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The Spirit of Sacrifice

By W. E. READ

THE third angel's message calls for faith and sacrifice. One of the outstanding characteristics of God's remnant people is that they have "the faith of Jesus," and this, too, in a time when there is but little faith in the world. Many centuries ago the Master Himself raised the question: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. Now in these days when the three-fold message is being preached to the world, there comes this word from the same blessed Lord, that He has a people on the earth, and that they have the faith of Jesus. May we be numbered among that people.

Another feature which is to characterize those who are waiting for the glorious advent of the Saviour is sacrifice. The sweet singer of Israel in the days of ancient Israel declared that when the Saviour returns, the commission will be given to the angels: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Psa. 50:5.

At such a time as this, when unbelief abounds, and when the enemy of truth is doing everything possible to undermine the faith of the children of God, we are called upon to have not only faith in Jesus, but the faith of Jesus. Furthermore, at this time when selfishness is one of the outstanding characteristics of our day, when men are gathering all to themselves, and thinking more of self than of others, in this time God's will to His people is that they enter

into a covenant with Him, and that that covenant be a covenant of sacrifice.

What important considerations these are for us as leaders and workers in the cause of God! How important it is that we be true examples to the believers. When writing to Timothy, the apostle Paul counselled him to be "an example to the believers in charity, . . . in faith." 1 Tim. 4:12.

Ere long we shall be making an appeal to all our churchmembers to join in the special Week of Sacrifice, and the appeal we make will be strengthened as we lead the way in this spiritual exercise. Such a call means much; it means the sacrifice of personal ambitions, of personal desires, it means yielding the heart to the Lord and giving to the work of God at this time. This calls not merely for what we can afford. After all, there might be a question as to whether that is a sacrifice. A sacrifice is that which costs something. If we consider our own needs and meet all these first of all, and give to the Lord a part of that which is left over, is that sacrifice? Is not this what one did in ancient days? We read in Isaiah forty-four that a man hews down a tree, he takes a part of it for fuel, and so warms himself. He takes another part and with it bakes his bread. Then with the residue, that which is left over after he has met all his own needs, he makes a god, and falls down and worships it.

May the Lord help us as His servants so to surrender our hearts to Him, that in everything we may live a life of genuine sacrifice unto the Lord.

Now we come to the time of the year when a special call is made to all the Advent believers to join in a Week of Sacrifice. For us as workers it means a week's salary. This applies to all who are employed in the work, whether in the field or in the institutions. We naturally look to every worker to have a part in this special effort and thus experience the blessings resultant from sacrificial giving to the cause of God. We might think of the following:

1. An Example to Others.

This is vital. Leaders should lead, and as true leaders we would naturally lead the way, doing what we ask the believers to do, and in this, as in other matters, be an example to them.

2. The Needs of the Work.

Never were there more providential openings than to-day. Never were our committees faced with such problems as at this time. We are counting on a large offering in the Week of Sacrifice this year, so that we may answer some of the many calls which are pressing in upon us.

3. The Blessing that Comes from Giving to God.

The giving which springs from love to God always brings joy and blessing. Love needs no urge to give. Giving springs spontane-

ously wherever there is love. "God so loved that He gave," and giving on our part will be a delight as "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts."

May the Lord bless us all in this important and mighty hour that we may understand our duty, and then

Work in the West Kenya Mission

BY F. H. THOMAS

LOOKING back over the past months we find much for which we should praise the Lord. Revival meetings have been held in a number of districts, and churches once full of trouble and strife are pulling together again under the unifying influence of the Spirit of God, and doing more earnest work.

The usual evangelistic efforts were held in June, in which lay members figured prominently. Ten new Sabbath-schools have been started round one mission station as a result. There are applications for new schools where the children of the interested parents may be educated in the simplest of subjects, but it seems impossible to answer these calls except by asking them to be patient.

So far only one camp meeting has been held instead of the usual two. This was conducted at Kanyadoto Mission with a larger attendance than the previous year. We had some excellent meetings with all phases of the work represented. The young people took their part enthusiastically and provided many recitations of Scripture passages, including the Sabbath-school memory verses for the year. The Sabbath-school offerings at this station for the first six months of the present year almost equalled the total for the whole of 1935. Daily study of the lesson is rapidly increasing throughout the field and it is becoming an increasingly difficult problem for the African secretary to make out all of the Perfect Record Cards each quarter. Unfortunately the weather was against us for the last two days of the camp, and several meetings had to be cancelled. The baptism was conducted on Sabbath afternoon,

do our part in the fear of God. Soon the time of testing will be over. Soon the burdens and trials of the work will cease. Ere long the Lord will commission His angels: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

when 189 passed through the watery grave and came forth to follow their Master. Two weeks later the Gendia camp should have convened, but this had to be postponed indefinitely at the eleventh hour owing to a severe epidemic of influenza. This brought disappointment to all, but we now look forward to meeting in January. We proceeded with the baptisms in several districts and to date have baptized 250 candidates, with twelve still remaining to receive this ordinance. Altogether this brings our baptisms up to 451 for this year, which is the highest number added in this way since 1931. For this we feel deeply grateful to God and ask an interest in your prayers that they may remain faithful to the end.

It brings us encouragement to see a further reduction in the number of apostasies. If the present rate continues we should show a drop of sixty-six per cent at the end of the year over the figures for 1935.

Most of our readers are aware of the fact that our established churches in this field are self-supporting, so far as concerns the salary of our African workers. In addition to this they also contribute a percentage of their tithes and offerings toward the work of taking this message to new fields adjacent to them. The work is onward in these new fields in Utende and Central Kavirondo. Twenty-six of our baptisms were in these fields and among them are several men who we feel confident will provide us with good workers in the future. As a Mission we have a reputation for doing a strong work. This is as it should be and

is in harmony with God's plan for the last days. The peoples of these districts are looking to us for something better than they have ever known before. They expect us to do better educational work than any other Mission, and they are sending their children to us. I visited one such school and found there about 120 children mostly between the ages of six and twelve ready to welcome me. They are coming faithfully, and not for mere head knowledge. On the Sabbath afternoon the same children provided a programme of Scripture recitations, songs, etc., lasting over three hours, and then we had to ask them to stop. Many of them had two and three chapters of the Bible ready to recite. A number of these children have left another Mission school and come over to us because we teach them the Word of God faithfully. Before I left, a deputation of the fathers came to see me and requested that we try to provide them with better educational facilities. As this school only teaches up to Standard I the request was quite modest you will agree. I was sympathetic and yet I knew in my heart that there wasn't a hope of doing anything more for them unless our good believers at home could strengthen our hands. This is merely one request, but I had four more on the same trip. It makes our hearts ache to receive these calls, to see the desperate need of the people, and yet feel helpless to do anything.

In the Utende field we have progressed slowly for lack of funds when we ought to have pressed in strongly, for there was no opposition from any other Mission. Now the Catholics have started a Mission with a white worker in charge, and what could have been an easier task is going to be a very difficult one. Our nearest white worker is eighty to ninety miles away by road. These people are appealing to us to send in a white worker, too, so that the whole country may not come under the influence of the papacy. The chief of a large section is an Adventist and this is in our favour, and means that he would use his influence in the opening up of our schools. The work is promis-

and the few believers we have are very faithful in their offerings to help forward the work in their field, but our facilities are meagre to compete with the work being done by the other Mission.

May the Lord open our eyes to see the fields already white to harvest, and having caught a vision may we be inspired to do our part faithfully so that the harvest may not be lost for lack of reapers.

sake of helping newer and weaker enterprises. The older fields show a generous spirit. Some of the workers make big personal sacrifices rather than see the work held up.

News from Kenya

BY W. T. BARTLETT

Our trip out to East Africa was a very pleasant one. After a wintry start from Genoa, the weather soon became milder. No one was sick. Brother and Sister Pedersen enjoyed their first voyage. There were over twenty missionaries on board, and I was asked to speak twice at the Sunday services.

My first Sabbath at Nairobi was a busy one. I was driven to a church eighty miles away in the Kamba country for the morning service. This was one of the places where our native evangelist, Jeremia Oyigo, has been pioneering, and about 100 were present in the grass-roofed church. The chief of the district was present and asked for a European missionary to be sent who would live among them. Two of his sons are attending our Kamagambo School, 400 miles away. The door is now wide open to us in the Kamba country, and the enemies who have so far hindered our entrance would rejoice greatly if for any reason we failed to use our opportunity.

After the service we drove back to Karura where, that same morning, a pleasant church building had been dedicated. It was built of stone, with a tiled floor, suitable windows, and an iron roof. We were in time to witness the baptism of five people in the church baptistery. A congregation of about 300 filled the building. The church structure had no debt on it, and had been paid for by private gifts without any aid from the Division.

The Committee of the East African Union met at Karura on the Monday morning and spent seven crowded and strenuous but happy days in working through the agenda of 139 items. We finished just before bedtime on the last day.

First, it was necessary to find £250 which the Division had deducted from the appropriation.

There were some large reserves on hand but these were the moneys of the native churches, deposited with the Union in the belief that the money would be safer there than in any bank. These funds were sacred. There was a working capital of £500, and from this the money was taken. Of the £250 left, £270 was immediately needed to finance the purchase of cars by two workers. So the Union has to operate on its monthly remittances with nothing in hand.

Why must a missionary have a car? Because it vastly increases his mobility. In the old days a journey of 125 miles consumed a week. Now it fits in between morning school and lunch. Two missionaries now supervise work that employed seven families. Cars are expensive to operate, but they are cheaper than European workers in Africa.

The work to-day makes heavy demands on the worker. Able men are needed. I was glad to see our workers developing strength. They understand the tremendous needs and press their pleas hard. Yet they surrender their rights for the

God co-operates with the missionaries. Brother W. W. Armstrong has a valuable recruit in a qualified Kikuyu teacher. It was a new experience for me to speak in English and have an African translate my words into Kikuyu. Such a gain greatly accelerates the speed of our development at Karura Mission.

The Lord seems to be blessing in the move from Nakuru to Kenya's capital city, Nairobi. The office headquarters in Nakuru have been suddenly sold, almost to our surprise, and already the superintendent has been able to move into our new headquarters in Nairobi. The office is now located in Armstrong Buildings on the main business street of Nairobi, and has space enough to provide for the Sabbath services and for public Sunday meetings. I was greatly pleased to see these developments in my old field. God is with us in the East African Union.

TRUE PRAYER

God looks not at the oratory of our prayers, how eloquent they are; nor at their arithmetic, how many they are; nor at their logic, how methodical they are; but looks at their sincerity, how spiritual they are.—A. MacLaren, D.D.

PROJECTS

FOR THIS YEAR'S MISSIONS EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Equipment for new station school in Nigeria	Sh.	2,000
Equipment for new station school in Gold Coast	Sh.	2,000
Toward extension of Newbold College	Sh.	10,000

PUBLISHING WORK

Extra facilities for Press in East Africa	Sh.	2,000
For Publishing Centre in Gold Coast	Sh.	2,000

NEW WORK

Toward new station in Ivory Coast	Sh.	4,000
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In the West Nordic Union

BY L. MUDERSPACH

IF you would take a trip through the territory of the West Nordic Union Conference, starting from the most northerly point, you would pass "from Greenland's icy mountains," by Iceland's volcanoes and glaciers, the great and mighty rocks of the Faroe Islands, Spitzbergen's coal mines, through the land of the Lapps with their reindeer, among the hardy Norwegian fishermen, striving to earn a living from their toils in the rough, ice-bound northern seas, down to the smiling, green fields and groves of little Denmark.

In Denmark you would find that one out of every thousand of the inhabitants was a Seventh-Day Adventist. In Norway and Iceland our members are mostly to be found living along the coast-lines, by the deep fjords, and on the many islands. You would find a good church with some fifty members, and an even larger Sabbath-school, in the most northerly city in the world—Hammerfest.

Greenland and Spitzbergen are closed countries. Only ministers from the Danish and Norwegian State churches are permitted to preach there. We have, however, scattered literature in these regions and, as a result, several are now interested in present truth. We have not done as much as we would like to do for the Lapps in the northern part of Norway. Years ago we worked among them, but without any great results. We have a few believers among them, but no organized church.

Our field is one of the oldest Seventh-Day Adventist mission fields in the world, Denmark being the first conference to be organized outside of the United States. The fact that we have to work in four or five languages is somewhat of a handicap. Instead of having just one Union school we must have two, one in Denmark, and one in Norway. For many years our publishing house in Oslo served both Norway and Denmark, but owing to certain restrictions, we are now unable to get money out of Denmark to pay for the printing of

Danish literature, so two publishing houses must be operated. The same difficulty confronts us along other lines.

Our institutional work is comparatively strong. When we consider the fact that we have approximately only six million people among whom to work, and that the sales of our eighty literature evangelists amount to \$100,000 a year as a result of visiting every house in the different countries just once a year, we feel we have every reason to thank God for our Publishing Department.

From a very small beginning, our health work has grown into a department worth more than one million dollars. No less than 600 of our members are engaged in health work in our Union. Of these, nine are physicians and 250 are nurses. In addition to the Skodsborg Sanitarium, we have good treatment-rooms in Copenhagen and Oslo, and scattered throughout Denmark, Norway, and Iceland, we have more than fifty other institutions, some large, some small, that are operated privately by nurses who received their training at the Skodsborg Sanitarium. These are all doing good work, and shed an influence abroad that is helpful to the cause of God. They do charity work to the amount of about Kr.100,000 a year.

During the first three days of this year we had a most interesting Health Convention at Skodsborg, to which had come 120 leaders and workers from our health institutions in different parts of Scandinavia. They discussed with great enthusiasm the different phases of their work, and the difficulties with which they are confronted as the result of new laws enacted. All returned to their work with new courage and hope.

Our educational work is making good progress. We have eight church schools, with a total enrollment of 250 pupils, and two mission schools (academies) with 125 students attending.

During the past ten years we have sent out from our educational



Leaders of our sixty health institution convention at Skodsborg Sanitarium.

and health institutions about fifty missionaries to the mission fields of East and West Africa. Many of them have had to return home because of sickness and other reasons. The brethren who returned at the time of the outbreak of the Italian-Ethiopian war met with great success lecturing throughout the countries, and an unprecedented opportunity was given to us to write in some of the largest daily newspapers, telling of our mission work in Ethiopia, and acquainting the people with our faith and work. Since that time the press has been more interested in our institutions in the homeland, and send journalists to report on them. The articles that have appeared as a result have been most favourable.

We thank God for what He has

Departmental Activities

In our West Nordic Union we now have 178 Sabbath-schools, with nearly 5,000 adult members. If we add to this our 833 members in the children's division, we have a total membership of nearly 5,800. Last year our Sabbath-schools gave Kr.81,233 in gifts to missions.

We follow the Teachers' Training Course in the study of *Testimonies for the Sabbath-School*.



Nordic Union who attended the health conference, December 31, 1936 to January 3, 1937.

done in these northern countries, but we look forward to still greater things. Our greatest need is to lift the spiritual life of the churches, but we find ourselves somewhat handicapped, as so few of them have their own meeting places. Over 100 churches have to rent a hall at a comparatively high cost for their Sabbath meetings, and often cannot afford to rent them for any services during the week. Where, then, can they have their prayer meetings, Missionary Volunteer meetings, Dorcas societies, etc.? These are of great importance to spiritual life. The churches are doing their best to collect funds, but we cannot get enough to build. However, we are of good courage and press forward, hoping soon to reach the promised land.

West Nordic Union

This coming spring we are planning to hold six Sabbath-school conventions in Norway, and still others in Denmark during the fall. As soon as possible, we shall translate and print some of the leaflets issued by the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference.

Our 137 churches, with 6,849 members, take part in the various

home missionary activities—holding Bible readings, Dorcas societies, Home Nursing bands, doing welfare work, and writing missionary letters. Last year we distributed 92,000 copies of our Harvest Ingathering magazine, and almost reached our goal for the Union. We would have reached the remaining one and one-half per cent but for some special difficulties we had to cope with. We plan on increasing our activities in the future. Our members love the Lord and His cause.

In the welfare work our sisters have had many interesting experiences. While visiting the poor and destitute homes, they have found such poverty and wretchedness that they could hardly believe their eyes. It certainly is a joy to them to see how happy these families are for the help rendered.

At our last Union meeting we adopted the "Win-One" movement as recommended by the General Conference.

In the Missionary Volunteer work we have a splendid body of young people. There are 1,503 senior members and 565 junior members in our fifty-three missionary volunteer societies. They have their own sixteen-page monthly paper, called *Advent Ungdom* (The

Advent Young People). They take a lively part in it by writing articles. In this paper we discuss problems confronting our young men and women, and try to encourage them to follow right principles, and use their energies in working for our dear Master. In many cases the sunshine bands organized in the societies are doing a splendid work in visiting the sick and singing to those in hospitals. In some places our young people are working with evangelistic efforts.

This winter we are holding three Young People's Conventions in Denmark. Last summer we held a very good congress for our missionary volunteers in Norway, and combined spiritual help with excursions and out-of-door life. This summer we are going to hold a Young People's Congress for Denmark and Norway, August 10th to 15th, at our Vejlebjerg Mission School, Daugaard, Denmark.

We feel that there is much work to be done yet, and that the time is short. As soon as possible we are going to translate *Messages to Young People, The Great Second Advent Movement*, and some of the General Conference missionary volunteer leaflets. We want to hasten the coming of the day of God and to be ready to meet Him when He comes.

The South Norway Conference

BY O. S. LIE

DURING the seven years since the reorganization of the conference, we are able to show a net gain of 491 believers. Our present membership is 2,136, which is divided into thirty-nine churches and forty-six Sabbath-schools.

During the past year our tithe amounted to Kr.135,208.82, which is an increase of Kr.7,970.12 compared with the previous year. In offerings we have received Kr.89,208.82 as against Kr.73,738.14 in 1935. Never before in the history of the Harvest Ingathering have we met with such good results as in 1936. We are very happy for the good increase and hope it will continue during this year.

At present the conference em-

ploy five ordained ministers, two licentiates and six Bible-workers. By the help of the Lord these workers bring the message to as many of the two million inhabitants as possible. During the past few years several of our church elders and lay brethren have held public meetings and brought the knowledge of the truth to many. Some have won as many as twelve to the message through their campaigns. This winter, one of our church elders is having an effort in the outskirts of Oslo, and six have already decided to stand on the Lord's side. Our efficient and God-fearing lay brethren can do a great work in winning souls, and we must encourage more to take

part in this kind of endeavour.

There are great possibilities in our conference for the young people whom we value highly. In many respects they perform a great and blessed work. Several of the young people's societies are holding a kind of public effort, and every year they win new souls for God and this message. They know how to use our truth-filled literature. During the Ingathering Campaign they bring in thousands of kroner to the church. Without their help it would be impossible for us to reach the conference goal. It pays to look after our youth. We need grace and wisdom in helping them onward on life's pathway.

We must not forget to mention our school at Onsrud, where efficient and God-fearing teachers train and educate a large part of our youth. In these days of disorganization our schools are places of refuge, where many find shelter

from the storms raging in the world.

Our literature work has for many years met with great success. The Norwegians read a great deal, and we have a large group of God-fearing, courageous workers, who do not avoid difficulties or get discouraged when the world goes against them. Our colporteurs are often in real danger of their lives, but the Lord holds His strong arm over them. During the years these workers have laboured through the country in all directions, distributing hundreds of thousands of books and papers, the worth of which would amount to many million kroner.

Norway is one of the best fields in the world in which to labour. May the Lord give us grace and wisdom so to work that we may meet with success, and reap a harvest of souls that is in comparison with the advantages and opportunities that we have up here in the North.

The Welsh Mission

BY S. G. HYDE

THE territory of the Welsh Mission includes, in addition to Wales itself (or the Principality, as it is often called), the border counties of Monmouthshire, Herefordshire, and Shropshire.

The headquarters of the mission is in Cardiff, the commercial capital of Wales. Contrary to the general impression, Cardiff is a very clean city and very attractive. There are no evidences of the mineral which has made Cardiff so important—for the South Wales coal trade was responsible for the phenomenal growth of its population within the last 100 years, from 3,500 to almost 250,000. Even Cardiff's famous docks, with its reputed world's largest walled dock, and its many coal tips, do not encroach upon the city itself or spoil its amenities.

For some forty years we have been working in this territory. Yet the membership has only reached about 475. Such slow growth suggests a difficult field. But that is

not the only reason. Up in the valleys, not many miles from Cardiff, there used to be two flourishing churches. These have disappeared. And migration is largely responsible. The great economic changes of the past twenty years have left South Wales, where most of the people live, a depressed area, a veritable industrial black spot. An unusual number of young people have left their homeland to find a place in one or other of our institutions.

But, in spite of all this, there has been progress. If one or two churches have disappeared, others have come into being. But we need a larger staff. Apart from the writer, there is but one ordained minister. With us are three licenced ministers, one male and three lady Bible-workers, to serve twenty churches and companies, and to bring the message to nearly four million people. We have some twenty-three towns with a population of 10,000 or more, yet aggres-

sive work is being done in but four of them. But a still greater wonder is, that after forty years, we must admit that we have not produced *one* Welsh-speaking evangelist. We pray that such a worker be found in the not too distant future to bring the Advent hope to those who live in the Welsh-speaking areas.

If we need a larger staff, we also need a more aggressive laity and a larger baptism of spiritual power. Only thus shall we be able to offset the constant toll of migration, and grow appreciably in numbers. Our membership is looking hopefully forward to the time when we shall reach the 500 mark, and become eligible for conference status.

Another great need is that of church buildings. We have but two really representative places of worship—in Newport, where we have our largest church membership, and Brother Edwards is pastoring the work, and at Barry Dock. In Cardiff we have to worship in a building so positioned that we are ashamed to tell friends where it is! The meeting-place at Swansea is worse.

But with it all, we have a fine body of people, many of whom, in spite of unemployment of long standing, remain loyal, and faithfully support the cause they love. Perhaps we should mention something about unemployment here. Thirty miles from Cardiff there is a town, with steel works, that used to provide £30,000 weekly in wages. The town is now "dead" and ninety per cent of its inhabitants are out of work. Most of them have not worked for ten years, and scores of young men have never worked in their lives. In another, just a few miles away, sixty per cent are unemployed. There are 50,000 unemployed in the famous Rhondda valleys alone. In addition, there is bad housing and much disease. No wonder these one-time fervent Christians are turning to Communism for hope. Oh, that we might bring real hope to these stricken peoples. Oh, for more consecrated workers, and the means to enable us to take the message of hope to these distressed areas.

At the present time Wales is contributing some £3,000 annually

in tithes and offerings. Every year our members collect their £2 per member in the Ingathering Campaign. We are hoping that the spirit of evangelism will possess more of our dear people, and that the "win one" movement will spread in our churches. We also have a fine body of local leaders, and a fine group of "local preachers" who aid us in providing weekly spiritual help for all our groups and believers.

In February we are planning to begin aggressive work in Cardiff.

We have secured one of the three most important cinemas in the city, situated right on the main shopping street. We invite the prayerful interest of all who read these lines. Campaigns are also in progress in Neath and Barry Dock. Brethren Nicholson and Cooper are the evangelists respectively. Both are having an up-hill experience. They also need your prayerful interest.

May the Lord help us to make real progress during this new year, is our sincere prayer.

burgh, Dundee, and Aberdeen, and, because of the many efforts which have been conducted in these towns within recent years, we have found the usual methods of advertising becoming less and less effective in drawing the crowds to our public services. In the smaller efforts this year we have been experimenting with the projector-scope, and we find it is possible to obtain a good audience with much less advertising. The film holds the people's attention, and the lecture can be made exceedingly clear. We are convinced that there is a great future for this method of evangelism; not only for our lay brethren, but also for our workers.

Our church building problem is a real one. The circumstances in Edinburgh are such that it looks as though we shall need to buy a place before we can be sure of any degree of satisfaction. The time is long overdue for a representative church building in the capital of Scotland. In Aberdeen the prospects are bright in this respect, and it is most probable that we shall have the exclusive use of a central place for our church in the course of a few weeks.

The final figures, with reference to our tithes and offerings, are not yet to hand. Our people have shown a good spirit of love and loyalty to the message throughout the year, although a few of our best supporters have had unfortunate experiences in business, and this has affected us just a little.

Nevertheless we face the new year with undaunted courage and confidence in God, believing that He has great things in store for us, greater achievements for us to attain, and, above everything else, we are praying for a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful in finishing the work to which we have set our hands.

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EVANGELISM

*Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power,
A battle cry, a flaming breath
That calls to conquest or to death,
A word to rouse the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest,
The call is given: ye hosts, arise!
Our watchword is—EVANGELIZE!
—Selected.*

The Scottish Mission

BY L. MURDOCH

THE people of Scotland make much of the New Year. Not only is it a most important holiday season, but it is also the time when we naturally take a retrospective view, so that we may learn lessons from the past and plan intelligently for the future. As we look back over the year, we are again made conscious of God's leading and blessing in our mission.

The Week of Prayer meetings were never so well attended, and the Lord manifested His power in a marked manner, enabling many who for years have been struggling with besetting sins to experience complete victory.

Perhaps the most cheering feature is the spirit of evangelism which has taken possession of our people. Definite plans are already in operation, in every church and company, to increase the membership. With the help of our lay brethren, we have commenced work in Glasgow, Stirling, Uddingston, and Kirkcaldy, and, before the end of January, we shall be conducting campaigns in Edinburgh, Leith, Paisley, Dundee, and Aberdeen. Never before have we launched such a large programme, and we are expecting great things under the blessing of God. The small company of believers in the old town of Stirling, famous for its proximity to Bannockburn, have, during the last few years, accumulated sufficient money to enable them to conduct a self-sup-

porting campaign. So favourable was the interest created at the beginning, that the editor of the best local paper wrote the following letter to us: "I do not know whether you had a lecture last week, but no report arrived. It was my intention to write, asking you to send it on as usual. The last report you sent was unfortunately withheld, owing to pressure of space, but we shall be glad to have all future lectures. Will you take this as a standing request, which will obviate the necessity of my writing?" Before receiving this letter three reports had been published in this newspaper, announcing that these lectures were under the auspices of the Scottish Advent Mission. Never having been given this opportunity before, although we had made many attempts, we were not too hopeful of getting our lectures published regularly, especially as we were beginning to present our doctrinal subjects. When the fourth report did not appear we thought the privilege had come to an end. Imagine our surprise when we received the letter, as quoted above. We believe, as a result of this lay effort, and the articles which are appearing from week to week, much good will be accomplished, prejudice broken down, and our message given publicly, such as it has never enjoyed before in Scotland. The population in our mission, in the main, centres around Glasgow, Edin-

The Irish Mission

BY E. E. CRAVEN

THE Irish Mission can only boast of 163 members. These members are to be found in and around the two great capital cities of Dublin and Belfast. Quite a number of our people are isolated, and, like Daniel of old, they are staunch and true to the Advent message.

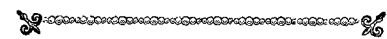
We have two ordained ministers, two licentiates, and two Bible-workers. These workers are to be found in Derry, Belfast, Lisburn, Dublin, and Cork. We have two organized churches, with church buildings, and several companies. We can only boast of one faithful colporteur.

In our Belfast church we are fortunate to have as local leader a godly surgeon, whose influence spreads far and wide.

The writer has worked in many cities and churches, and it is a profound pleasure and joy to meet with the members in the Irish Mission. All have a fervent desire to see the message go forward. All seem to be living positive Christian lives in their neighbourhoods.

We are hoping to make several additions this coming year. In the next few weeks every worker will be launching out in new efforts to save the lost. Pastor J. G. Bevan

will attempt to take the gates of Londonderry. Brother Zins will try to win others in Cork. Brother Walton, with Yorkshire courage, will quietly work away in Dublin, and the writer will storm Belfast.



What Shall We Raise This Year in the Big Week Campaign?

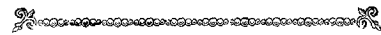
In 1934 we raised Sh. 46,417

In 1935 we raised Sh. 32,260

In 1936 we raised Sh. 25,641

What shall it be this year?

Shall we try to raise 50,000 shillings and thus have a good overflow to answer some needy calls in the home fields?



We in Ireland are up against that stony wall of prejudice. Dear fellow-worker, will you pray for us in the "land of saints," that God will give us of His Spirit, and that 1937 will be the best in the history of the Irish Mission? We are of good courage!

Notes from the Secretary

DURING the first quarter of 1937 the following missionaries have sailed from their homelands to the mission fields of the Northern European Division:

S. G. Maxwell and family to East Africa (returning).

T. H. Fielding and wife to Gold Coast (returning).

L. Edmonds and family to Nigeria (returning).

H. A. Matthews and family to East Africa (returning).

Miss Marjory Lewis to East Africa.

W. McClements and wife to Nigeria (returning).

Miss Doris H. Fraser to Nigeria.

Miss A. S. Nuka to Sierra Leone (returning).

Mrs. W. G. Till and son to Nigeria (returning).

G. E. NORD, who is visiting our missions in West Africa, reports splendid meetings held in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Gold Coast. Elder Nord will also visit Nigeria and the Cameroons before his return to England.

W. T. BARTLETT is at present itinerating in the East African and Upper Nile Union Missions. We are indeed happy that Elder Branson, vice-president of the General Conference, has been able to include Kenya and Uganda in his visit to other parts of Africa, and are sure that these fields will be greatly

blessed as the result of the ministry and counsel of these two brethren.

W. H. TEESDALE, associate secretary of the General Conference Educational Department, spent the months of January and February in the Northern European Division. In company with J. I. Robison, Division educational secretary, he visited all our secondary schools, and also attended a special meeting of the Newbold College Board to study plans for the development of that institution. Dr. Teesdale's visit and counsel were greatly appreciated.

C. E. WEAKS, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, is expected to arrive in England about April 1st. He will assist in the Division Publishing Convention to be held at Stanborough Park, Watford, England, April 4th to 8th, and then, with L. A. Vixie, Division publishing secretary, will hold a series of colporteur institutes in different parts of the Division.

We are glad to report that during 1936 one hundred and sixty-nine souls were baptized in the truth in the Gold Coast Mission, and their baptismal class numbers increased from 539 to 1,102. This is a good showing for the Gold Coast which, we trust, will be even better during 1937.

THE Thirteenth Sabbath of the second quarter of 1937 will be Jubilee Sabbath for the world field. It is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of the Thirteenth Sabbath plan, and the Sabbath-School Department is expecting a double offering on that day so that some of the urgent calls may be answered. Let everyone begin to plan now for this special gift.

J. I. ROBISON.

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