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Be Confident!

By H. W. LOWE

THE disposition of world events to-day is such that general instability is attacking every form of faith. Faith in promises is perishing, faith in all forms of relationship is waning, faith in men is at a low ebb, and faith in God is vanishing. The result is a general spirit of despair, and a surrender of belief in goodness, mercy, progress, in spiritual values, and in any form of redemption of the human race. All this will lead to an eventual and universal adoption of erroneous ideas, hateful philosophies, and false religion beyond anything yet conceived. "Many have no faith in God and have lost confidence in man."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 145. On this basis we can see the way prepared for a fulfilment of such prophecies as Revelation chapter thirteen.

We should not give undue study to such thoughts. It is better to dwell on the constructive, inspiring side of positive faith.

WE MUST HAVE FAITH ALWAYS

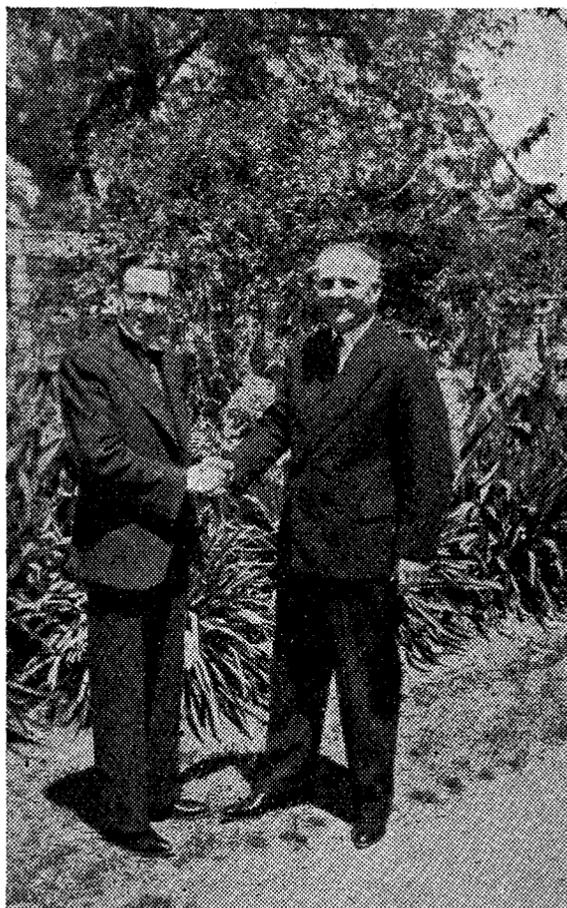
"You will ever find with the true Christian a marked cheerfulness, a holy, happy confidence in God, a submission to His providences, that is refreshing to the soul."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 377.

Even in these crisis times we must preserve and develop a cheerful confidence that will inspire hope wherever we are, and whatever happens. We are all Christ's ambassadors, and ambassadors do not run away in despair. They hope

on and work on to the last. We owe a duty to the community to serve and to inspire.

WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN GOD

One of the most striking instances of faith in God against outward evidence is the life of Abraham. We are told, "Just such faith and confidence as Abraham had, the messengers of God need to-day." But what kind of faith did



Pastor W. L. Emerson meets "Uncle Arthur" in California.

he have? "With only the naked promise that his descendants should possess Canaan, *without the least outward evidence*, he followed on where God should lead, fully and sincerely complying with the conditions on his part, and confident that the Lord would perform His word."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 4, page 524.

We have much evidence of God's ripening purpose on earth. Let us have faith and comply with all God's requirements for His church.

WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN EACH OTHER

It is Satanic work that seeks to undermine men's faith in men. To-day, as individuals, we are called upon to make momentous decisions. Now that war has broken out still more difficult decisions will need to be made. It will become easy to criticize the other man at my elbow. We must not cultivate this spirit. "This spirit will constantly be striving for the mastery to the close of time. Satan is seeking to foster it, in order that brethren in their ignorance may seek to devour one another."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 189.

The church must stand united in a brotherly confidence that has its source in God and in His Christ.



Military Service Matters

EVERY man among us will now have to give some serious thought to the provisions of the Military Service Bills which affect those

between the ages of eighteen and forty-one. Many inquiries are reaching us as to what the denomination has done to assist those affected by this form of war service. Some seem to have certain misconceptions as to what can be done, while others simply want facts for their guidance.

Firstly, it is not possible for any religious denomination to make any provision for certain forms of war service, nor for exemption from other forms of service. Every man will have to stand on the basis of his own convictions. Whatever a man's convictions, this denomination will stand by him and help him to the utmost. For the guidance of those who are genuinely exercised as to what should be the attitude of a Christian Adventist to war we have published a booklet entitled, *Our Relationship to War*, which can be obtained gratis from this office on application. Applications should be initialled by the church elder or conference worker.

Secondly, the present procedure seems to be that men will receive a calling-up notice demanding their appearance for medical examination at a specified place, whereupon the person called will have forty-eight hours in which to register as a conscientious objector. This registration will be at the Labour Exchange, unless local authorities have specified some other place.

Thirdly, the applicant will then receive notice in a short time asking him to appear before the local tribunal or some such body, to state his objections to military service, etc. He may be allowed to have a friend with him to speak on his behalf if called upon to do so. Applicants should therefore determine now just what person they would like to be present, and make their arrangements well ahead.

Fourthly, our Adventist men would be entitled to state:

(a) Their objections to all forms of military service, or

(b) Their objection to combatant military service, and their attitude with regard to work that is not necessary and merciful on the Sabbath.

Fifthly, the tribunal will have the right to grant men exemption from combatant military duty, and

in certain cases exemption from all kind of national service. It has to be added that this denomination does not incline to the view that we ought to ask to be excused from every form of national service in a time of emergency. See our pamphlet mentioned above for details on this point of view.

Sixthly, every man affected should apply to this office for a certificate of membership of the

Seventh-Day Adventist denomination, whose principles of belief are stated on the reverse side of the certificate. Apply early. Our ministers and leaders are ready to counsel with any men who need help, and we shall prayerfully support them in every possible way, but rest assured that a man must have his own genuine convictions before God and stand upon them regardless of all else. H. W. LOWE.

Notes from the Union President

WAR has come with all its dislocations and perplexities. Now is the time when we must keep our heads cool and our minds centred on the Lord. In our churches we should plan to keep the work moving along as evenly as we can. It may be necessary to adapt our methods somewhat to changed conditions. For instance, the Ingathering work may change its character slightly, and with this in mind we are preparing two small tracts on questions vital to these times, which our Ingatherers can take with them to give away to the public whether they donate anything to missions or not. We must let people see that our message caters for the needs of the multitude.

Owing to air raid conditions which are likely to become more acute it may even be necessary to vary the times of our meetings, especially at night. What matters more than changing the time is that we should be more devoted to the service of God in times like these.

Perhaps the greatest perplexities will come to us at headquarters and in our institutions. Our Sanitarium is now under Government control, and is known as the Ministry of Health Psychiatric Hospital. Special cases of nervous disorder will find their way here, and a staff of specialists will give them attention. Our nurses and our own staff have all been retained excepting the doctors and the chaplain. Despite some problems that may come, our staff will get a valuable experience in the treatment of a form of nervous disorder which very often comes within the scope of our sanitarium work. Our members should understand that our Adventist principles will not be

practised in their entirety by the Government officers, but our staff will receive every consideration in matters that are vital to their religious belief. We feel that the Lord has guided in placing our matron and our manager in positions of responsibility under the Government officials, and this should tend to obviate many perplexities, especially with regard to Sabbath duties, etc.

OUR College opened on the 6th under normal conditions with an enrolment of about 100, which is only about twenty less than we expected. There is scarcely any continental department this year owing to war conditions. Reports to the effect that our College has been taken over by the Government are altogether untrue.

OUR Granose Factory operates from day to day under Government licence, which, of course, will bring its perplexities if conditions grow worse. This institution is, however, doing very well in its trading accounts this year. The Press is finding conditions a little more difficult, but we are pressing on with this department of the work, which, like others, should continue as normally as possible.

DR. J. E. CAIRNCROSS, who has been for almost seven years with our medical institution, decided just before the outbreak of war, for family reasons, to return to America. He sails in the middle of September, and will probably take up private work in the States. He has endeared himself to many people at our headquarters, and there will be a host of friends who will miss both Doctor and Mrs. Cairncross. We wish them God-

speed and divine guidance in all their footsteps in days to come.

LET us, in times of emergency like these, continue to be loyal to God and His cause in the matter of tithes and offerings. The one

sure and steadfast thing in this world is God. The principles of His character must be embedded in our hearts. We must continue to progress with Him even though all about us is in upheaval.

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Notes from the President

THESE my first "notes" in the South England Conference section of the MESSENGER are being written at a time when perplexities seem to be thickening around us. This certainly is not an enviable time in which to assume responsibilities in the work of God, but we do know that "The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 753.* The Lord is our Leader and He will lead to victory. It is at such times as these that our own insufficiency is borne in upon us and we are driven more to lay hold upon the infinite resources of Heaven. The outbreak of war, while it adds greatly to the problems of administration, also leads us to look to God as the source of all wisdom and the giver of every perfect gift.

A CALL TO PRAYER AND SERVICE

SURELY the events of to-day are for us a call to more earnest prayer and more zealous service in the house of God. There must be no slackening in our active witness to the fact of a soon-coming Saviour. The Advent message is a message of hope, confidence, and courage, and as such meets the urgent need of men and women to-day. Your duty and mine is to carry that message and finish the work committed to us by God.

Our programme of evangelism in the conference must go on, and our round of services in the churches, so far as regulations allow, must be maintained. Should some rearrangement of times be necessary let us accustom and adapt our-

selves to them so that the fellowship of the church is at full strength. One of our greatest blessings at this time is the fellowship of the church. We must take full advantage of it by attending the services of the church and encouraging each other.

A CALL TO LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS

MANY demands will be made upon our time in these days of strain and stress. We must keep our vision clear and our judgment sound, remembering that our highest loyalty is to God and His cause. Faithfulness to God in all our obligations brings great blessing and much comfort, for we know that God will not forsake His own people nor deny His own word. Our greatest defence, our strongest refuge, and our surest protection rests upon our own personal relationship to God. I am confident that members in the South England Conference will rally to the challenge of our times and that God will bless our united efforts for the finishing of the work.

G. D. KING.



The Lord's Business

WHAT are termed the business sessions of the conference, whilst being carried through with the necessary procedure connected with the giving and passing of reports and the like, were gatherings full of inspiration and spiritual uplift. For example, the customary seating of the delegates at the opening meeting was enlivened by the joyous act of receiving into fellowship the six new

churches and their delegates of Clacton, Colchester, Enfield Wash, Folkestone, Ilford, and Romford.

Along with the reports from the ministers responsible for these triumphs since the previous annual gathering, the delegates and friends were encouraged by one of the restoration of the Exeter church from the status of a very weak company, to a church of thirty-three members.

Another devotional feature worth noting was the fervent manner in which Brother Harker's new chorus, "Lord, Kindle a Flame" was sung to indicate the enthusiastic passing of the Harvest Ingathering resolution.

This conference was particularly marked by the transference of its leadership from R. S. Joyce, to G. D. King, the former having been called to preside over the North England Conference. Concerning the departure of Pastor and Mrs. Joyce to take up their work in the north, many expressions were heard during the conference indicating regret that they had to cut short their labours which had yielded such good results in this field. A number of new churches and companies in previously unentered places had been added, and young men had been inspired and trained to carry real responsibilities in the evangelistic work of the conference.

Appreciative references to the present appearance of the Holloway church building, and the state of the church itself, as a body of representative believers, due in a large degree to Brother and Sister Joyce's untiring labour and oversight, were also heard.

A reference to the happy relations that have existed between them and the office staff cannot be left out in recording such sentiments. We shall miss the stimulating influence of their presence and help, which has inspired to greater service in co-operating with the work of the field.

All wished for them both God-speed as they go to their new task, and the blessing of God upon Brother and Sister King who follow up the work in the south.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report:

President.—G. D. King.

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J. H. PARKIN.



Field Missionary Secretary's Report, 1938

LAST year our colporteur-evangelists, armed with Gospel literature, went forth to hunt and fish in the highways and by-ways for precious souls. We find them working in the cities, villages, and towns found in the twenty-two counties that comprise our conference. From Land's End in stony Cornwall to the Fens and broads of Norfolk, they have faithfully scattered the printed page and placed thousands upon thousands of books and papers in the homes of the people.

Two new recruits joined the

ranks of our colporteurs during the year, and the total sale of all literature reached the excellent figure of £12,167, revealing a gain of £1,515, or fourteen per cent increase over the previous year. Of this splendid increase, over £1,200 was achieved through the sale of subscription books alone. *Our Wonderful Bible, Christ Our Saviour, Bible Readings for the Home Circle, Desire of Ages, This Mighty Hour, Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, and Bible Certainties* were the books sold.

God's blessing and protection has been over the literature workers in a marked way. Their motto, adopted for the past year, has been in itself an inspiration, "The printed page in every home in our conference." From the richest home to the poorest home the literature has found a response and an entrance. Even in Windsor Castle and No. 10 Downing Street, London, our publications found their way. Anywhere and everywhere the colporteurs have been at work.

Churchmembers, too, have acted their part and they, with the colporteurs, were responsible for circulating 612,980 copies of *Present Truth*, 280,120 copies of *Good Health*, and 36,140 copies of *Wonders*, together with a large quantity of tracts and leaflets.

New literature printed during the past year helped considerably in the increase of sales. There were three new shilling books, a new sixpenny magazine and a large subscription book, also some tracts.

Individual records were again made by various workers. One colporteur placed a large subscription book in every home found in the street where he lives. Working in all kinds of weather, two colporteurs have on an average worked over forty-two hours each week. The highest sales were made by a colporteur selling a large subscription book. Another has sold thousands of books and papers right here in the city of London, working in the same territory for the past thirteen years. Scholarships were won by individual students within four weeks. In fact, not even the crisis could stop or hinder the faith of our colporteurs

in their zeal for accomplishing new conquests. Their achievements are a source of encouragement to one and all, and we rejoice with them in their work of soul-winning.

The self-sacrificing wives of our colporteurs, too, have contributed their part in making this report possible. They are at work behind the scenes.

Another Training Course was held in London, proving even more successful than the previous one. Six recruits took the course, and six completed it. The territory worked was Walthamstow, which proved good training ground for hard work and adaptability. All six entered the literature ministry as full-time colporteurs, and are now meeting with good success.

Last year proved a record in the work done by student-colporteurs. Two did excellent work in the Isle of Jersey, not only winning scholarships each but also leading four people to take their stand for the Sabbath as a direct result of the literature they sold. Scholarships were gained in Cornwall, in Kent, and in other parts of the field; altogether thirteen qualified for the scholarship bonus.

From various parts of the field men and women have accepted the message found in our books and papers. This is noteworthy and praiseworthy of the literature we sell. A colporteur sold a copy of *Bible Readings* to a family in East Anglia. Our minister found them recently, and they are now preparing for baptism. A young man in Bedfordshire took his stand as a result of *Bible Readings* coming his way through a colporteur working in that district.

A blind lady, over eighty years of age, had *Our Wonderful Bible* read to her on her death-bed. It was her one wish to hear its contents before she died. She said, "It has brought me such a blessing." The other day someone sent in the following testimony: "I feel it would be wrong of me not to add my testimony to the literature ministry. Both my sister and I came to a knowledge of the truth through that channel alone. . . . To-day my mother is also a baptized member, and others have been brought to the light by

our spreading abroad this great truth."

Ministers and workers of other societies appreciate our literature. Three leading workers of the Salvation Army sent in the following: "Your colporteur 'having called upon us, I am delighted to add the testimony of two other officers and myself as to the value of the book. We find it not only beautifully arranged, but definitely helpful in our work, for private devotion as well as for public work, and would like to recommend the same to all Christian workers who are seeking a book for real instruction."

A Baptist minister adds his tribute: "I have had *Bible Readings* for some time, and can recommend it for the use of Sunday-school teachers because of its appeal to the Scriptures. One encouraging feature is the prominence it gives to the important subject of the second coming of Christ."

The need is great; the fields are white unto harvest; who will respond at such a time as this? One eager to do her part says: "Please send another fifty copies of *Good News*. I find the people like them and I am happy about it; it is a real experience. I wish I had done it long before. The Lord certainly blesses the work."

May we be led to grasp the unlimited possibilities before us of giving the message quickly through the medium of the printed page. May it be as divine thistle-down blown here and there by the Spirit of God and reaching all who are true and honest in heart, so that the day might soon come when everyone will have had the opportunity to hear the call and be ready to meet Jesus at His appearing.

A. W. COOKE.

Home Missionary Department Report, 1938

HOME Missionary. Two powerful words. Home—the place we love most. Missionary—the ambassador most trusted. Combine the two—Home Missionary—a most trusted ambassador to the best beloved place. What a title! What a commission! What a privilege! And everyone is here called to the office!

"God calls upon every church-member to enter His service. . . . Every one must learn to work and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for carrying out the great plan of redemption."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, page 47.

We often sing:

"Send the old time power, the pentecostal power
Let sinners be converted and Thy name glorified."

Nearly fifty years ago Sister White wrote these words: "When the churches become living, working churches, the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. . . . Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the latter rain."—*Review and Herald*, February 25, 1890.

A few years later this message came, "When we have entire whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not labourers together with God."—*Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

We all desire the outpouring of God's Spirit without measure. It is the responsibility of the Home Missionary Department to "stir up the gift of God that is in you," "to provoke unto love and to good works," that our prayers for power may be answered.

Last year we were able to bring you a report of good progress in

War Increases Price of Our American Books

DUE to the fluctuation in the exchange rate, it is necessary to raise the price of American books at once by twenty per cent on the catalogue prices. American shilling books will now cost 1/2.

The subscription prices for American magazines are also increased by twenty per cent. But both books and magazines are worth much more than they cost. So send in your orders at once.

A.W.

almost every line of missionary endeavour. This year we bring you one no less encouraging.

First we thank God for an increased church membership of about three and one-half per cent over 1937. Naturally we would expect an increased membership to report an increase in missionary work—an increase at least equal to the three and one-half per cent increase in church membership.

We are glad to say that with only one exception there was an increase in reported work.

We regret a drop of nineteen per cent in the number reporting missionary work done, which perhaps makes the other increases all the more encouraging. Some, unfortunately, do not care to report; they consider the text, "When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," forbids them to report. We appreciate their position, and hope that our present system of individual report cards will appeal to such. We would, however, mention that Sister White, writing of that very text, says in *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 193, "I was shown that this scripture does not apply to those who have the cause of God at heart. . . . The good works of the children of God are the most effectual preaching that the unbeliever has."

As we look down the lines, we observe that last year 1,385 cottage meetings were held by our lay members. Well over 4,000 Bible readings were held, representing a gain of over thirty per cent. Our members made over 20,000 missionary visits to the sick and aged, to the depressed and discouraged, often leaving behind beautiful bouquets of flowers as well as the memories of Bible passages read and words of encouragement given.

There was an increase of over fifty per cent in the number of friends and acquaintances brought to the meetings—the figure for 1938 being 3,170. Over 30,000 persons received needed help, about 4,000 more than in the previous year. The number of simple treatments given, 5,070, shows an increase of thirty-eight per cent. Apparently there is a decrease in the quantity of literature sold and

given away, but this is really a "reporting" and not an "actual" loss, because in 1938 we decided to report Harvest Ingathering leaflets not as "literature" but as "bills distributed." The item, "bills distributed," shows the excellent increase of fifty-one per cent, and we know that the faithfulness of the members in distributing 682,000 leaflets and invitations to services has been much appreciated by the evangelists, and has helped to secure the increased membership. Nearly seven thousand people received encouraging or instructive letters written by our members last year—an increase of twenty per cent.

In some ways the most encouraging feature of our Home Missionary report is the growing interest taken in the Dorcas Society work. Interesting accounts of this feature of church activity have appeared from time to time in the MESSENGER, and the united efforts of the churches of this conference have resulted in no less than 7,365 articles of clothing being distributed to the needy. From the testimonies we have heard in the churches we know that this work has been much enjoyed by the sisters, and has brought great blessing and relief to many homes.

This report would not be complete without reference to the great Ingathering for Missions Campaign, about which we shall be having something to say at another time. We rejoice to record for 1938 the highest peak of achievement so far—£5,302, and thank one and all who made such a record possible. As we visited churches and helped in the work we realized that it was an enjoyable as well as a successful campaign.

Though this report shows improvement on previous years—as indeed it should—we believe that we are not yet doing anything like what we ought to do in the way of Home Missionary work. Sister White tells us in *Great Controversy*, page 611, that "The great work of the Gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. . . . Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration,

will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. *By thousands of voices*, all over the earth, the warning will be given."

While we must not anticipate the report for the next annual session, we have been greatly encouraged this present year to see the very manifest interest in Home Missionary activity as shown by the enrolment of some 600 in the Bible Service Training Course. Of these over thirty were isolated members, and the marking of their weekly papers, and the reading of their personal letters, while adding to our already heavy load, has

been oft-times like a spiritual oasis in the desert of departmental statistics and bulletins!

The course is still in progress in a number of places, but already 192 have passed the final examination, and of these forty-six have also given the required minimum of five Bible studies to non-Adventist friends.

May the Lord bless every one of them, and may an increasing number of those taking the course be successful, not only in the examination and in the required Bible studies, but in actual soul-saving for Christ and His truth.

E. R. WARLAND.

Resolutions Passed at Annual Meetings

Thanksgiving

WHEREAS, God in His wonderful providence has manifested His special care and protection over His people and His workers during the past year, and during that time has abundantly blessed His cause as revealed in the progress made in all lines of service, especially in the souls added to the church in heretofore unentered places, and the funds received in spite of untoward circumstances,

We Recommend, That we hereby place on record this expression of our sincere gratitude to our heavenly Father for all His bountiful blessings, and that we once again rededicate our lives and all we have to Him for the finishing of His work in the earth.

1.—Young People's Work

INASMUCH as the seriousness of this day in which we live calls for more definite attention to be given to our youth and children,

We Recommend (1) That in every church plans be laid to gather all the young people from sixteen to thirty into the senior M.V. Society, and those from six to fifteen into the Junior M.V. Society, and

(2) That we give special attention to the training of our young people and children in the Progressive Course studies, and

(3) That particular attention be given to the preparation for and baptism of all suitable young people.

2.—Bible Service Training Course

INASMUCH as the giving of Bible readings is said to be a heaven-born plan, in which many thousands of churchmembers are to act their part in the last closing message, and

INASMUCH as a well-sustained programme of training suited to the needs of our lay members is of vital importance in the carrying forward of such a plan,

Therefore Resolved, That as conference workers and churchmembers we seek to continue the Bible Service Training Course already begun and that we whole-heartedly co-operate with the plans of the Home Missionary Department to be announced at the close of our Harvest Ingathering work.

3.—Harvest Ingathering

RECOGNIZING, That under the blessing of God the Harvest Ingathering Campaign has proved to be one of Heaven's appointed means whereby the remnant church can fulfil its ministry to needy souls both at home and abroad,

We Recommend (1) That every churchmember loyally engage in the 1939 campaign, accepting a personal goal of at least £2, endeavouring to complete the task by the end of the official campaign period.

(2) That in our Ingathering efforts the campaign be made a consecrated attempt to enlighten those in darkness by leaving evangelistic tracts, and following up interested souls wherever the opportunity presents itself.

4.—Literature Work

REALIZING, That our times now make urgent demands upon us to be even more diligent in the proclamation of the Advent message,

We Recommend (1) That every churchmember give earnest attention to the personal responsibility of using our message-filled literature in continuous missionary endeavour by securing regular readers among their neighbours and friends for *Present Truth* and by the systematic distribution of evangelistic tracts, and

(2) That in every church our colporteur-evangelists be regularly remembered in prayer, thus fostering a continual interest in this important soul-winning ministry, and

(3) That suitable young men and

women in our churches be encouraged to enter the full-time colporteur ministry, taking advantage of the facilities for training in Gospel salesmanship offered by the Field Missionary Department.

5.—Education

WHEREAS, We as Seventh-Day Adventists believe that the building of Christian character is the highest object of education, and

WHEREAS, The work of God is in constant need of young people who are trained and qualified for leadership,

We Recommend (1) That parents, both workers and lay members, encourage their children to enter Newbold Missionary College, and that every encouragement also be given to all suitable young men and women to obtain such a Christian education.

(2) That we give liberally of our means to the Students' Aid Fund to assist worthy young people to obtain their education, and that we encourage the establishment of such a fund in each church.

(3) That we remember in our prayers the teachers and those who have the oversight of our children and youth.

6.—Children's Sabbath Meetings

WHEREAS, We are commanded by the Chief Shepherd to feed and protect the lambs of the flock, and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath services present the best opportunity for systematic spiritual instruction,

Therefore Resolved, That wherever there are children in our churches, we urge upon the leaders and church officers the necessity of providing a regular Sabbath meeting for these "junior members of the Lord's family."

7.—Evangelism

WHEREAS, The supreme task of this movement is to warn the world before Jesus comes, and

WHEREAS, The fast-fulfilling signs call for a finished task,

Therefore Resolved, That we individually do more in actual soul-saving work. To this end we will open new cottage meetings, conduct lay efforts, support campaign work, and do all in our power to hasten the finishing of the task and the coming of Jesus.

8.—Sympathy

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We, the delegates and members of this conference, deeply conscious of the loss of many loyal churchmembers during the past year, including our beloved brother and faithful co-labourer Pastor F. W. Goodall, desire to take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt sympathy for all who have been called upon to suffer bereavement.

The resolution on sympathy was passed by all standing and being led in prayer by one of the ministers on behalf of the bereaved members.

North England Conference

Good News from Liverpool

THE announcement that there would be a baptismal service on the fifteenth of July brought great joy to the hearts of the faithful members of the Liverpool church. Once more they were to welcome into their ranks new believers of the Advent message. The day of special blessing was appointed and all were glad.

As the hands of the clock approached the hour appointed, the unoccupied seats rapidly became fewer and fewer in number, for friends and candidates began to assemble quickly. When the hour arrived, late arrivals found there was a difficulty in securing good seats. It was a record day for attendance.

The baptismal service began with a song of praise followed by a Scripture reading and earnest prayer. The address given by Pastor O. M. Dorland was an inspiration to all. It was a call to loyal service, a plea that all should be baptized by the Spirit of God, fully surrendered and consecrated to work valiantly for the Master in spreading the wonderful Advent message.

Seventeen believers followed their Lord through the watery grave. Some were old in years; others were just entering upon life with its multiplicity of problems; but all were pledged to take Jesus as the ruler of their lives as well as their Saviour.

The service concluded with a song of praise and thanksgiving, thankful that we were able to be used in some way to help spread the Gospel of good news.

Those associated in the effort were many. The loyal members helped greatly in bill distribution, acting as ushers, and performing many duties that while not prominent were necessary to success. Pastor W. Maudsley, with his assistants D. J. Handysides and Miss Elsie Pratt, were the conference workers.

We give to God the glory, praying that in the future we may do greater service for Him and be prepared as faithful servants to

welcome Him at His appearing.
D. J. HANDYSIDES.

Missions Annual Appeal

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fer to God to-day; especially should workers and church leaders seek to be strengthened. Note that Nehemiah first prayed for himself. We must ourselves be inspired if we are to inspire the people. The forces of evil at any time cannot be successfully matched by human strength. How much more is this true when the enemy comes in like a flood. Our course is clear; we must unitedly rally together in this campaign and work till the task is done. At the same time let us remember the needy souls about us; here is the field of labour in which we are called to spend and be spent during these last hours of probation. We are convinced that if we make our work purely missionary in character, God will bless us with means for His cause. He has promised to give us "favour with the people until the work is done. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work."—Mrs. E. G. White. J. HARKER.

Advertisements

WOULD an Adventist share home with another in Frome? Particulars on application. Write: Mrs. Bridgewater, 6 Beechwood Avenue, Frome, Somerset.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Sept 22nd	7.01	7.05	7.14	7.14	7.25
Sept. 29th	6.45	6.47	6.57	6.56	7.07

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WORLD-WIDE ADVENT MISSIONS APPEAL 1939

Plant Your Mission Church Here

Reported up to September 7th:

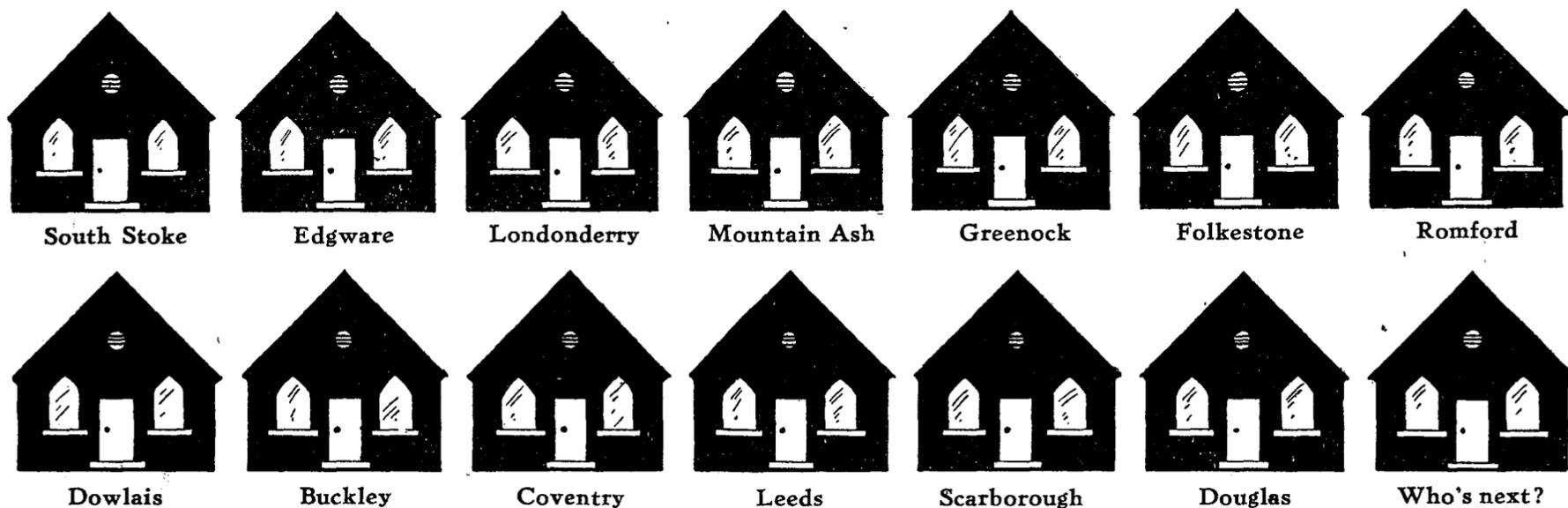
South	£2,000
North	854
Wales	544
Scotland	285
Ireland	309
British Union (approx.)	£4,000

Our first Harvest Ingathering report finds us with approximately £4,000 in hand. This total would have been higher had our reporting system worked a little more efficiently. Several churches in both the conferences failed to report. The missions are well represented. Wales sends us the highest first report total ever reached. Ireland reports eighty per cent of her quota, and Scotland fifty per cent. The missions have certainly taken the lead this year.

The symbols and names of churches or groups on this page indicate a finished task. In each case the £2 per member goal has been reached. Some have exceeded this per capita figure and are still working: We congratulate these first-comers on their zeal and achievement. Let us quickly fill this page with these beautiful symbols. We exhort all to work courageously and with a new vision of our responsibilities to the bewildered multitudes about us.

One conference worker writes: "In spite of the declaration of war, about twenty-eight of our collectors were out over the week-end and brought in £20." Another says: "We are going on steadily with the task and hope to reach the goal soon." This spirit of courageous perseverance is heaven-born. God has ever drawn closer to His people in times of emergency and crisis. We see it in Nehemiah and his helpers. "Why should the work cease?" asks this great leader when hindrances of every kind were pressing in upon them. Then thinking of the effect that the hard conditions might have upon the people, he adds, "Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands." Neh. 6:9.

This is the prayer we should of-
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