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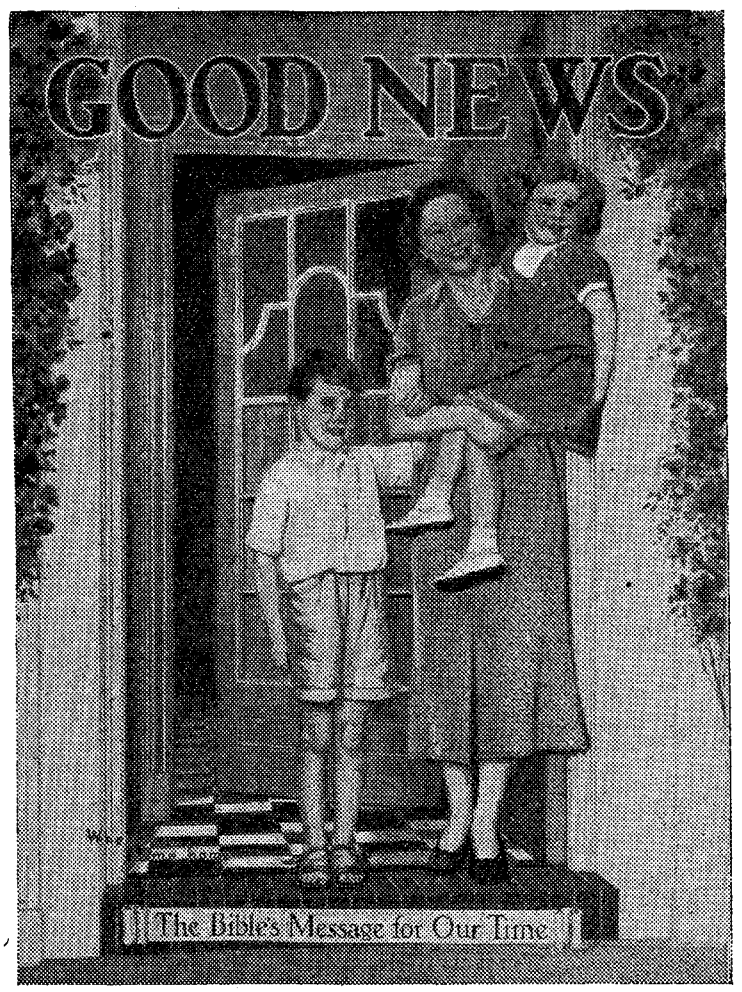
"Not in Vain in the Lord"

By J. HARKER

SOMETIMES the self-sacrificing efforts put forth by the humble worker for God seem of little account, if not altogether fruitless. The suggestion may even come to the mind that time might be better employed, or in any case, the little *we* can do will never be missed. This kind of reasoning pleases the enemy. He well knows that the believer's "good works" mean everything for the kingdom of Christ, and everything against his kingdom. The only effective way of robbing these satanic suggestions of their power is to keep in mind Heaven's assessment of the work done in the name of Christ. It is the believer's duty to "maintain good works." He must not become "weary in well doing"; rather, he must be "always abounding in the work of the Lord." In this he can rest in the assurance that all such labour is *"not in vain in the Lord."*

With this consciousness the Christian must seize every opportunity that comes, to be busy in God's work. And here is the opportunity of the hour. Perhaps you have already noticed the winsome picture below; you have read the title and concluded it introduces a new piece of literature. You may have also guessed that the fine new magazine here represented is associated with another Missions Extension Campaign. Yes, this represents the 1940 *Good News* which is to be sold during Big Week. Kindly note the following:

A Missions Extension service will be held in the churches on Sabbath, April 6th. After this service, supplies of *Good News* and other literature will be ordered in readiness for the Missions Extension Sales Week, or Big Week, April 14th-19th. Then follows the offering on Sabbath, April 20th.



A miniature facsimile of the beautiful three-colour cover of the new "Good News" magazine.

All of this should enlist our earnest prayers. Pray for a special refreshing at the rally service. Pray that the Lord may put upon you and every other churchmember a burden for the work in foreign lands. Such a burden will lead to a decision to have an active part in the campaign. Finally, we should pray for a liberal offering on Sabbath, April 20th.

The Missions Extension Campaign, as all perhaps already know, provides our missionaries with facilities with which to carry on their work. Here is a list of objects in our own Division for which we are invited to raise funds during the present effort:

Kenya. £100 is required for a new school building at the Kerura Mission. Here Brother and Sister Matthews, our own missionaries, who have laboured many years in Africa, are to be located.

Uganda. In this protectorate a new station is contemplated. Money has been raised for this purpose, but a further sum of £130 is required.

Sierra Leone. Here on the West Coast funds are required to provide a proper building for the girls' school which is already in operation.

Nigeria. Two teachers' homes are being built in Nigeria. £100 is called for.

Gold Coast. £50 is wanted toward the erection of a new school building in Koforidua.

Brother Stokes is labouring here.

Liberia. This is one of our smaller fields. They, too, want help for their educational work. £150 is called for.

These and other objects come into the 1940 Missions Extension Plan, and truly in connection with any effort put forth in the name of the Lord for such objects, we can claim the assuring promise, "Not in vain in the Lord."

The new magazine is everything that can be desired. The striking cover cannot, of course, be fully visualized from the small facsimile, but those who have seen the beautiful cover of the 1940 *Good News* pronounce it as the best yet. The paper is full of timely messages, as the interesting titles listed on page 8 indicate. Let young and old respond to the call that comes at this time, so as to make the 1940 Extension Effort a big success.

Notes from the Union President

UNION CONFERENCE SESSION 1940

WE are proceeding with our plans to hold our Union Conference Session in Watford commencing Tuesday night, July 30th, and ending Monday night, August 5th. We hope that the meetings for the first three days will be in the Stanborough Park church and that the remaining meetings, commencing Friday night, will be held in the fine new Town Hall, Watford. The period covers the August Bank Holiday, and we are therefore anticipating a large gathering. War conditions may somewhat affect our plans, but we are proceeding on the basis that things will not be worse than they are now. Make your plans to attend this important gathering, further details of which will be announced in due course.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

WAR conditions have made it practically impossible for us to continue our plans to hold a summer school at Newbold. This place is ideally situated for a country holiday, and we would very much like to make arrangements for a good number of our people to spend their holidays there. The manager will be pleased to offer advantages to all our people, provided we have early inquiries. In this way our members will enjoy a restful holiday and at the same time be conscious that they are helping our institution.

COLLEGE GRADUATION

THE usual graduating exercises will be held at Newbold, May 10th to 12th. The exercises proper will commence at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 12th. Invitations are extended in the usual way and we anticipate a goodly gathering of friends and relatives. The two changes in our arrangements this year are, firstly, that the graduation service will be at 3 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. and that all persons attending will be asked to bring their own lunch. War conditions have made it impossible for the College to do the large scale entertaining which they have been able to hitherto, but hot drinks will be provided.

We hope that perhaps a dozen young men and women will be graduating from the various courses this year. We are unable to place all these young people immediately in the work, but in time there will be replacements which may make appointments for a number of them.

The College has had a good year despite war conditions, and we are planning to continue to support this institution strongly during the difficult days we have now entered. We cordially invite our people prayerfully and practically to assist us by continuing to send large numbers of our young people to Newbold for the purpose of Christian education.

NEWBOLD CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

A BRANCH of the General Conference Home Study Institute has been organized at Newbold under the title, "Newbold Correspondence School." This will be a department of our College activities and Brother Baird has been appointed to act as Principal of this Correspondence School. A number of courses are already in existence and a number of people have enrolled. The plan is that several classes of people may benefit from these correspondence courses. Firstly, young people may begin the study of a certain subject before they come to Newbold, and credit will be given them when they do come to the College for the studies in which they pass the examinations. Young people will not be able to enter the work without going to Newbold, but those unable to proceed to Newbold for any particular reason for a year or so can thus spend their time profitably in education. Secondly, all our lay people throughout the Union who wish to improve their faculties and add to their educational attainments will be catered for by these courses. Thirdly, non-Adventists will be eligible to enter for any of these courses in the usual way. Matters regarding fees and other information can be had from the Principal at Newbold College.

H. W. LOWE.

"BIG WEEK" LITERATURE AVAILABLE

NEW MAGAZINE

"GOOD NEWS"

(See back page)

PERIODICALS

***Present Truth*, Nos. 7 and 8**

***Good Health*, April**

SHILLING BOOKS

***The Bible Speaks*, New Illustrated Edition**

Home Health, Happiness, and Beauty

Bedtime Stories

World's Quest for Eternal Youth

Steps to Christ

Usual discounts to churchmembers

MISSIONS EXTENSION WEEK AIMS

The "Good News" in 30,000 Homes

Mission Organizations Unite
to bring aid to Chinese war victims

In October of last year the Foreign Auxiliary planned a special effort to help co-ordinate the activities of the various relief organizations in South China and to find out where its assistance would be of the greatest value. With this in view two field directors, Dr. Fraser for the East River district and Dr. Cockfield for the Yan P'ing district, were appointed and they undertook to carry out surveys of the respective areas.

Dr. Fraser's tour took him throughout the whole area up to Swabue and Hoipheng, and he was able to meet all the local relief organizations and to discuss with them their most urgent needs and how best they might co-operate, with the financial help of the Foreign Auxiliary.

Urgently needed drugs and bandages are to be supplied to the two military hospitals just outside Waichow, where conditions are as bad as they can be. Dr. Fraser found, on inspection, that "many of the sick and wounded, after having been carried for days on stretchers, have to lie on the floor with a thin layer of straw under them and with only one thin blanket for covering, which is poor protection against the cold winter nights; their small toilet articles lie on the floor at their feet. Looking at them one's impression is that a more desolate-looking lot of men could not be found anywhere. . . . There are no mosquito nets, and a large number of soldiers are suffering from malaria and dysentery, while there is almost total lack of such elementary necessities as quinine and lysol."

Dr. Fraser, with Dr. Cockfield and a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission, made a survey of the Poklo area, starting with a visit through the town of Poklo, where they found that "by bombing before they entered and by fire before they left, the Japanese have destroyed all the main buildings and three-quarters of the houses. Tottering brick walls are all that remain. Six thousand of the original ten thousand inhabitants are said to have returned to live in the ruins and are gradually building them up again. One thing, however, that made a great impression was the tidiness and cleanliness of the streets, all brick and rubble has been cleared away and they are kept in excellent condition—a small point, but one which indicates a right appreciation of simple public health measures by the magistrate. . . . Throughout the district malaria is rampant. The next most common ailments are skin diseases and eye troubles—mostly trachoma. Dysentery has been widespread, but is on the decline. There is no longer any quinine available and there is no hospital in the whole district. Apart from the Red Cross Unit operating in the L.M.S. Mission compound and the units working with the front lines there is only one small dispensary opened by the Roman Catholic Mission and supported by the Waichow Relief Committee, which operates three miles outside Poklo."

As a result of this visit it was decided to give considerable help to the Mission dispensary, especially in the way of quinine, and to establish and support a new dispensary in Poklo itself. A qualified dispenser and supplies for six months have already gone there.

In Waichow itself, the principal town in the East River district, very valuable work has been done for some time past by the Waichow Relief Committee, under the chairmanship of Father Pilenga. There are three hospitals here: St. Joseph's, the Wai On, and the newly-established Waichow Hospital. The St. Joseph's, run by the Roman Catholic Mission, and the Wai On, run by the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission, are subsidized by the Foreign Auxiliary to the extent of fifty cents a day per free patient, a total expenditure of N.C.$9,000 for the next six months. The Waichow Hospital, which has been established solely through the efforts of a Chinese woman doctor from the Kwong Wah Hospital in Canton, is receiving fifty cents a day per free patient for ten beds for the next six months, subject to regular inspection by the Field Director, Dr. Fraser.

A total grant of HK.$5,000 has been made for drugs to be distributed over the whole area, and in addition to this, a sum of HK.$14,733 is to be spent in much-needed quinine for the next six months; this sum is the cost of 792,000 tablets of two-grain and 120,000 tablets of five-grain quinine.

To give an idea of conditions in Waichow, we quote from a letter written last October by the Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, Bishop Valtorta, after his return from a visit there. In spite of his seventy odd years and the difficulties of the journey, Bishop Valtorta made the whole trip on foot. Here are some of the things he says:

"The trip is not dangerous, but very trying. On account, however, of a piracy which had been committed on the Tam Shui River two days before my arrival there, I thought it wise to get the escort of three soldiers to guard my precious cargo of medical supplies from Tam Shui to Waichow.

"In Waichow I paid a short visit to the two schools of the refugee children which the committee keeps in Yun Sang and Fu Sang, with a total of over 400 children, boys and girls. Both schools are well staffed and well managed, although lacking much of the most necessary school equipment. Singing and drawing were particularly good for such children. A certain amount of handicraft work is also being done here. All the pupils are destitute and need everything, their parents being quite unable to provide for them, since that city has been almost completely ruined

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MISSIONS EXTENSION WEEK AIMS

by bombing and by the fire which followed and destroyed the best part of the town in October, 1938.

"A visit to the Wai On Hospital and the St Joseph's Hospital found them both well attended to and full of patients. The Wai On is better equipped and deserves every praise. Naturally it is more used by officers and paying patients. But the St. Joseph's, with four Canossian Sisters and other Chinese nurses, does a much greater amount of free work for the poor.

"The latest monthly returns for St Joseph's show 3,560 distributions of medicine (634 to soldiers), 1,276 dressings (413 to soldiers), 1,695 medical visits (634 to soldiers), and fifty admissions of in-patients. The returns for Wai On did not reach me, but I was assured they were equally good.

"A third hospital, the Waichow Hospital, is being considered, and an application for medical supplies came before the committee while I was there.

"The Waichow Ambulance, after the departure of the two Indian doctors last month, was reorganized and is now entirely under the Waichow Committee. Its members, five men and four women, are paid N.C.$12 a month, and besides their local tasks in Waichow and Poklo, are sent out to the villages on anti-epidemic work and to places where fighting or bombing is reported.

"A reception was also held in Waichow, organized by the magistrate himself and by the elders of the town, together with the Waichow Committee, for the purpose of expressing the common thanks and gratitude of the whole town to the Foreign Auxiliary and to the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China for the help they have received. They asked me to convey the expression of their feelings to our committee and I have much pleasure in doing so.

"When, on the morning of October 7th, I was leaving Waichow, I got word that a large number of wounded soldiers had just arrived and were accommodated in the grounds of a big pagoda near the St. Joseph's Hospital. I delayed my departure in order to pay them a visit and to enlist the immediate help of the sisters and the supplies of St. Joseph's for them, and also to appeal through the Waichow Committee to the other hospital and the ambulance to give whatever help they could, because the number of wounded and sick was very large and more were expected. Accommodation was very poor—only some straw on the bare ground, and their own supplies and nurses were quite inadequate.

"I feel that our committee should always give ungrudgingly all the help that these poor wounded soldiers deserve. They are wonderful in their patience and endurance. While visiting them in Waichow I did not hear a single word of complaint, although I saw tears in their eyes for the little kindnesses I showed to them."

What has been done is only the beginning of what the Foreign Auxiliary is convinced must be done to help the sufferers of the East River district. We need money to pay for subsidizing more hospital beds, for the establishment of more dispensaries, for the purchase of warm clothes and blankets, to help in establishing more primary schools and feeding and clothing the many destitute children. And above all, we need money to buy basic drugs, especially quinine and disinfectants.

If you can help us to do this you will be helping to bring new life and hope to thousands of Chinese men, women, and children who have been robbed of all they had and who have gone through untold suffering in this terrible, long-drawn-out war which Japanese ambition has brought upon them.

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Bishop's House, Hong Kong.

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Notes from the President

THIS week these lines should begin on a note of grateful acknowledgment for some gifts received for Home Evangelism. Personally I am very glad about the interest being manifest in "Flashes from the Home Front." It is good also to see that this interest is extended to other fields in the Union. Our deep desire is to see the work grow and prosper as we press the need for a more intelligent interest in what is being accomplished in our own field. It was pleasing to open an anonymous letter last week containing a gift of £1 which said, "A gift for home evangelical work, with a wish that God's richest blessings will rest upon all that is thought or said or done." That surely is the right attitude for every loyal believer throughout the conference. It was also a thrilling experience to open a registered letter containing ten five-pound notes, representing a gift of £50 toward our evangelistic budget. It is such responsive loyalty that will make it possible for the evangelistic programme to be maintained during this year of difficulty. This year South England is making large sacrifices toward the cause of God in mission lands, and we know that our best means of continuing this is to build up and strengthen the work in the homeland.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

AT the present time seventeen evangelistic campaigns are being conducted in the conference. This is made possible by reason of the fact that at least three evangelists are conducting two campaigns simultaneously. Since last writing notes for the MESSENGER campaigns have been making progress at Bristol, where Pastor O. M. Dorland is maintaining a good interest week by week, both on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, at Swindon, where Brother O. H. Rosier has forty to fifty non-mem-

bers attending regularly on Sunday evenings, at Brighton, where Brother R. H. Smith is speaking to a surprisingly good congregation in our own church building each Sunday afternoon, and at Eastbourne, where Brother Smith is also conducting meetings on Sunday evenings with an attendance of about eighty.

As you remember these and other campaigns in your prayers, you are also asked to remember the special Pastoral Evangelism Plan now in operation throughout the field. In connection with this plan, those ministers who are not receiving an evangelistic budget are arranging their work so as to be able to devote time each week to the systematic distribution of free literature in the vicinity of the churches under their care. In this way it is expected that contacts will be made and interests aroused which will lead to Bible studies in the homes of the people. Already ministers write of interesting experiences in connection with this house-to-house evangelism. The plan is in harmony with true apostolic work as recorded in Acts 5:42, and we are confident that God will bless the work as it is done in His name.

The response of our pastors to this plan has been most inspiring. Undoubtedly our churches will respond to their example and leadership in intensive, well-planned tract distribution.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER 1940

As this MESSENGER reaches you, the first quarter of 1940 will be closing. Surely we have much for which to be thankful. We still

South England Conference

FLASHES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Plans and Preparations

SCENE: Evangelist with a wet towel on, sitting with scraps of paper around him on which he has been working out minute sums in addition and subtraction—dozens of them!

He is trying to decide which will be more effective, an extra night in his lovely and spacious cinema, an extra week's handbills, the help of a good choir from a near-by church, or another advertisement in the local paper. He would actually like to do all these things. He is perfectly convinced that they are vital necessities to his ultimate harvest. It is essential to remain on for the six full nights in the Majestic Kinedrome. To stop just when his interest is at its height would be the wildest folly. But then to have the extra night seems that he will not be able to afford the vital bills which constitute his main mode of advertising. He doubts whether he can have both the night and the bills. He works out more sums in addition and subtraction.

And just when he is deciding that he had better have the extra night, he realizes that this will mean that he must have the help of the choir made up of faithful members from a neighbouring church. He does not relish the prospect of singing a solo on the stage, especially when he has just announced *"community singing."* He's had to sing these impromptu solos in the past. But he much prefers the solid backing of the choir. What shall he do? More sums.

"The trouble with you, Evangelist," his wife banteringly calls out, "is that you want to run a Rolls Royce on Ford money!" She is actually very helpful, however. They talk over the many alternatives, and finally decide to book the cinema for six weeks and distribute the handbills for eight, supplementing the advertising with two or three insertions in the local paper.

Oh, Evangelist thought to himself, if I only had another ten pounds what a difference it would make! I could get just the finishing niceties so necessary to a successful, well-run service. But as it is I must cut down here and squeeze there. I wonder whether Moses had to stint and skimp when he was building the sanctuary. Why, of course, he didn't! He actually told the generous people of God to stop giving, as he already had too much. I wish I could be in Moses' place—just once! I don't think my tongue would pronounce the word "stop."

With a sore headache at the impossible task of trying to run a really first-rate effort on his budget, Evangelist left the final decisions to the morrow and went to bed. LESLIE HARDINGE.

Next time: "Launching the Effort."

PASTOR C. A. REEVES

For more than ten years has been engaged in public evangelism in the South England Conference, mainly in the London area.

District Leader—Essex District: Ilford Romford Forest Gate

Last year two new churches, Ilford and Romford, were organized in this district. Current membership of these two churches is ninety members.

Present campaign—Chelmsford—new place to Advent message. A good interest is manifest in the message. At present reports active interest of 120 persons. Attendance at Sunday night meetings has been very encouraging, about 150 now attending after sixteen weeks. Sabbath afternoon meetings have also made an encouraging start. Mid-week attendance is growing. A new campaign commenced in the near-by town of Brentwood on March 17th. This campaign will be conducted at no expense to the conference.

Associate workers: Miss M. Clements, J. P. West.

meet in comparative peace in our churches. Our isolated members write expressing their thankfulness to God for the liberty and freedom we still enjoy. "God is not slack concerning His promise." Let us not be slack concerning our faithfulness to Him. His eye is upon His faithful children and He is mindful of their needs at this time. You are asked to be mindful of privileges and responsibilities as a child of God. Brother Parkin will be glad to receive tithes and offerings in good time as this quarter draws to a close. We hope to report encouragingly on this feature of the Lord's work as the first quarter's figures become available.

May God richly bless you in your faithful and loyal support.

G. D. KING.

How Another Record Has Been Broken

EVERYONE will be encouraged to hear that in the first home missionary campaign of 1940—the Tract Campaign—South England has again reached a record figure. Our goal of 20,000 copies of *Present Truth* has been passed. We would thank all who have made this possible, and trust that careful plans will be laid for the wise use of the 100,000 tracts received.

Many an interesting story lies behind this record war-time achievement. We would like all to hear how Brother W. J. Bunting, who promoted the campaign at Ilford, Romford, and Forest Gate, was able to raise the number of copies of *Present Truth* ordered for those three churches from 675 in 1939 to 1,650 this year. Well, here is his own explanation of the vision which inspired the membership. He writes:

"I believe those good inspirational readings in the *Leader* were mainly responsible, but I also used a blackboard in each place and did a little sum which I called 'The Arithmetic of Evangelistic Tracting.'

"An evangelist with a large budget may spend £25 on his first meeting and can preach one sermon to 1,000 people. But if that sermon were printed as a tract, and if one churchmember left one copy at each of twenty houses (including an invitation to the local church), and if we reckon that at least two persons read each tract, we conclude that for twenty minutes' work by one churchmember forty people read a Seventh-Day Adventist sermon and get an invitation to a Seventh-Day Adventist meeting. And at no cost to the local church! For tracts are free with the special "P.T."

"And if twenty-five members did likewise, spending twenty minutes each Sunday morning visiting twenty houses each, 1,000 people would read a Seventh-Day Adventist sermon, and get to know that there is a Seventh-Day Adventist church near them.

"Think of it, every church could run a first-class campaign without a budget! Moreover, there need be no falling off in attendances, for if one house refuses to see you —go next door!"

May the Lord bless every tract distributed this year by our faithful membership throughout the conference. May the weekly witness of the members result in a deepening of their own faith in the message, and the addition of souls to the church.

E. R. WARLAND.

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Notes from the President

ALL the workers except those who have been in ill health are now engaged in definite work for new members. There are now twelve campaigns in progress, and a total of 977 names have been handed in for literature and are being visited by our faithful Bible-workers. We are often asked to remember the colporteurs as they go from door to door in trying weather, and our thoughts were often with them in the recent wintry weather. Let us remember that the Bible-workers also go from house to house in all weathers, and many of them have to pay evening calls in the black-out, too. They need our continual prayers.

To show that we believe that much more can be accomplished by house-to-house literature work, three ministers have been invited by the committee to spend the major part of the week in doing

DISTRICT	DATE	SPECIAL SPEAKER
Newbold	March 30th-April 6th	J. M. Howard
The Tees	April 5th-7th	J. Harker
The Potteries	April 12th-14th	J. I. Robison
Greater Manchester	April 13th-14th	J. M. Howard
South Yorkshire	April 19th-21st	G. E. Nord
Greater Birmingham	April 19th-21st	E. R. Colson
South Durham	April 26th-28th	J. C. Craven
The Humber	May 3rd-5th	W. E. Read
Tyneside	May 10th-12th	J. Harker
Merseyside	May 10th-12th	J. M. Howard
Central	May 17th-19th	J. M. Howard
Skegness	May 19th-21st	W. L. Emmerson
Severn Valley	May 24th-26th	J. M. Howard
Warwickshire	May 24th-26th	G. E. Nord
East Lancs	May 17th-19th	B. E. Sparrow
Isle of Man	June 14th-16th	F. D. Buckle
Northants	June 7th-9th	J. M. Howard
West Riding	June 7th-9th	G. E. Nord
South Midland	June 14th-16th	A. Warren
North Lancs	June 21st-23rd	J. M. Howard
York	June 21st-23rd	J. I. Robison
Yorks Central	June 28th-30th	J. M. Howard

this work. H. W. McCrow in Birmingham, F. W. Coppock in Doncaster, and R. A. Freeth in Leicester have already begun this work and need our very earnest prayers.

IT was long ago prophesied that our books and papers would turn hearts to God's Word when days became dark and difficult. Here are two recent instances of the fulfilment of this prophecy in North England. W. J. Cannon writes:

"I was visiting one of our very interested men-folk, when he said, 'I have a book I value very much.' He produced *The Bible Speaks.* He said, 'I have another book I like very much, too, and it is by the same publishers,' and lo, it was *Daniel and the Revelation.* Our books certainly do prepare the way even in these new towns."

ONE of our members now working in an A.R.P. Depot was asked some questions by a troubled fellow-worker who had taken down *Bible Readings for the Home* from a high and unused shelf during the week-end and studied the state of the dead for himself. He did not know that our member knew this book but praised it very highly. Let us not become weary in circulating our literature.

CONVENTIONS

ON page 6 is the list of conventions for the second quarter of the year. We are all gratified by the interest shown in the conventions during this present quarter, and believe that they are serving a very useful purpose.

"Great Controversy" Reading Plan

Assignment for April

April 7th-13th	**Pages 211-236**
April 14th-20th	**Pages 237-264**
April 21st-27th	**Pages 265-288**
April 28th-May 4th	**Pages 289-316**

Either B. E. Sparrow or B. Belton will co-operate with the special speaker.

WE all long for strong churches. Here is a recipe for a strong church from the pen of Mrs. White: "That church is only strong that is a working church, whose members feel an individual responsibility to act their part in strengthening, encouraging, and building up the church by their personal efforts."—*"Tract Societies," page 39.*

In Weymouth's translation of Acts 9:31 we have the Bible record of the ideal church. It "had peace and was spiritually built up, and grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord, and receiving encouragement from the Holy Spirit." It is the aim of the united leadership of the conference to make every church in North England such a church. May workers and members strive at all times for this ideal is the earnest prayer of

R. S. JOYCE.

Meet Your Friends at Newbold College

SINCE it has become known that Newbold College is arranging to accommodate visitors during the summer months, the suggestion has been made that this will provide a splendid rendezvous for friends to meet again and enjoy a happy holiday together. Some have made arrangements already to do this, and it is anticipated there will be many happy reunions in the ideal surroundings of the peaceful atmosphere prevailing in the natural beauties of the College Estate.

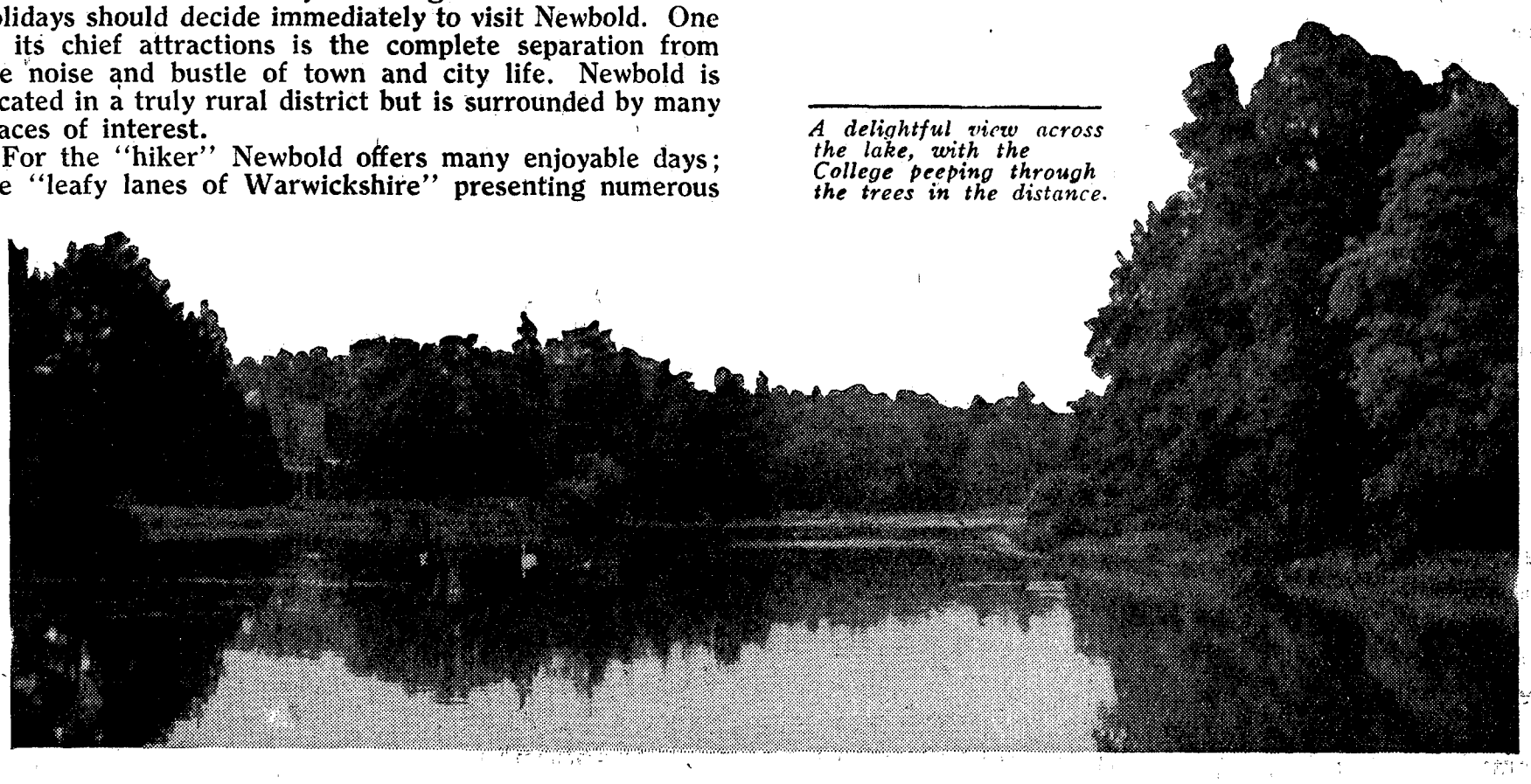
Those who have not yet arranged for their summer holidays should decide immediately to visit Newbold. One of its chief attractions is the complete separation from the noise and bustle of town and city life. Newbold is located in a truly rural district but is surrounded by many places of interest.

For the "hiker" Newbold offers many enjoyable days; the "leafy lanes of Warwickshire" presenting numerous cool and pleasant walks. For those desiring complete rest and quiet, Newbold is ideal in every respect. Various forms of recreation will be provided for those interested in tennis and other forms of healthful exercise.

For further details write to:

THE BUSINESS MANAGER,
NEWBOLD COLLEGE,
STRETTON-UNDER-FOSSE, NR. RUGBY.

A delightful view across the lake, with the College peeping through the trees in the distance.



At Rest

BURNS.—At the age of sixty-five Sister Eliza Burns passed away at her home in Connah's Quay and was laid to rest in the parish churchyard at Lymm, Cheshire, on February 27th. Sister Burns accepted the message about four years ago under the labours of Brother R. T. Bolton. For some time her health has not permitted her to meet regularly with the Shotton company, but she was very pleased when her health allowed her to attend. She suffered severely from time to time with bronchial asthma and a weak heart. At the last she had a severe attack, complicated by stomach trouble, and after a few days the Lord gave her rest. Her husband and two sons mourn their loss. The company at Shotton are sorry to lose our sister, but with the husband we would say, "We do not wish her back to bear the pain and suffering again." We look forward to the glad reunion on the resurrection morning. The funeral and memorial services were conducted by the writer. T. H. COOPER.

DAVIES.—A few days before she reached the age of eighty years, Sister Elizabeth Davies passed away and, on February 21st, we laid her to rest in the cemetery at Wellington. Sister Davies accepted the truth about twenty-five years ago under the labours of Pastor Whiteside and Sister Lenanton. She was more or less isolated in Wellington, and when occasional Sabbath meetings were held there, they were held in her home. She was admired and loved as a result of her quiet, faithful, Christian life. She was taken ill a few weeks before she died and was ably cared for by her two daughters until she was called to rest. One son and two daughters mourn their loss. One daughter is known to many of our members as Sister Olive Davies, one of our faithful Bible-workers. We look forward to the glad reunion on the resurrection morning. T. H. COOPER.

YEATES.—Brother Yeates accepted the message through Mr. Shaw of Belfast, and was also encouraged in the colporteur work by him. He was baptized by Pastor William Hutchinson about forty years ago. He had retired from the colporteur work and was living in Bangor. He passed away after a very brief illness on Tuesday, January 30th, and was buried on Thursday, February 1st, in Bangor Cemetery. We shall miss our brother at church; but we hope to see him in the kingdom. JOHN G. BEVAN.

STOKES.—Brother Percy Stokes fell asleep in Christ on February 20th and was laid to rest in the Fulham Cemetery three days later. Our brother was in his seventy-fourth year, and had been confined to his bed with a painful illness for nearly four months. During this time he was attended by his faithful wife day and night. The funeral was attended by the widow, a brother, a number of sons and daughters and members of the Chiswick church. It was about twenty-five years ago that our brother accepted the Advent message, and soon after became elder of the Chiswick church, which position he held up to the time of his death. He was loved by the flock he shepherded, and during his illness his thoughts often went to his beloved church. His faith in the Saviour was strong and he understood his pain in the light of Calvary. He was a generous man with a lovable nature and drew many to him. He is missed in the home and church, but we are confident that he will answer the call of the Saviour on the resurrection morn. We extend our sympathies to his widow and the members of the family. The service and interment were conducted by the writer. W. W. ARMSTRONG.

NOTT.—Mr. Nott, aged over ninety, the oldest member of the Nottingham church, fell asleep in Jesus unexpectedly during Christmas week. He was found dead at his home, where he had lived alone since his wife died in 1935. The Wednesday before he had visited some of our members, and was apparently as well as usual. He and his wife were baptized in Wolverhampton in 1916, as a result of the work of Brother S. F. Tonks, and they came to live in Nottingham in 1920. Brother B. F. Kinman conducted the funeral service. *Church Clerk.*

FROGGART.—The Nottingham church lost another of its elderly members, Mrs. Froggart, on December 26, 1939. She had suffered from cancer for some time, but had only taken to her bed for the last three months. Owing to her illness and the distance of her home from our meeting-place, she had not been able to meet with us latterly, but was visited by Brother B. F. Kinman and some of the churchmembers. She, with her daughter, accepted our message in 1933 as a result of an effort conducted by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick. We extend our deepest sympathy to her children, particularly to her daughter Rose, who lived with her and devoted herself to her. We look forward to the glad resurrection day, when all God's children will be reunited. *Church Clerk.*

MURDEN.—"As the Sabbath drew on" Sister Hephzibah Murden fell asleep to awake no more till Jesus calls. Sister Murden was baptized on July 22, 1939, at Holloway church. Despite her nearly eighty-two years Mrs. Murden was regular and punctual in attendance at all church services. On January 28th she suffered a stroke which paralysed her right side and took away her speech. While lying in hospital she rallied a little, but never fully recovered consciousness, and on February 9th passed away. An elderly brother and sister, a number of nephews and nieces, together with several churchmembers, gathered at the home, and paid their last loving respects at the graveside. The interment was at the St. Nicholas Cemetery on February 13, 1940. D. J. CLARKE.

NOBLE.—On Thursday, February 15th, the members of the Liverpool church were saddened by the news that Sister Noble had been the victim of a fatal street accident while cycling in Liverpool. Our sister had recently been elected tithe treasurer of the local church. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. Sister Noble was a daughter of Mrs. Anderson of Market Harborough. She had kept the Sabbath in her youth, but had drifted away from that precious truth. In the meantime she became a nurse, married, and finally heard the message again at Pastor Maudsley's meetings, and was baptized. She rests in the sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life. We extend to her mother, sisters, and other relatives our heartfelt sympathy. J. E. BELL.

PHILLIPS.—On Wednesday morning, February 21st, 1940, Sister Mrs. Phillips fell asleep in Jesus, at the age of eighty-five years. For about thirty-four years she was a faithful adherent of the advent faith. For many years she was a member of the Gillingham church, where meetings were frequently held in her home. She has resided with her daughter, Sister Croft, at Brighton for the past six years. Up to a few months of her death she made her round with tracts and *Present Truth*. She loved to give out the message that was so dear to her heart. Her daughter and two sons are faithful believers, one son having served in the mission field and is now teaching at Newbold. She was laid to rest in Brighton Cemetery on Friday, February 23rd, to await the call of the Life-giver. Brother R. H. Smith officiated. Our sympathy is extended to her family, who sorrow not as those without hope.
M. E. SHONHER, *Church Clerk.*

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