

Reminiscences of the Work in China

Some forty-three years ago, while a torpedo instructor, I listened to the most entrancing message that I had ever heard the "Three Angels' Messages of the Great Advent Movement." The messengers, Brother and Sister Borrowdale, rest from their labours. They have, however, left many witnesses behind in the great movement they so ably represented.

A few years later the war-drums sounded, and I joined H.M.S. "Terrible," *en route* for China. During the passage the chaplain of the ship held a Bible class, which I attended, and through it became acquainted with the Christians on the ship. Later in the voyage I had the pleasure of holding a class every evening at the switchboard, which was located just over the boilers, a rather warm place in the tropics. As a result of this class over a dozen men accepted the message for these days.

The ship stopped for some time

at Simon's Town. and later moored off Durban, where some of the large guns were landed and sent to the Although front. measured for a khaki suit, somehow I was never permitted to wear such, and am firmly convinced that the prayers of those in the home-

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land prevailed. Later the ship moved on to China.

Arriving at Hong Kong we discovered Brother La Rue, an aged pioneer of the colporteur work there. He lived in a very long room, with a partition in the centre separating the sitting-room from the bedroom. He had plenty of companions in the shape of large cockroaches, which roamed freely all over the place, as I soon discovered when I slept on a mattress laid on the floor.

On arrival, a list of the names of all those who had stood out for the truth was given to Brother La Rue. A few had turned back, and against their names the word backslider was written, in order that Brother La Rue might understand how to relate himself to the men. Leaving the "Terrible," I next joined the destroyer H.M.S. "Fame," which with other ships took part in the operations against the Boxer rising, the bombardment of the Taku forts, the capture of four Chinese destroyers by the two British destroyers, and the taking of a large fortress several miles up the river. It was the taking of this fort and the blowing up of the magazine that nearly ended our career. However, after many varied experiences, we ultimately reached Wei-Hai-Wei, where one of the believers from the "Terrible" told me a very amusing incident that had happened over the word "backslider."

Brother La Rue, desirous of helping the believers of the "Terrible," sent to America and ordered the *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times* to be sent to the men. Unfortunately he must have sent the list of names with the word backslider written on it. Someone evidently thinking that "backslider" was a naval rating included it in the address. One can just imagine the consternation of

individuals the concerned. The large bag of mails was dropped on the upper deck and the letters were taken out one by one. Suddenly one would be taken out reading J----, Mess Backslider, ---, H.M.S. "Terrible." There is one consolation, the men will never



The "Terrible" off Hong Kong. The words "God save the King" were formed by the grouping of some 200 of the crew.

forget the experience. Who knows but that in the coming day some of these very men will be found in the kingdom. May it be so.

Many other interesting experiences could be told by the believers who learned the truth on board that warship. Some of the fruitage of those days still remains, and it is one of the pleasurable experiences of the writer at our annual conferences to meet these men, their wives, and children. There is Pastor D. Morrison, who has laboured in the ministry since leaving the service, and with his wife raised up many witnesses. Then there is Brother and Sister Vick of the Portsmouth church and their family. How Sister Vick accepted the truth is a miracle in itself. There is also Brother and Sister Standen and family; of

their four children one has died in the ministry and one during her college course. One is now a nurse and the other is studying at Newbold. And then there is Brother Pratt and his wife and family, one of their daughters having recently graduated for the Bible work.

One member of *t*⁴...t ship's company who joined the Adventr ovement is in Scotland and another at Hastings. The latter at the moment is not with us but longs to be, while still another is out in Australia.

These annual gatherings are blessed indeed, but we look forward with all the sowers and reapers to the greater gathering of all the church from every nation, kindred, and tongue, in the land of fadeless day. What a gathering that will be!

Greetings from California

WHAT nimble feet the years have! It seems impossible that we have been in California so long. This is our second Christmas in America. It seems but a few weeks since we landed, and yet as we look back we realize that this is the third city in which we have preached the Advent message. We are situated in Riverside, a very picturesque city, one of the beauty spots of America. Loma Linda, the headquarters of our College of Medical Evangelists, is but ten miles away, while ten miles on the other side we have a very fine college with an enrolment of nearly five hundred, where Allan is attending.

We opened up work in the large city auditorium with a seating capacity of more than two thousand, and since last October have been carrying forward a programme of meetings three nights weekly. The Lord is blessing our efforts, and we are pleased to report a very splendid interest. Many times we have had to turn hundreds away.

In the other two cities where we laboured the Lord gave us more than one hundred souls, and in this place we expect under His blessing perhaps twice that number.

There have been some very interesting features in connection with our work here, not the least of which was the night when I spoke on Religious Liberty and Freedom of the Press. The city newspaper men were there with more than two thousand free copies of their thirty-two-page paper in which was a report of the address on the front page. At the psychological moment near the close of the address, our uniformed lady ushers stepped forward with bundles of these newspapers, and handed them out as complimentary copies from the publishers who were anxious to impress upon the community that their paper has a free voice. It was an interesting evening and contributed much to the general interest of our work. The auditorium is the largest building of its kind and wields considerable influence in Southern California.

Before coming to Riverside we were working in a tabernacle. It was a fine wooden construction, costing over £1,000, and seating up to 1,500 people. We built it in sections to permit of its being removed from city to city. Being able to engage the auditorium at Riverside after conducting two efforts in the tabernacle, we sold it to the high school in the last city. It is interesting to notice that God blessed us in its sale, for

it realized as much as it cost, thus providing two efforts at practically no cost for hall rents, etc.

We had some lovely baptisms in the tabernacle. Through these many homes became united in the truth. Fathers and children of believing wives went forward in this ordinance, fulfilling the promise of the Elijah message. Some, who had been out of the message for thirty years and more, were reclaimed and rebaptized. Some of these had been old pioneer workers in the cause. To some, who may remember old Brother Covell who was associated with the very beginnings of our book work in England half a century ago, and who has been out of the message for over thirty years, it will be interesting to learn that he has come back in deep repentance for the wasted years, with his heart again aglow with the Advent faith. He also began the book work in Australia and New Zealand.

Such experiences, however, are more than mere encouragements; they are warnings by the way. We need to be careful, brethren and sisters, lest our faith gets weak and our light grows dim. Ours is a message that will triumph, but we must each see to it that we are triumphing in it every day. The apostle Paul said, "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." Only such an experience as this can assure us of ultimate victory.

Well, dear folk, although six thousand miles measure their length between us, you are constantly with us in thought and prayer, and we are assured that often you remember us at the throne of grace. We are happy in the knowledge of your success and joys, and in all your sorrows and disappointments we are one with you in heart.

A year full of joyful service and the lasting happiness of the Spirit of peace in your hearts is the sincere prayer of your faithful friends and companions in the Advent message.

God bless you all.

R. Allan Anderson and Family.

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What I Saw at Ilford

It was an exceptional privilege to visit the great mass meeting at Ilford last Sunday night. The 1,200 or more people present were all anxious that the meetings continue. All hands went up when the question was put to them. Thus far Pastor C. A. Reeves has been able, by special gifts from the friends attending, to continue two or three weeks beyond what the budget would allow.

A special appeal for reconsecration and decision met with a ready response. These friends were invited to stay after the meeting for counsel and prayer. Our hearts were stirred as we stood before the crowd who stayed. I should estimate that they numbered almost 500. Of this number eighty had made their decision for the first time. This is, of course, in addition to those who have already taken their stand, many of whom are keeping Sabbath. Surely many victories were registered last Sunday evening at Ilford.

Now the problem facing Pastor Reeves is this. They move into the next largest hall, shortly, which will seat about 900 people, but they have only 300 chairs. "What shall we do?" said Brother Reeves to the people. One gentleman offered to buy 100 chairs, others offered further help; but still he needs at least 300 more chairs to seat these friends. interested If anyone knows of chairs that could be obtained, please send word at once. Pray for the work and workers at Ilford.

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE have just completed the third of our Welsh district meetings, this time in Pontypridd, to serve the interests of our valley churches. Along with our Union president, we had a very happy time. A report of this gathering will appear later.

THEN, too, we have had our second Lay Leaders' Council in Cardiff. A goodly company of our laymen came in for counsel. We are thankful for these good men who seek opportunities to learn how to serve their Lord more excellently. Pastor H. W. Lowe s h a r e d with the writer the pleasant task of guiding the deliberations. We had a splendid spirit throughout and great freedom in discussion. We were glad to have special help from Pastor H. K. Munson and Brother R. Jacques. The sweet spirit of fellowship means so much to the children of God to-day. And we certainly had that throughout this council.

WHAT good news it was to learn that "gallant little Wales" had overtopped the £1,000 in the Ingathering for 1937. £28 over! Eighteen out of twenty-two listed churches and companies went over the goal of £2 per member! We are very proud of this achievement and sincerely thank all those who made such a splendid report possible. Newport set itself a high goal of £200 and actually came within a few shillings of reaching it. Congratulations to Newport! Mountain Ash and Rhyl head the hist. We face the task of getting the $\pounds 1,000$ for 1938 with confidence after such a splendid demonstration.

News of the campaigns in Newport and Swansea continues to be good. In Newport Brother Munson still has between two and three hundred attending. A good week-night meeting is in progress and a good visiting list is maintained.

THE Swansea effort in which we are all interested on account of its being advertised from the first as a "Seventh-Day Adventist" campaign, is developing well, and a steady attendance of 150 to 200 people is encouraging everybody. Brother F. S. Jackson is full of faith and hope for the fruitful consummation of this effort.

THEN one of our young men has begun a small campaign in the Rhondda valley. Brother Paul Cumings reports 200 at his second meeting. By the time this appears our other recruit, Brother Dennis Conroy, will have launched a special series in Cardiff. Please pray for these younger men, for we look to them to develop into strong evangelists of the future. And please pray also for all these enterprises, not forgetting Pastor T. H. Cooper in the north, who is conducting a series of meetings in Shotton.

WE welcome back to Wales Brother C. L. W. Cooke, the colporteur-evangelist. Already Brother Cooke has proved that Wales offers some of the best territory in the kingdom. Brother Smart, the Union's expert magazine worker, and Sister Green of Shotton, make up the present little colporteur force in Wales.

In these uncertain days let us draw near to the Lord. Let us be faithful to our task, and let us pray one for another. We *must* be ready for the great day. And let us be consecrated for service and forge ahead with the task of soulsaving in this important section of the Union. S. G. HYDE.

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Newbold Dorcas Society, 1937

In October last the Newbold Dorcas Society resumed its happy vocation. Our late beloved president, Sister Keough, having gone to another field of labour, Sister E. E. White, ably assisted by Sister Gordon, carried on the good work.

A fortnightly meeting was held till Christmas in the Girls' Reception Room at the College.

Sisters from the surrounding homes and such students as could spare time from studies and work brought our average attendance up to eight.

Sister V. Nord accepted the responsibility of the giving out of work to the students, and a happy young band it was.

What was accomplished at each

meeting and what was done between whiles, added to the contents of two fine parcels sent by a kind sister in one of the churches, enabled the society, at Christmas, to distribute over 180 garments.

It has been our aim to find out pressing needs in and out of the College and supply them, and we feel sure from the grateful acknowledgments of recipients-individuals, families, an east end slum mission, etc.—that that aim has been met.

The liberality of the church and interested members enabled us to meet the expenses.

As we now resume our meetings we extend our thanks to all who have helped us, and give God the glory for all that has been accomplished. D. BUCKLE,

Secretary.

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Greenock and the Advent Message

Ir was with some feelings of trepidation that we left Edinburgh at the end of October last to begin work in Greenock. We wondered just what lay ahead of us, what sort of reception we should get, and how we should begin to bring the Advent message to the 80,000 people in Greenock. It almost seemed that with a meagre working force and a scanty budget, we were attempting the impossible.

However, we have been encouraged to know that "with God all things are possible," and from the time we began to lay our plans we have been conscious of the Lord's working on our behalf. Every person we met, whether in a business capacity or otherwise,

seemed to show a kindly interest in our campaign and did all they could to help. Perhaps it was because so many shook their heads and said, "You have a hard task in Greenock."

With the help of Brother Kenneth Elias to conduct the singing and some of the brethren from Glasgow as ushers, we launched the campaign in the "Regal" cinema on November 21, 1937. In spite, or perhaps because, of the very wet evening over five hundred people turned out to hear the lecture, "Toward Calm or Calamity?" dealing with world conditions. At our second meeting we had another good audience, and from the two meetings we secured about sixty names for literature.

The smallness of our budget

made it necessary to transfer to less expensive quarters, so our third meeting was conducted in the Temperance Institute. About 250 attended this meeting, and we felt thankful to God that so many had remained with us.

The next two weeks tried our courage and tested our faith. A heavy fall of snow came and then the thermometer dropped. The streets became a real danger to pedestrians and the attendance dropped as low as seventy. We took a smaller and warmer hall in the same building, and with better weather conditions prevailing we now have an average attendance of almost 200. A steady stream of names has continued to come in requesting literature, and several homes have opened up for Bible study. So Miss McRorie and the writer are kept busy ministering to the needs of the people.

A number of requests for another meeting have been received -for which arrangements are being made. A few weeks ago Miss McRorie was asked to address a women's gathering and her message was much appreciated.

. One important point, which we must not forget to mention, is the way in which the local press has helped. Beginning with an introductory article prior to our first meeting, it has continued to announce our subjects, week by week, in the news columns and also to publish a summary of the The paper goes into lectures. nearly every home in Greenock, so we believe, in this way, the Lord is preaching to a larger audience than we see on Sunday evenings. We feel that there must be some who are waiting for the Advent message and that the measure of success will depend upon our measure of faith and yours, who hold up the evangelists and their work before the throne of grace.

While, at the moment, the prospects are bright, we do not know what the future holds. The enemy of souls is alert and we may have to face fierce onslaughts from him in the near future. Brethren and sisters, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course in the hearts of the people.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

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Providentially Called

I was working in a warehouse, when one day as I gazed out of the window a great desire came to me, as a Seventh-Day Adventist, to take the Gospel to the people whose houses I could see in the far distance. From that time forth I prayed that God would send me some definite guidance that I might know just what to do. After almost a fortnight my prayer was answered, not in the way that I had expected, but we know that "God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

It happened on the way to the prayer meeting. Just as my sister and I were getting off the bus, it gave a jerk, with the result that I fell off and sustained a fractured wrist.

This took ten weeks to get well, and at the end of that time the doctor who had been attending to my wrist was fully persuaded that I should not be able to do the work to which I had been accustomed. I took this as a sign from God and, after receiving instruction, began in the colporteur work. Since June 22, 1937, I have distributed many copies of Our Wonderful Bible in the district of South Yardley, Birmingham, and am looking forward with eager anticipation to the time when God shall call some of those who have received the books into this Advent message, to which I am thankful to belong.

JOAN MULLINER.

Even the Bookman was Touched

MRS. GRACE CLIFFORD HOWARD, Research Secretary of the Scientific Temperance Federation of Boston, Massachusetts, writes Brother Maxwell: .

"Two years ago, at the State Teachers' Convention in Maine, I was selling your Bedtime Stories at a

booth in the exhibition room. One of the bookmen from a Boston house came over to see what we were all about : we had never shown our wares before. He picked up one of your books. 'Just read this little short story and it will give you an idea of the high quality there is in that set, I said to him, turning to that touching little story, What Love is. "He finished the story, his eyes

filled with tears that were soon streaming down his cheeks, quickly



Miss Joan Mulliner.

shut the book, laid it on the table, and rushed away.

'The next day he came back. 'I

am sorry I caused you embarrassment yesterday,' I said quietly. "'I've got kids of my own,' was his only comment, and he bought an entire set to take home with him."

When Julius Cæsar Passed by Stanborough Park

It was on Cæsar's second invasion. He had fought his way through Kent, he had crossed the Thames, now he was seeking the hiding place of the brave British chief Cassibellaunus.

When he arrived at the place where the factories and chimneys of Watford now rise the Cassi

tribesmen treacherously offered to lead him to the stronghold he was seeking. It was near St. Albans.

Stanborough Park lies directly on the road from Watford to St. Albans, so the army must have marched by near the present estate. The oak trees in our wood are probably descendants of those which grew here when Cæsar passed by.

It is-but you can read more about it in the Youth's Instructor -in the series of articles soon to appear.

Spiritualist Lady and Our Books

"Gop did bless me last week," writes Miss I. M. Welch. "One morning I took seven orders, four from a spiritualist lady, which is rather unusual.

"This greatly cheered me and I definitely felt God's guidance."

Brother J. H. Greenhow also mentions that he has sold Bible Readings to six spiritualist mediums. A.W.

At Rest

BAT BEAM STEWARD.—It was the writer's sad privi-fige to conduct the funeral services of Sister Annie Elizabeth Steward (née Lily Patterson). Sister Steward was from her home Mullabrack, Gilford, Co. Down, on a brief visit to her brother's in Belfast when she was taken ill. She was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, worning, February 16, 1938. Sister Steward was well known to many of the MESSENGEA in Jreland and The Stanboroughs. She heard the Advent message about thirty-six years ago from Elder William Hutchinson, accepted it, and resigned a position of firms, and later trained as a nurse in the Belfast Sanitarium under Dr. J. Bell. She with therefore been well known to Mrs. Whiteside and myself for thirty-five years. She was loyal to the Advent truth, and although seldom present at any meeting was always interested in the progress of the work in all lands, and the success of the work is of confort to her sorrow. She as loved by all who knew her. We laid therefore brothers, and friends in the sustance of a joyful resurrection to glory.

and immortality. R. WHITESIDE. WALES.—Our dear Sister Wales fell asleep in Jesus on January 4, 1938, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. She has been a faithfui member of the Leeds Church for thirty-four years, having been baptized on October 24, 1903. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter and family, who we know will feel the loss of their loved one severely. Our prayers go out to all who mourn, and we leave our sister resting until the resurrection mora-ing, when patting will be no more. M. VAUGHAN.

British Advent Messenger

Statement of Tithes and Offerings for British Union

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WHAT a dismal experience it is to go year after year to a city that is beautiful, but without an Adventist church!

Think also of speeding through the heart of England and Scotland, and the larger part of the cities we flash through reflecting that they know nothing of the Advent movement!

Well, that is the great problem that looms before us day and night in this Union. To it, with unremitting toil and with unceasing prayer, we must address ourselves. It is a problem that can be solved when we can meet three essential conditions.

We must have the right type of worker, we must have a praying church, and we must have adequate resources for the task. Given the first two, we shall assuredly see the third requirement supplied.

HOW THE ENEMY YIELDS GROUND

Our map of these islands has its bright spots. Till recently there were no churches, or only very few members, in places like Ipswich, Darlington, Torquay, and a number of other places. About fourteen new places have been entered in two years.

Wonderful would it be if we could enter twelve new cities each year.

It should be the object of every minister to have at least one baptism each year. Even churches without ministers could accept this objective. In fact every member should take it on his soul to get souls for Christ every year of his life.

The best resistance to the enemy

On the King's Highway

of souls is to advance courageously to attack the fortresses in which he holds his captives.

A NEW CHURCH IN TORQUAY

The organization of our Torquay Church took place on February 12th. The people had obtained an old but solid building, and, by efforts that must have been prodigious, had converted it into a unique place of worship. A new floor, oak-panelled walls, a new platform with an unusual African silverwood background lent uniqueness to the building, and the services were a blessed occasion.

What a great joy to see these new churches springing up under God's blessing. The cloud of glory moves on, and we must march under its covering along the highway of Prince Emmanuel. With Him we shall go conquering and to conquer. H. W. LowE.

About the Brown Box Plan

WE were recently asked if it is desirable for members to give money direct to an evangelist instead of putting such funds through the treasurer as Evangelistic Box money.

Such a plan is certainly not desirable. Indeed, if it grows among our members, it will put us in great perplexity.

In order to make funds available for public evangelism, we estimate how much income each conference or mission can expect from (a) tithe, (b) evangelistic boxes, and (c) general or miscellaneous gifts. We then divide this total sum so that each evangelist receives a certain amount for the year's work.

If, therefore, in addition to the amount thus given to an evangelist, members give him their personal evangelistic box money, the conference estimated income is reduced. If this habit were widespread, we might be unable in some fields to keep our financial promises to our evangelists.

We much prefer the money from the little brown evangelistic boxes put through the regular church channels. In the same way, the General Conference is urging that all mission offerings be sent through regular church channels, and that no effort be made to send funds to mission, missionaries, or other organizations in any other way.

H. W. Lowe.

Key Thoughts on Soul-Winning

THE work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness. Some, even among professing Christians, are unable to see that the work of the Gospel is to be supported by the means that Christ has given them.—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, page 52.

Wedding Bells

FELLOWS-MORLEY.—A pretty wedding was celebrated on August 1, 1937, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Ilkeston, when Samuel Fellows and Miss Elizabeth Morley, employees of The Stanboroughs, were united in marriage. The guests were entertained in the home of a relative of the bride. We wish these young people every happiness. The service was conducted by the writer. O. M. DORLAND.

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