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At the Union Winter Council

By H. W. LOWE

We have just concluded our annual Winter Council of the British Union Committee, and our members will naturally be interested in some of the work we have been able to do, with the Lord's help, at these meetings.

In all about forty men gathered at the council, including all the members of the British Union Committee and certain evangelists and others gathered in from all parts of the Union. There was, of course, much routine business to be attended to in the form of meetings of the various companies that compose the business side of our work, but in addition many important decisions were made that will affect the whole of our work throughout the British Isles.

Reports came from our five conferences and missions, as well as from all our institutions, and we were also favoured with a report from Brother W. McClements, superintendent of the Nigerian Union Mission.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year the membership in the Union has grown from 5,358 to 5,525. There have been gains in membership in all sections of the field, except in one where there was a small loss. We feel somewhat concerned at the fact that with 5,500 members, and almost 100 workers, our net gain in membership is still considerably below 200 per year. Surely in these

last times, with so many evidences that the coming of the Lord is near, and with such available power from God, we should be showing an increase in our membership of not less than 500 each year.

An action was taken which means that during the coming year we should undertake to make a membership gain that will be several times as large as anything we have yet seen. In this, the greatest of all our efforts, our laymen will surely feel under the great burden that we in the ministry carry. The continuous effort to bring about a greater soul-winning evangelism is the supreme thing in this Union. We have only a quarter or a fifth of the membership we should have. The General Conference revival of an old plan called the "Win One Movement" might serve us well here. Why should not each member among us win one person to Christ each year?

FINANCIAL ITEMS

It was with gratitude to God that we heard Brother Carey report an advance of about £1,000 in our tithe income for the year. There were decreases in two fields, but otherwise all the fields show a considerable gain. The gradual in-

crease in our tithe income during recent years must be taken as solid evidence that although our membership is small, our people love the Lord and are loyal to the truths of the Advent message.

According to the best information available, about four-fifths of our members are faithful in the matter of tithe-paying. It would be a wonderful asset to the cause if we could have the whole of our membership supporting our soul-winning work faithfully in this way. Great blessing is being lost by that section of our membership which is not showing full faithfulness to the Lord in this respect.

In the matter of mission offerings, there is cause for equal gratitude to God. Taking all our mission offerings together, there has been an increase in 1936, as compared with the previous year, of over £700. It is wonderful to think that a small Union like this is turning over to mission interests every year more than £20,000. This large sum of money goes to many mission fields and our prayers go with this money that many souls may be won to God as a result. Through the Harvest Ingathering alone we raised £10,669, which represented an increase of £160 over the record of 1935.

Our field missionary secretary brought an encouraging report from our publishing department, indicating that there is a sales increase of subscription books to be

reported for 1936 of several hundred pounds as compared with 1935. A number of colporteur recruits have been added, and a determined effort is being put forth to increase the efficiency of our colporteurs as well as to augment their numbers. Surely through the literature ministry is coming a great enlightenment for the people of these isles.

From the year's departmental reports we note that there are 1,800 young people and children in our ranks and all are enrolled in our ninety-four Missionary Volunteer societies; that twenty-five per cent of all church missionary activity comes from our youth; that upward of eighty sets of reading course books have, with conference financial assistance, been placed in Missionary Volunteer libraries; and that £144 was given to missions through our Missionary Volunteer societies.

About one-half of our members now report some form of missionary activity, which accounted in 1936 for 3,110 cottage meetings and 5,394 Bible readings. Thirty thousand people were visited in their homes and 38,000 were helped in some way or other. Half a million pieces of literature were distributed and almost the same number of handbills.

FROM OUR FIELD LEADERS

Brethren Joyce and Dorland reported the progress being made by our evangelists, but pointed out how limited are their resources and how tremendous is the task confronting them of warning the millions of peoples in these lands who do not know that there is such a thing as the Advent message.

Similar reports came from Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Brother Craven, from Ireland, called attention to their great need for literature and also emphasized, as did other brethren, the need for better worship accommodation for our churches. It is true that we need to provide, so far as our means permit, representative places in which our people can worship God and testify to the truth we believe.

OUR INSTITUTIONS

Brother Murdoch brought us

quite a thrilling report from Newbold College. He mentioned that over thirty of their 140 students have had to be housed in harness rooms and other unsuitable out-houses. He was frank enough to tell us that he would not feel free to commence another school year with the inadequate dormitory accommodation that they have had at their disposal hitherto.

One of the other problems of Newbold is that they have about fifty students between the ages of fifteen and seventeen. Actually, what we are doing is to try to operate an academy and a junior college under one roof. We must pray that the way will open whereby larger facilities may be given to our College. The standard of scholarship must be raised and the number of recruits for all departments of our work must be increased.

The Stanborough Press has had a good year and gave us great encouragement by announcing, through Brother Warren, that they were turning all their profits, amounting to about £600, into field work, in some form or other. A good part of this amount will go to evangelism, and it was something that warmed our hearts to notice that the brethren at the Press were anxious to help Newbold College and The Stanboroughs by gifts of £100 worth of literature in each case, so that about twice that amount in profits would come to the respective institutions. Undoubtedly our students and the staff at The Stanboroughs will be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity for help.

The Granose Factory, after a difficult period, seems to have turned the corner in the road and showed a small profit on its year's operating. Severe competition is being met, but all the staff, and especially the sales department, are of good courage and confident of larger things in the days to come.

The Stanboroughs has had a very difficult year indeed, in some respects the most difficult in its history. It has to be frankly admitted that the institution shows a heavy loss. We are anxious for the prayerful interest of our people as we study the problems con-

nected with this institution, but it should be recorded that the management have worked out certain plans which we think will lead to increased patronage and larger success in every way in days to come.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our people may be glad to know that the following dates have been suggested for the annual meetings during 1937:

Wales, May 14th to 17th

Scotland, July 1st to 4th

Ireland, July 8th to 11th

N. England, July 15th to 18th

S. England, July 30th to Aug. 2nd

The dates for the Missionary Volunteer Camps have been voted as:

N. England, August 1st to 15th

S. England, August 8th to 22nd

There was one important statement adopted at the council which we print on page 3 to which we should direct the attention of all our members. It is termed a "Statement of Loyalty." Every member should read this statement carefully because, although not a long statement, it does vitally concern the individual relationship of each believer to God and this message. It constitutes a re-dedication of heart and mind and all our energies and possessions to the finishing of God's work in the earth.

These are days when the world is being disrupted in a thousand ways. Nationalism is breeding hatred between the nations. The rejection of truth has led to a thousand spurious beliefs that are divisive. Everywhere there is lack of unity and cohesion and strength. Surely we need to work together, to pray together, and to counsel together in these most difficult times.

May God bless all our members and may each of us be able to subscribe whole-heartedly to this Statement of Loyalty which means so much to us at this time.

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"If you do not feel light-hearted and joyous, do not talk of your feelings. Cast no shadow upon the lives of others. A cold, sunless religion never draws souls to Christ. It drives them away from Him."

Statement of Loyalty

Adopted at the British Union Winter Council

IN former days, God's people often stopped to review the past, to study the present, and survey the future. Thus their faith, courage, and joy in the Lord were revived and strengthened. In like manner, it seems timely at this Winter Council of the British Union that we briefly study the great fundamentals of our faith, order, and work.

We reaffirm our acceptance in full the doctrine and organization of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. We believe that this Advent message and movement, founded as it is on the entire Bible, and upon the Bible alone, is a fulfilment of Scripture prophecy. We accept without reserve the precious instruction of the Spirit of prophecy in the Advent church, not as a new Bible, or an addition to the Bible, but as light from heaven on the Word of God. We desire,

under God, to stand loyal to the General Conference and to the Advent believers as one church and one body in all the world.

The condition of the world, as well as other signs of the times, and especially the rapid advance of the Advent movement, lead us to believe that the coming of the Lord is nigh at hand.

The work to be done being large, and the time but short, we feel deeply the great plan and solemn task committed to us, and we desire with all our ministers and workers to lead our people into a deeper, stronger faith, as well as a genuine preparation for the coming of Christ, and to do our utmost to save and train our children and youth. We pledge ourselves under God to make every effort to carry the Advent message to the many millions in the territory of the British Union.

PERHAPS we should give this early word that the Welsh Annual Conference will convene in Cardiff from May 14th to 17th. Plan now to attend this important meeting.

WE feel sure that our Welsh membership appreciates the financial requirements for the successful operating of our work. Let us ask the Lord to bless us materially, so that as we pass into the treasury the tenth of our income which He claims, there may be larger resources available for furthering the interests of the Advent cause. Our offerings, too, can be a real help to our cause overseas. We feel sure that our dear people in Wales would like to pass more of such funds into the treasury this year. Shall we try?

ALL those who know Sister Ward, of Cardiff, will be sorry to hear that her dear husband passed away on January 18th. We laid him to rest in the Cathays Cemetery, feeling assured that as a believer in Jesus he will share in the glad reunion.

S. GEORGE HYDE.

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE greatly enjoyed the council we had in Cardiff on a recent Sunday for our lay leaders and preachers. We wish you could have seen the earnestness which characterized our studies and discussions. Surely nothing but good will result from this gathering.

WE invite the earnest prayers of every member on behalf of Brethren Cooper and Nicholson in their respective towns of Barry and Neath. Both are meeting with difficulties. Yet the work is the Lord's, and a praying people may well bring about transformations.

WE wish to thank the many churches, guilds, and individual

friends for the gifts that come to us from time to time. There is much appreciation of this thoughtfulness.

PLEASE pray earnestly for the Cardiff campaign which is being convened in the Odeon Cinema, Queen's Street. The Cardiff churchmembers are giving us excellent and much appreciated support.

FAITHFUL Ingatherers will be glad that we went well over our goal in the 1936 campaign. £941 was raised. Many have expressed the hope that the 1937 campaign will be launched much earlier and be more expeditiously finished.

The Literature Ministry

BROTHER E. E. CRAVEN, in his report to the Union Council recently, told of his insertion of a two-inch advertisement in the newspaper, calling attention to the titles of certain tracts which could be had free on application. He put this advertisement in the paper thinking that he might get a few replies that would lead him to some interested people. He was amazed when 125 replies came, and it looks as though, in this way, a large list of interested people can be built up in his locality.

How many people must there be in the lonely parts of our country who might respond to invitations of this kind! How many are there who might be reached if we, as Adventists, got back to the door-to-door method of distributing tracts and Adventist literature? How many homes are there throughout the fifty million people in these Isles that have never been visited in this way? H. W. LOWE.

Great Coronation

Something Special—Something Unique

THE annual Tract Campaign, which is a special feature of missionary activity in the British Union, always meets with a ready response.

Quite a number of requests have come to us for a series of booklets that would present the message in an interesting and yet concise way. How difficult it is for us to meet the wishes of everyone. However, I feel sure that the special offer being made this year will more than meet the requirements of our members.

The new tracts, known as the Coronation Series, which are to be used in the 1937 Tract Campaign, have all been specially written for this campaign, and written, too, by leading British evangelists and other able writers in our midst.

The tracts, which are uniform in size, each contain eight pages. They are printed in the Coronation colours and each has an appropriate picture on the front page. Look at the titles, each one a question. Is this not an ideal way of presenting the message?

IDEAL FOR PERSONAL WORK

If you look carefully down the list you will notice that twelve topics have been selected, covering most of the important teachings of the Advent message. They will be ideal for use whether sending through the post by letter, or in your personal missionary work. You can arrange them for follow-up work with interested people. You can, if you wish, select six or more and put them in any order that you desire so that you can meet individual cases. For instance, some may be specially interested in the second advent. You can start, therefore, with tract No. 5. Others may be interested in

Spiritualism, to them you could take tract No. 9. Many, of course, will be concerned about the future. Why not start with No. 4, and then perhaps take No. 12? As you look down the list I am sure you will be impressed with the fact that these tracts have been carefully selected, and you will not be disappointed with the articles that have been prepared.

OUR OFFER

How can we get them, do you say? Well, it is quite simple. Through the kindness of the British Union Conference, the local conferences, and The Stanborough Press, we are able to help you. In the ordinary way these tracts would cost you 25/- for 504, or forty-two sets of twelve. That is quite a lot of money, but here is the opportunity for you. All you have to do is to order 100 extra copies of *Present Truth* No. 4 (special issue), sell these papers, and send up the full amount that you sell them for, that is, 2d. each, and you will receive in return 25/- worth of tracts.

Now that is quite an attractive offer, for it means that from the profits of your sales, which would be 8/4, you will receive 25/-. You ask how is this possible? Well, as before stated, the British Union Conference and the local conferences and The Stanborough Press share between them the balance of the cost of the tracts, which is 16/8 for every 504.

Would you not like to have at least forty-two sets of these up-to-date tracts specially written by our leading evangelists for this campaign? Now the way is open for you. Do not delay, for you may be disappointed. Order your supplies, sell the papers, and then remember that you will have these tracts ready for your personal missionary work.

Do You

SYSTEMATIC WORK

It is always advisable when doing missionary work of this nature to keep a list of the people upon whom you call with the tracts. If you cannot get the name, then make a record of the number of

"The Coronation Series"

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No.	Title
1.	Was Jesus Divine?
2.	Who Will Be Saved?
3.	Why Does God Permit Suffering?
4.	Toward Darkness or Dawn?
5.	Is Jesus Coming Soon?
6.	Will the World be Converted?
7.	Are the Ten Commandments Out of Date?
8.	Which Day is the Sabbath?
9.	What is the Power Behind Spiritualism?
10.	Is Baptism Essential?
11.	Should Christians Pay Tithe?
12.	What is Heaven?

Total Number

Value of Tracts

Tracts written specially for this Campaign

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the house and the name of the street. Then make a note of the number of the tract that you have left, and each week follow up with another tract. You need not say very much at first, though as the people read the tracts they will be impressed with the message and will begin to ask questions. You should, of course, be most courteous and cheerful, and speak a

The Coming King

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Holloway

ON December 14, 1936, at Holloway church, there was a most pleasing occasion when the junior young people's society and Sabbath-school held their Christmas social, under the leadership of Miss B. Williams, assisted by Miss H. Morgan and helpers. The lecture hall had been tastefully decorated to suit the season and occasion.

The children, numbering forty in all, had a most delightful and happy time, nothing being spared to ensure their enjoyment. The pleasure of the evening reached its climax when a huge pie was placed in the centre of the hall. The children, sitting in a ring, each had the thrill of pulling a present from the pie.

Visitors included Pastor E. R. Warland, our conference young people's secretary, Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Bacon, Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Reeves, and Brother J. H. Parkin.

Mr. Nigel Druitt, the master of ceremonies for the evening, kept the children lively and happy. The refreshments had been prepared by willing helpers.

Churchmembers showed their real interest in these lambs of the flock by their liberal gifts. After all expenses had been met, there was a surplus sufficient to supply the junior Sabbath-school with the picture roll for a whole year.

A. E. BATES, *Church Clerk.*



Ipswich

THIS ancient town of 90,000 inhabitants, with its memories of Dickens and Cardinal Wolsey, and what is of greater interest to Adventists, its monument to men and women who were burnt at the stake for their Protestant faith, was entered by Pastor J. M. Howard and his co-workers, Bro-

ther Mustard and Sister Clarke, in October last.

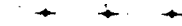
A cinema in the main thoroughfare was requisitioned for six Sunday-night services, and at the first meeting on October 25th there was an attendance of 700 people. The following Sunday 800 came, and on November 8th over 900 listened to a thrilling address on "Will Christ Come Back?" In spite of a great attraction in the public hall (the famous Salvation Army Coventry band) about 600 listened to the presentation of the Sabbath the following Sunday night.

On the transfer to the public hall bitter opposition was encountered, the local Baptist minister having leaflets distributed to the people as they left. Correspondence in the local press continues and many of his own people are saying they think he has gone too far. He preached a special sermon in favour of Sunday observance and against Seventh-Day Adventists in general.

At the opening Sabbath meeting sixty-five were present, but due to this opposition it went down to twenty-eight, twenty-five, and the Sabbath after Christmas only nineteen. We have since had thirty-two, but as we have over 400 names of interested people, further increases are hoped for.

Sunday-night services are now held in the Y.W.C.A. hall, which accommodates 200, and this was nearly full at the first service. Sister Lennox has now joined the staff of workers and we ask all fellow-believers to remember this effort at the throne of grace that wisdom, guidance, and strength may be given in order that a good strong church may be raised up to witness to the third angel's message.

A.B.C.



Carlton Colville

EVER looking for opportunities

to tell of the coming of Jesus, four members of the Carlton Colville company organized themselves at Christmas into a singing quartette. Providence sent along a portable organ, and thus prepared they went forth into the Master's vineyard.

The wealthy people in this district (who had already received a letter telling of the proposed visit) did all they could to make these singers welcome, inviting them into their drawing-rooms and halls that the programme might be fully appreciated. The experience we had, and the gifts we received, amply repaid us for our labour. The financial result was £5. 2s. 9d., which has been devoted to home missionary welfare work.

Standing out clearly in our memory is the occasion of our visit to an old country mansion, when, standing in the great hall of the century-old building, with the whole household standing at open doors or sitting on the steps of a great stairway, we sang, "Jesus is Coming Again." As the great thrilling truth echoed through that building, we were reminded of those words in Matthew 24:14: "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness." The most beautiful of our experiences that Christmas night was when the daughter of those wealthy people blended her voice with ours.

The reason we are giving this report is in the hope that other singing bands will be inspired to do something similar another Christmas, for we are assured that the prayers of our members during the recent Week of Prayer were largely responsible for all that was accomplished, for God went before us to each home.

MRS. W. MARTIN.



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How the Lord Leads

THE remarkable leading of the Lord in this wonderful work of spreading our truth-filled literature has amazed me over and over again. Many times I have been led right into homes just when the people have had the Bible on the table, perplexed over some passage of Scripture. I could relate many experiences of such instances of the leading of the Lord, but space does not permit to tell all.

On one occasion I started out to go through a certain village with *Bible Readings*. I made my first call and impressed the lady to order the book and sign for it but, before leaving, she said: "Mr. Greenhow, if I were you I would *not* visit the blacksmith; he never goes to church and will have no interest in you or the book, as anything religious is distasteful to him. He just spends his time drinking, and he may insult you." I thanked the lady for the information, and went on with my work.

A little later on a gentleman said to me: "Don't visit the blacksmith; he is not a good man to meet—no interest in religion."

By the time I had finished canvassing through the village no less than nine people had told me *not* to visit the blacksmith, and so I thought I had better not, and left the village to return home.

I had travelled a mile toward home when something said to me, "Go back and see the blacksmith." I reluctantly returned and, upon arriving at the forge, found the door partly open. I went in, and found the blacksmith there finishing a job. I approached in as pleasant a way as I knew how and tactfully touched upon the subject of Christianity.

At first he was really antagonistic, but it is wonderful how the Lord not only leads us but puts into our mouths the right words

to say. Something I said just touched his heart. No one had spoken to him of Christ before. As in the story of the Good Samaritan, many had passed by on the other side. I told him that Christ loves the sinner. He kneeled down in that forge and gave his heart to God, and afterward ordered a copy of *Bible Readings*.

Without doubt there will be many saved in that glad day because the colporteur called upon them. J. H. GREENHOW.

An Inspiring Testimony

AFTER taking my stand for the third angel's message about five years ago, the needs of the colporteur work were presented to me. They made a strong appeal and I felt convinced that God was calling me into this sacred service.

Because little success attended my initial efforts several friends tried to dissuade me, but having claimed the promise on page ninety-eight of *The Colporteur-Evangelist*: "To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labours a success," I just kept on.

That promise has been, by God's grace, wonderfully fulfilled to me. Every year has shown definite improvement, and the year that has just closed, the best of all, reveals an increase of more than twenty-five per cent (nearly £100) over the previous year's figures.

The colporteurs' conferences have helped me very definitely. This is shown by the results obtained in the weeks that follow. Speaking of the colporteur, on page eighty-four of *The Colporteur-Evangelist*, we find this statement: "When successful he should take no glory to himself, for his success is due to the working of God's angels upon the heart."

I thank God for the privilege of

co-operating with heavenly agencies in the colporteur ministry, selling *Bible Readings*, and can with confidence urge consecrated men and women to give their lives for service in this branch of the Lord's work, because "Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make their labours a success."

W. C. McLEOD.

At Rest

MITCHELL.—We regret to report the loss of another member of the Wood Green Church by the death of Brother Mitchell, aged sixty-five. Being weakened by the long and tender care for his wife, Sister Mitchell—who passed away on December 12, 1936—our brother succumbed to an attack of bronchitis and fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, January 11th. He was faithful to the truth to the last, and his thoughts just before the end were for the work and its advancement. Words of comfort were addressed to the mourners gathered in the chapel and at the graveside by Pastor W. J. Young. Husband and wife rest together in the same grave awaiting the voice of the great Life-giver in the soon-coming resurrection. One daughter, four brothers, and eight sisters mourn their loss. We pray that the message of the tomb may speak to all that they sorrow not as those who have no hope, but that in the coming day all may have the joy of once again meeting their loved ones. N. BARNI.

GLITHRO.—Mrs. Sarah Ann Glithro, aged eighty-three years, aunt to Brother Frank Glithro of Hove Church, Sussex, passed away very unexpectedly on January 24th. She was buried at the Tottenham Extension Cemetery on Friday, January 29th, the chief mourners being her daughters, son-in-law, and Winifred, her granddaughter, with whom she lived. Mrs. Glithro, though not a baptized member, loved the God-given truths of the Scriptures, and was an earnest, God-fearing woman, greatly beloved of her family. She was a generous Christian, always ready to help the needy and the poor. She will be much missed in the neighbourhood. Even as it was said of Dorcas, her works testified to her faith. The Tottenham Church associates itself with their bereavement in deepest sympathy. R. T. E. COLTHURST.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Feb. 12th	5.09	5.11	5.22	5.11	5.28
Feb. 19th	5.21	5.25	5.35	5.27	5.42

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The Ministry of Literature

Converting a Murderer

DOWN in South Africa Sister Leisching had a remarkable experience which she related as follows:

"Years ago I read in the daily newspaper the sad story of a man who in an evil moment murdered his wife and four little ones. He was condemned to death. I felt sorry for him.

"Just then I was reading that beautiful little book *Steps to Christ*, and I felt impressed to send the copy to the condemned man, praying that in some way the Lord might use its message of mercy for this sinner.

"For years I did not hear anything further, and I often wondered what effect the reading of *Steps to Christ* had had upon this man's heart.

"After some time a new jailer came to Beaufort West, and in a visit to his wife the conversation drifted to possible conversions among the prisoners. Some in the company greatly doubted whether there ever was such a case in our days. Then the jailer spoke: 'Well, I have personally witnessed such a case. Years ago I was a warder in Johannesburg. We had a case there of a man who murdered his wife and four children. He was condemned to die. Some-one, we could never find out who, sent him a little book entitled, *Steps to Christ*. The condemned man used to sit with that booklet all day and read and reread it again.

"Every time we came to his cell we would find him sitting with that little book in his hands, poring over its pages. And I must say, if ever I have seen a man die peacefully, it was he. There was no mistake about it, he found the Saviour before he died, and he experienced the joy of complete pardon and forgiveness of all his sins through reading that little book, *Steps to Christ*. I have often wondered who sent him that book.'

"So much for the jailer. I could not speak for joy; tears rolled down my cheeks as I told them my story. How good the

Lord is to have answered my prayer and to have blessed the reading of that truly beautiful book, *Steps to Christ*, to the heart of one condemned to die."

And at the remembrance of all this the old lady's face shone with a light not of this earth. How good it is to be the means of leading souls to the Saviour! A.W.



Bedtime Stories in Australia

I CAME to a home, handed the lady a paper, and asked her to read it, telling her she would enjoy its contents, and that I would call the next week with another. This I did, and as I asked her about her enjoyment of the paper, I noticed she didn't seem too pleased to see me. Almost her first words were, "These are Seventh-Day Adventist papers, are they not?" "Why, yes," I said. "Did you appreciate the last article, for I have one here even better than that." "Well," she said, "I am a Church of Christ member and if I had known these were Adventist papers I wouldn't have taken them." She told me she had read it and enjoyed it, but it was Seventh-Day Adventist literature, and her neighbour told her it was.

"Why," she continued, "I gave an order for *Bible Pictures*, also written by Seventh-Day Adventists, and had I known it I wouldn't have taken it, and even now I may cancel it." I told her to forget what her neighbour and minister had said, and find out for herself by an unbiased reading. I gave her two copies of *Our Little Friend*, and impressed upon her that neither the *Bible Pictures* nor the *Little Friend* contained any of our doctrinal teaching that could affect her three children. She was glad to hear this and promised to read them and pass her own opinion, saying, as I was about to leave, "If they were only like *Bedtime Stories* I'd have no fears at all. They are lovely books, do you know them? But perhaps you don't. They are written by A. S. Maxwell who calls himself 'Uncle Arthur.' My children love me to

read the stories over and over again. In fact they've been read by quite a few adults who come here."

This and more she said in their favour, the result being that *Bible Pictures* was not cancelled. She accepted and read each paper I left, and is now a weekly customer for the *Signs*.

Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories did the trick, and who knows but that she, with her three children will be numbered among the redeemed in the new earth as a result.

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