. Freeth
Shrewsbury	Mr. S. Smith
Rhos	Mrs. A. Jones
Wrexham	Pastor H. K. Munson
Shotton and Buckley	Pastor T. H. Cooper
Rhyl	Mr. F. Davies

We know that our membership will loyally co-operate with these brethren and sisters, and with the Advent of May-day (May 1st.)

will be ready to seek the Lord and His blessing as the campaign gets under way. May our hopes and desires be fully realized in the prayer of your leader,

S. G. HYDE.

Newbold College

Graduation and After!

SPRINGTIME at Newbold Missionary College always represents a quickening of activities. This year finds the students engaged in all the regular features of school life as well as several new endeavours. We have just completed a very successful Student Colporteurs' Institute. Thirty young people have decided to enter this important branch of the work for the summer, and we trust that they will be successful and that all will be able to return to continue their education next autumn.

Our next great event is the Ingathering campaign. This is the first time the College has held its campaign in the spring. We have set ourselves a high goal, and feel confident that the Lord will bless our efforts to attain it. The week after the campaign will be examination week, so these last few days of the school year will be a busy time for all.

The Graduation service will be held on Sunday, May 16th, at 3 p.m. We wish it were possible this year to extend an invitation to the hundreds of friends and patrons of the College, who used to come to this great day of fellowship and reunion at Newbold, but unfortunately, in our evacuated premises we will need to restrict the invitations to the immediate relatives of the graduates.

This year will see the largest graduating class in the history of the College. It is hoped that at least twenty young people will complete their course. The faculty is happy to be able to present such a large number of young men and women who are equipped for service, and is sending them forth with the sincere prayer that they will be successful in the Christian warfare and thus hasten the day of final victory.

While we cannot invite every-

one to Graduation, we do most heartily invite the young people in the field to come next year and fill the places made vacant by those who are finishing. A special appeal is made to young men from fifteen to seventeen years of age to spend one or more years at our College, thus building up a strong Christian character and laying a solid foundation in scholarship which will stand them in good stead in the difficulties which may lie ahead. If ever there was a time when our youth needed the influence of our schools, surely that time is now. There are many who earnestly long to have the privilege of attending College, but are not able because of the circumstances over which they have no control. This should be an incentive to all who are permitted to come, to enter into their possessions while yet there is time.

The College will also be able to accommodate quite a number of young ladies, and special courses are being offered which will be of great interest to them. Many calls are now coming for young ladies to serve as teachers in the cause both at home and in the mission field. Because of this, we are seeking to build up the teacher training department. Three are graduating from this department this year and we trust that others will come and enter this course. Young ladies who are planning to take nurses' training a little later, would greatly benefit by a year or more in the study of Bible, History, English, General Science, Physiology, etc.

We are anxious to help all our young people obtain that preparation which will help them to develop their highest capabilities and make them of the greatest service in the cause of Christ. Experience has proved that there is no better nor more pleasant way for a young person to attain his most noble aspirations than by attending a Christian school. Kindly write and tell us of your desires and we will be glad to do our utmost to help you reach your highest ambitions.

W. G. MURDOCH.



"Do not be content with previous records. Surpass them!"

Ministry of Literature

Did Someone Fail?

"PASTOR, one of my *Present Truth* readers, Mrs. —, would like to see you."

"Do you know why she wants me?" inquired Evangelist.

"No, she only said she would like to meet you some time."

A few days later, Evangelist knocked at the door of her home. A bowed old lady opened it.

"Come inside, please," she invited him.

"So you know me then?" Evangelist asked.

"Yes, you are Pastor —, aren't you? I have been wanting to see you. I want to give you my tithe."

Leaving the room for minute, she reappeared with a small bundle of treasury notes (a considerable sum), which she placed in the hands of the astonished Evangelist.

"I used to send my tithe to *Present Truth*," she explained, "but lately I have not received the paper regularly, so the tithe has accumulated."

Still wondering, and curious to know why this faithful soul had not long since come into the fellowship of the Advent people, Evangelist inquired into her history.

"I first met your people many years ago," she said, "in Pastor —'s time. Later, Mr. — brought me *Present Truth*. But since he left, I have not had a visit from a minister of the church."

Evangelist decided to press the matter a little farther.

"And do you keep the Sabbath?" he asked.

"Yes, as well as I am able," she replied, with a charming smile. "I have to do a little cooking for the people in the house, but all my housework is done by Friday."

"And do you understand the second advent of Christ? Do you believe He is coming soon?"

"Yes, I do."

"And do you believe our teaching on death, that we sleep in the grave until the resurrection at the

Lord's return?" persisted Evangelist.

"Yes, but nobody else in this house will believe it. I find that people will not listen to that teaching," she said, somewhat aroused.

"Well," said Evangelist, "you seem to know almost everything about us. And yet you have never been baptized? I can see it is very difficult for you to get to the church, but we can come to you. Would you like to have me call to give you Bible studies?"

"Yes, indeed, I shall be glad if you will," and again she smiled.

And so Bible studies are to commence in that home immediately. But as Evangelist left from that first visit, he wondered how many more people are still outside the fold because someone has failed to pass on a name to

THE EVANGELIST.

An Addition to Her Repertoire

"DURING my canvassing in Cuddington," writes Colporteur W. Morton, "I came across a lady who was an elocutionist. She told me how she had enjoyed the previous *Good News* and how the poetry on the back cover had appealed to her. She and her daughter are members of a church and at the various meetings she had recited this piece and been congratulated many times. They also attended gatherings at other churches and being much in demand to recite had used this poem, 'All Clear' of Brother Warren's, on all occasions. The lady told me that before she and her daughter left home there was always an anxious moment as to who should bring the programme to a close by the grand finale 'All Clear.'"

"They were as much in love with the poem on the back of this issue of *Good News*, 'Where the Nile Begins,' and are busy learning it to add to their repertoire. The lady did ask if we had any further poems by Mr. Warren as she would very much like to have them. She also told me she only recites anything with a Christian message in it and thinks these two poems are

really wonderful and beautiful and that at many socials and meetings held by the various surrounding districts, they are in great demand."

Colportage and the Ministry

A PERSONAL letter from Dale Carnegie to Elder E. M. Fishell, the Pacific Union Field Secretary, is indeed very complimentary to the work of our literature evangelists. It reads:

"Dear Mr. Fishell:

"I am profoundly convinced that no man ought to be permitted to teach or to preach until he has gone out and made his living in the business world for five years.

"I want to congratulate you on your idea of having your theological students go out and sell books for one year before they begin preaching. Personally, I believe they would be far better ministers if they sold books for five years.

"Allow me to express my admiration for the Christ-like work that your organization is doing all over the world.

"Cordially yours,
"Dale Carnegie."

—Quoted in *"The Literature Ministry"* of S. Africa, Oct.-Dec., 1942.

The Teacher's Resolve

I WAS talking to one of our native teachers whose parents were growing old. He had decided it was time for him to go back to his parents.

I reasoned with him and his wife all I could. I told him God gave His Son, and we must be willing to give. "Yes," he said, "but that is God." Then I tried to think of something more tangible. I asked, "Would you like to see a picture of my father and mother?" They looked at the photo for a long time.

"They must be very old," they finally commented "Their hair is very white. Who sweeps their floors?"

"They do."

"Who washes their clothes?"

"They do."

"Is there nobody to help them?"

"No, because I am out here. They wanted me to come here because they felt sorry for you."

They looked at each other and then at me; and the teacher said to his wife, "We are going back to our work."

A. WILES.



CLARKE.—Mrs. Ellen Clarke fell asleep in Jesus on March 11, 1943, after a brief illness. She died in Billericay Hospital, where she was admitted, suffering from pneumonia, a fortnight earlier. She was seventy-one years of age, and accepted the third angel's message during Pastor C. A. Reeves' effort in Ilford in 1938. Sister Clarke was a faithful member and will be sadly missed by all in the Ilford church.

CHURCH CLERK.

INNES.—We regret to announce the passing of Sister Innes of Uddingston. Sister Innes became a member of the Advent church with her husband about twenty-two years ago. Her husband, Brother Innes, is well-known throughout the southern section of the Scottish Mission, where for many years, he canvassed our literature. Sister Innes laboured enthusiastically in the Ingathering, and brought in many hundreds of pounds to spread the glad tidings overseas. Sister Innes died in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on the Sabbath morning of April 3, 1943. She has entered into rest, and awaits the voice of Jesus calling to renewed service. We extend to the sorrowing husband, four sons, and two daughters, our most sincere condolences. The writer conducted the services at the home and graveside. Three of the sons, serving in the merchant navy, were present at the funeral services.

J. A. McMILLAN.

ANDREWS.—It is with much sorrow that we report the death of Mrs. Andrews, of the Croydon church, at the age of eighty-one years. She passed away February 17, 1943, after a long and trying illness, and was laid to rest at Mitcham Road Cemetery on February 23rd, in the presence of her loving family, and a few Croydon members, including Pastor L. D. Vince. For several years Sister Andrews had been too infirm to attend the services of the church. She was baptized by Pastor McCord on July 25, 1917, and to the end remained faithful to the message she had embraced. All who knew her could see the fruits of the Holy Spirit manifest in her life. She bore her illness with much patience. Her daughter, Mrs. Roe, had very tenderly nursed her for several years. We extend our sympathy to her three sons and two daughters who are left to mourn their loss.

N. HARDIMAN,
Church Clerk.

BEARDSHALL.—On March 10, 1943. Brother Albert Ernest Beardsall passed to his rest at the age of fifty-six. Pastor D. J. Handysides officiated at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Doncaster, two days later when our brother was interred. Courageous and zealous, Brother Beardsall was a member of over thirty years' standing. His last gift of tithe to God was found carefully laid away—a token of his faithfulness to the end. Two sons, an aged mother, and several brothers and sisters are left to mourn, but with hope in Him who is the Life-restorer.

V. COOPER.

Church Buildings

In all parts of the world there has been, and will always be, a need for church buildings. So urgent does this need become that quite often we find some mistaken views as to what is the best way to handle the many kinds of building propositions, with their financial burdens, that present themselves.

The need for places of worship in this country requires no emphasis. One has only to read such statements as that found in *Gospel Workers*, page 462, regarding the mistakes made in England on this subject to understand what tone and influence would come to our cause if we had more representative buildings for worship. The prime consideration is not, it should be noted, to have any place to call our own, but to have churches that are "witnesses to the truth." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 100.) That surely means a place that is well located and that is obviously a chapel building for passers-by to observe.

With such universal needs it is clear that the denomination must work to some well defined plan for acquiring such properties. The first responsibility obviously rests with the local congregation which desires the amenities and publicity that ownership of such a church procures. The local believers should organize to raise a building fund, and if and when the bulk of the necessary cash is in sight, assistance for completing the purchase of an agreed site and/or building may be obtained from the central chapel fund. Naturally congregations able to do so should finance their projects without expecting help from other sources. It should be stressed that no local congregation is ever given assistance to start, or help forward a local building fund. The reason for this is mainly that, our funds for this purpose being limited, it is essential that they be used only for finishing purchases for immediate use.

During the past six years I have had letters asking, for example, if we could not buy a chapel suddenly for sale when not a penny was in hand locally; if

we could help toward a £4,000 purchase when only one-quarter of that amount was in sight and only that with a fairly large loan. We cannot possibly undertake such projects.

If with cash gifts, pledges, and sometimes with a small loan, the bulk of the purchase price is in hand, then the controlling committee is always glad provided it approves of the building plans, and has available funds, etc., to assist within the limits of the calls on its funds.

It has become our policy, after considerable, and sometimes costly experience, to have the title deeds held by our legal bodies in every country. No buildings are purchased as denominational property by a board of trustees, who may die or be otherwise severed from us.

In order to observe the spirit and letter of the warnings in the Spirit of prophecy regarding the curse of debt, we do not follow the policy of purchasing by or with mortgages. The mortgage is an accepted business practice in the world, but the church could not do business to the glory of God in this way.

In short, this denomination works to a church building policy which requires controlling committees to be sure they are choosing buildings and locations that are creditable to our cause, and to purchase them on a straight debt-free basis so that they can be used as dedicated buildings to the glory of God. H. W. LOWE.



CLUTTERBUCK.—On March 14, 1943, our dear sister, Mrs. Florence Clutterbuck, passed away at the home of her daughter at Lillington, Leamington Spa, at the age of seventy-three, after years of patient suffering. Our sister accepted the truth at Handsworth, Birmingham, through the labours of Pastors Haughey and Andross. She was a faithful child of God, and was always cheerful and tried to influence those around her. We laid her to rest in Handsworth Cemetery (Uplands) on March 17th, Pastor L. Murdoch conducting the funeral service. Many relatives were present at the service and also at the graveside. We sorrow not without hope, knowing that, if faithful, we, with our sister, will be reunited when Jesus comes to redeem His own. J. CASHMORE.

WHEELER.—We regret to announce the death of Sister E. Wheeler of the Southend church, at the age of seventy-six years. She had been ailing for some time and had been in hospital. For over fourteen years Sister Wheeler was a faithful member of the church. She was laid to rest in North Road Cemetery, Pastor Bayliss conducting the funeral service. J. M. WHITTBREAD, Church Clerk.

COX.—Brother A. Cox of the Portsmouth church died on February 26, 1943, just as Sabbath was coming in. Our brother cared for himself up to the day before his death, but had been a silent sufferer for a long time. He was baptized at Seattle, U.S.A., came to England, and was received into our church on October 20, 1934, where he served as deacon to the time of his death. He leaves a wife to mourn him. We laid our brother to rest at Highland Road Cemetery on March 3rd, preceded by a service in the church, conducted by the minister, Brother E. Ashton. We believe that, if faithful, we shall meet our brother again on the resurrection morning. MRS. A. HILLS, Church Clerk.

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