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A Gold Coast "Joseph"

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WE are often amused, here in the Gold Coast, by the way the Africans adopt Christian names. It is remarkable also how the names often fit the character of the person concerned. This is not always to their credit, but quite often we win young people for God who do justice to the name they take.

Our "Joseph" that I want to tell you about is a real Joseph and we are proud of him. He accepted Christ a few years ago. He lives in a town two miles away from our nearest church. For a year or so he faithfully walked this distance Sabbath after Sabbath to attend the church service and the Sabbath-school. He won his wife to God and when I was preparing to baptize her, I asked, "Why have you taken off your earrings?" It might be mentioned that the holes in her ears where they had hung were plainly visible. With a smile she answered, "An ear-ring is the sign of a slave and I am a free woman in Jesus Christ." It was a surprising answer for an illiterate woman, but it showed me how well Joseph had instructed his wife.

After a time, Joseph began to feel that there should be Adventist believers in his own town. On his own initiative, he began visiting the houses and telling the people about the truth from God's Book. He preached, he held Bible studies, he sang hymns to the townsfolk, and soon formed a small Sabbath-school. Last Christmas he asked me to visit their town. On my arrival I was met by Joseph, and on asking him where the service was to be conducted, he

answered, "In the church." "What church?" I asked in surprise. "In our own church, the Adventist church." Still more surprised, I said: "And who has built the church?" With a smile that spread over his face he replied, "Why, myself and the members."

He led me to the end of the street on which we were standing, and there, on a nice plot of ground, was

An Appreciation

THE Ministry of Health is to use our sanitarium as a hospital under the auspices of the University College Hospital authorities. The Psychiatric Hospital thus ceases to exist at Watford. We recently sent a note of farewell to Dr. Crichton-Miller, who was in charge of the Psychiatric Hospital, and in his reply he says: "I shall always value your testimony alongside of that which came my way in the last war. . . . I have felt all the time I have been at The Stanboroughs a profound confidence in the self-sacrifice and integrity of every member of your community. And if things have run smoothly, I can only claim a portion of the credit. To Mr. A. H. Thompson and to Mrs. Williams must go major portions of the credit. It has been a real pleasure to work with them."

H. W. LOWE.

a fine, white-washed building with an iron sheet roof which held fifty or sixty people comfortably. Even as buildings are put up out there, it must have cost a good deal and I know that most of this came out of Joseph's own pocket. We had a very happy service at which we dedicated the little church to God. At the time of writing there is a good Sabbath-school with ten adult members and about twenty children who are being taught the way of God.

A short time after this, Joseph felt he was not doing enough for God and asked me if I would supply him with books. He wished to travel around the countryside and endeavour to win more people to God. I readily agreed to his suggestion. He came and bought £3 worth of books, paid cash, and off he went. About a month later, he returned and was very anxious that I should go and visit a large town about thirty miles away where, he said, he had some interested people. As I was busy at the time it was not possible to do as he requested. However, I asked him to do what he could to follow up the interest.

About a month later I was able to go and visit this town and was very much surprised to find fifteen people keeping the Sabbath and holding their services in a very fine building. We stayed for three days, holding meetings and hundreds of people attended. We were very sorry we had no teacher to leave behind who could continue the good work thus started. I made arrangements with Joseph that he should visit the new

members as often as possible and do what he could to teach them the truth.

A few days ago we went again for another visit, and found the small room in which the meetings were held full to overflowing. Some could not get in and were forced to listen from outside. During the Sabbath-school we began to count the people who had taken their stand and had begun to keep the Sabbath. There were over seventy people. It really was amazing to see what God had wrought through the patient, sanctified endeavours of Joseph. It was a great lesson to us to see what

God can do through an earnest young person.

It is such experiences as these which show that God is working for His people in Africa. As missionaries we can never hope to finish the work. We must have good laymen to help us, men who will stay by the work when we have gone. It is encouraging to find young men who can take hold of the message in such a way that they in turn can win others. We are happy to have such a young man as Joseph working by our side, and we are sure that soon the family of God will be complete and our work finished.

Notes from the Union President

GREETINGS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

MANY of our members will remember with affection Elder Stephen G. Haughey, who is now in Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. In a cheerful letter he says: "I can truly say that if I had been there when this war began, I would gladly have stayed and done all I could to encourage and help the people through these trying days and months. I have no fears about the bombs, for I was there in London during the World War, and my family experienced all the raids over that city at that time."

1940 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

THE financial faithfulness of our people is doubtless increasing, as shown by the figure of 81.23 per cent of our membership who are regular tithe-payers. That is the highest it has ever been and we hope that the figure will continue to improve throughout the present year. Unfortunately we have the worst membership figures to report for a long period of years. A great amount of cleaning up of membership has been undertaken, it is true, but, at the same time, the number of apostasies was high (224) and the number of baptisms (267) was small. The net loss for the year was 51. One hundred and twenty-six members passed away during the year, which again is a very high figure, and, of course, unavoidable. We shall be writing more on this subject after the Union Committee meeting to be held shortly, but we do earnestly commend this matter to our entire force of workers and members

as of primary importance in prayer.

Nothing else is as important as this matter of soul-winning, for it alone is the reason for our existence.

A VISIT TO IRELAND

I RECENTLY obtained a permit to visit Ireland, and it was a great pleasure to meet the workers and the believers in that land. The weather was at its worst, and some parts of the country were snowed in, but I did manage to see all the workers and the centres of membership, with one exception in a country district. There is, of course, some tense feeling in Ireland, north and south, but the spirit of the people is wonderful and they are full of courage. I found the Dublin church its usual warm-hearted self, and greatly enjoyed the week-end there. The prospects for baptisms are a little brighter than they have been in the Irish Mission for some time, but, of course, the difficulties of gathering congregations obtain there as elsewhere.

MILITARY SERVICE MATTERS

1. MEN whose personal convictions lead them to register in such a way that they appear before tribunals should consult us before registration. We now have several exceedingly difficult cases to handle in which we were not consulted at all. Had counsel been taken some of these cases might not have taken their present unfortunate turn.

2. Men appearing before tribunals should be careful not to attribute to the denomination views which are purely their own. No man has a right to speak in the name of the denomination against the wearing of any uniform, or against participation in any form of national service. While the attitude of the denomination, as officially expressed, is that Christian men seek to serve the state aside from the taking of human life, it nevertheless shelters within its fold men who are allowed to differ from this opinion. It is our duty to help these men as far as we possibly can. We do not dis-fellowship such men, and we must not talk as though the denomination does not leave everybody free to follow God-given convictions in these matters.

A DENOMINATION BANNED

OUR members will have observed that a certain religious organization has been banned for its activities in Australia. Indiscretions in speaking against governments at the present time should be strenuously avoided. The man, for example, who says in public anything indicating his indifference to the outcome of hostilities is guilty of a dreadful indiscretion. We have very definite convictions as to the form of government we want to live under, if we have intelligence and if we love liberty and freedom at all. H. W. LOWE.

Are You Getting Ready
for
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A Forward Move in Chelmsford

THE year 1941 has begun with marks of progress in the Chelmsford district by the organization of a fully-officered company, Sabbath-school, and young people's society. We are planning to hold a second baptism in the near future which will be followed by the organization of a church.

Since the effort conducted by Pastor Reeves and the first baptism of seventeen, with the assistance in the district of Brother J. P. West and Sister M. Clements, we have been building up the new believers and working for others who have become interested in the message, and there are good prospects of adding others who will be a source of strength and helpfulness to the existing membership.

We are happy to see the growth and development of the good, old-time Adventist spirit with its accompanying joy and consecration to the cause of the Lord. These things, in themselves, are drawing others to us and constitute an excellent advertisement in these times.

On Sabbath, January 25th, we had a "high day"—the first visit from Pastor E. R. Warland, who led our church life into a new epoch. In the three services he conducted, he set before us most convincingly, the need for active service for all our membership following their full surrender and its associated salvation from the power of sin. By his afternoon lantern lecture he vividly depicted the blessings and transformations brought to the benighted heathen by the Advent mission among the Luo people of East Africa; while the concluding service, in the evening, was perhaps the most encouraging and joyous of all, and proved a fitting climax to a most blessed Sabbath day. In this a score of most promising young people sought for an immediate organization of a young people's society and were eager to take up the Progressive Courses with some vocational honours specified in the young people's magazine.

Brother Warland spoke on the standard and aims of the society and showed the vital importance of all these things that should be seen in the lives of young people who sought a place in the kingdom of the Prince of peace.

An order for fifteen copies of *The Progressive Volunteer* to be taken regularly, was given in, society leaders and other officers and instructors were chosen, and the times of regular meetings appointed.

In addition to the weekly Sabbath service it was decided that a monthly meeting should convene for the inclusion of such subjects as first-aid, health lectures and demonstrations, and home nursing. Social evenings, hikes, cycle rides, and other out-door recreation are to be arranged and a choral practice, once or twice a week, we trust will produce an acceptable choir that may render valuable service to the cause in the days to come.

We anticipate there are good times coming among the believers and friends in the Chelmsford area and in a few months' time Pastor Warland may be required to make a return visit for an investiture service.

F. C. BAILEY.

A Memorable Week-End at Cheltenham

WE, who form one of the more distant branches of God's growing missionary volunteer movement in our South England Conference, appreciate the tending hand of its husbandman. Pastor E. R. Warland came on January 17th to invest the young people who had completed the first stage in the Progressive class work. Already, ten Friends and two Companions have joined the noble army of "progressors" since we commenced the society meetings eight months ago. Only three of this number were members; since then, four of these Friends have been baptized and three others are preparing to follow their example. Our missionary volunteer meetings have, indeed, been to some the introduction to the message.

Though it proved to be the most inclement week-end of the new year, Pastor Warland brought with him the spiritual fervour and social recreation—the ideals of our organization—which sent us on our way with warmer hearts and higher aspirations. The special addresses cemented our faith in the principles and purposes of our high calling and discovered to our gaze lurking needs in our experience, of whose presence we had hardly been aware.

The young people's social in the evening, with the happy fun and absorbing films, followed a Sabbath whose blessings had been real and intimate. Surely, in our young people's activities lies the success of our divinely-appointed commission and herein an object for your prayerful support.

M. M. JOHN.

News from Slough

WE are always happy to report progress under the Lord's leading.

When we came to Slough to start a campaign there was not one member in the town. On February 1st, we had the joy of organizing a company of fourteen members, all eager to give their best in service for the Master and for one another.

During the past twelve months these members have shown their faithfulness by their missionary activities. In their first Harvest Ingathering campaign they were the first company or church to reach the full goal, reaching over £3 per member without any help from the local conference workers.

We are now in the midst of another campaign and are hoping, working, and praying that our efforts will be crowned with the organization of the company into a church.

Pray with us for the further success of our work in this place.

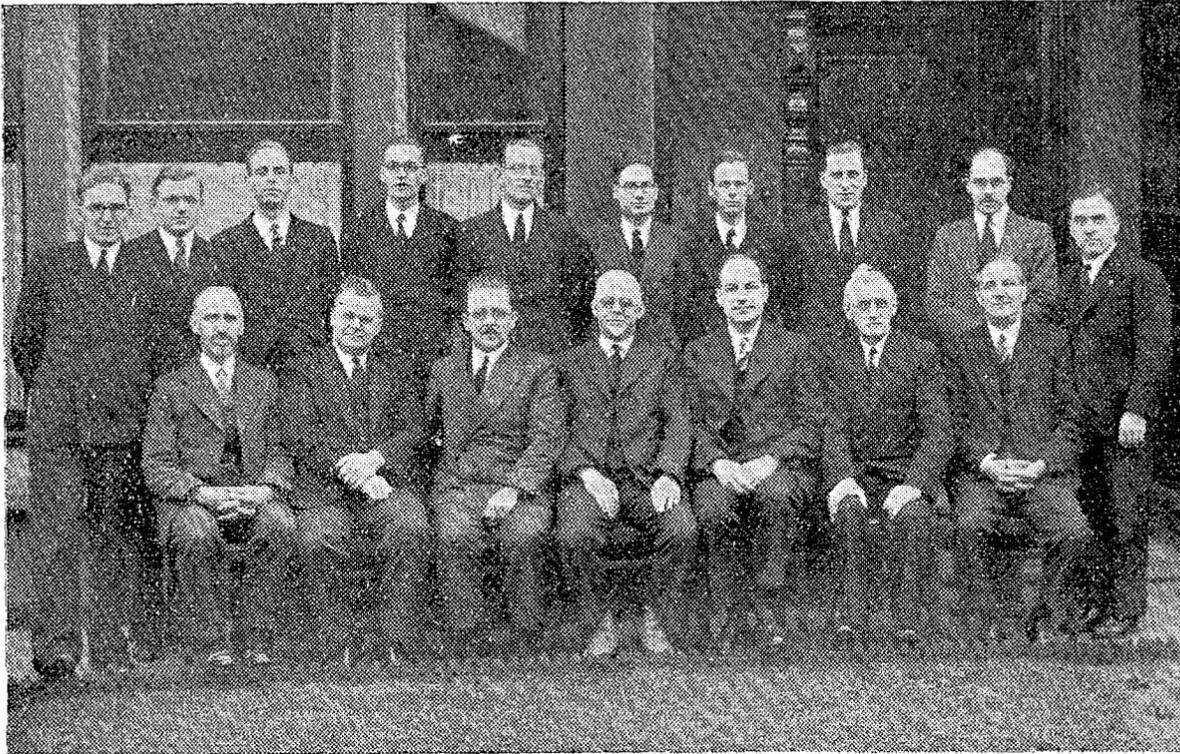
C. R. BONNEY.

Wedding Bells

CHARLTON-OGBORNE. — Brother Roy Charlton, of Southampton, and Sister Esme Osborne, of Bristol, were united in marriage at the Bristol church on Wednesday, February 5, 1941. We wish these young people every blessing of Heaven as they set up a new home in Portsmouth.

The ceremony was conducted by the writer before a considerable company of members and friends.

O. M. DORLAND.



The Licentiate Ministers' Council

FRONT ROW—F. D. Buckle, J. M. Howard, H. W. Lowe, W. E. Read, R. C. Joyce, J. Harker, B. Belton. BACK ROW—D. J. Handysides, S. H. Parkin, A. J. Woodfield, K. A. Elias, F. Edwards, J. C. French, J. R. Lewis, B. F. Kinman, B. E. Sparrow, D. J. Clarke.

The Ordained Ministers' Council

"EVANGELIST of the North England Conference" was the identity card which the ordained ministers presented when attending an unusually helpful workers' meeting, held at our newly-equipped and decorated headquarters in Nottingham, from November 11th to 13th.

The chairman, our president, together with his associates at this round-table conference, were all seasoned evangelists, having had experience in every part of the Union field, London and the South, Scotland and the North, Ireland and Wales included. All the experience gained through the years was concentrated on plans to attack the many millions in the unentered cities of this conference. Long years of service in this particular field of labour do not lead men to think that they have mastered the art. They are ever ready to learn from each other, for they well know that the science of soul-winning requires continual study and adaptation.

Pastor S. G. Joyce, who, in connection with aggressive field work, has been teaching the fundamental principles of evangelism at Newbold College for the past two years, presented the first item on the agenda, entitled, "How to organize a campaign from the opening night until the time one must leave the primary hall." The writer dealt with the

second phase of this great subject, covering the period of the campaign from the time the evangelist enters his secondary hall to his first baptism.

The long discussion which followed revealed a wealth of experience, and proved beyond doubt the truth of the wise man's statement in Proverbs 27:17: "As iron whets iron, so one man whets another." (Moffatt.) As our deliberations continued, one could see the spirits of these veterans of many a campaign rising to their task, and the determination of all could be summed up, very aptly, in the words of our Prime Minister, by substituting one word:

"We must be united. We must be undaunted. We must be inflexible. Our qualities and our deeds must burn and glow through the gloom of the North England Conference until they become the veritable beacon of its salvation."

Our evangelistic mottoes might well be summed up in the following words:

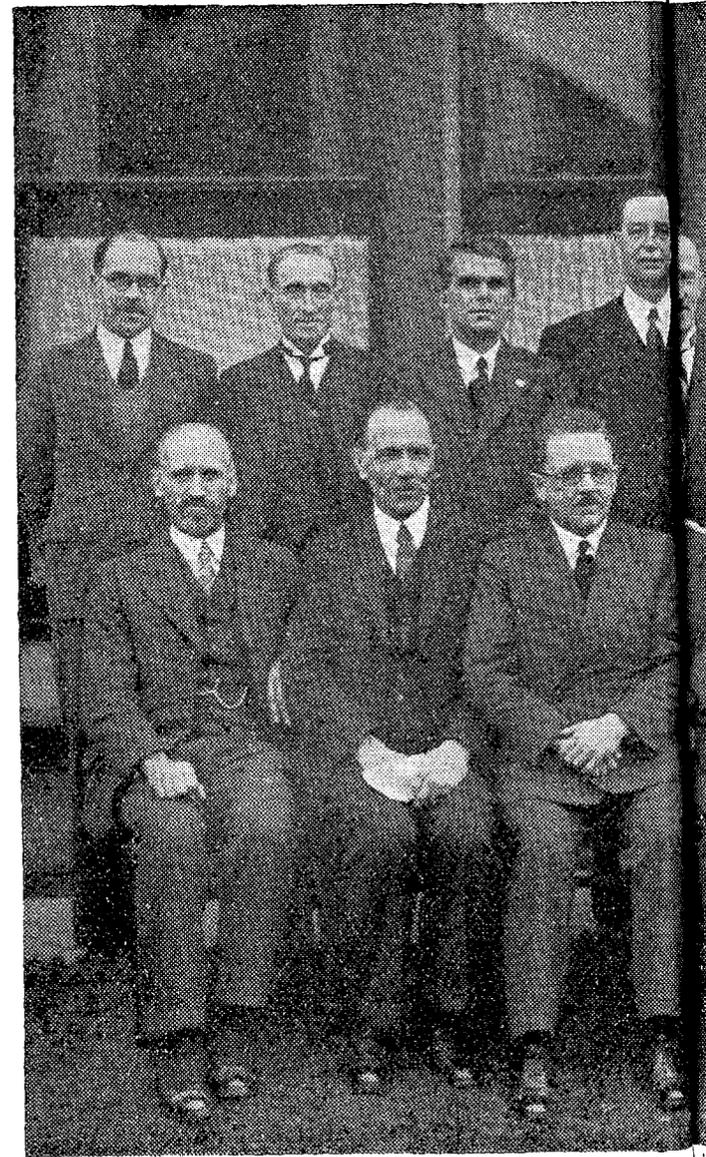
"Whoever serves God, must first serve his fellow-man.
Whoever serves a great cause must forget himself.
Whoever serves the truth need have no fear of the future.
Whoever serves in humility will find an inner satisfaction.
Whoever serves his fellow-man must expect criticism and indifference.
Whoever serves the public must not be surprised if he is crucified."

Every other feature of our church

North England Council

work was given careful consideration. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick led the discussion on the value of a good prayer meeting. Brother F. D. Buckle gave us much guidance in our financial affairs; Brother B. Belton showed us ways and means of developing the colporteur work; and Brother B. E. Sparrow helped to instil into the minds of the evangelists the good results which follow faithful and prompt reporting, and close co-operation with the Home Missionary, Sabbath-School, and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

Pastors W. T. Bartlett and H. W. Lowe led us in Bible study and devotion. A renewed spirit of consecration took possession of all, a spirit which will undoubtedly measure up to the unparalleled times to which we



The Ordained

FRONT ROW—F. D. Buckle, J. E. Bell, W. Maudsley. BACK ROW—B. E. Sparrow, wick, S. G. Joyce,

Workers' Councils

have come. The closing testimony service revealed again and again that this had been an unusually helpful meeting, which will bear good fruit in the coming days.

Our men have been limited many times in the past by lack of funds. The psychologists tell us that the limits we set ourselves are far more hampering than any which life usually sets us. The gift of evangelism is greatly to be prized, and those possessing this gift should make it their life work, and the church should honour and support the evangelists as messengers of God. The apostle Paul recognized no higher calling.

Let us ever remember our evangelists in prayer, that God may use them mightily in these last days.

L. MURDOCH.



The Bible-Workers' Council

FRONT ROW—F. D. Buckle, B. E. Sparrow, W. T. Bartlett, R. S. Joyce, J. M. Howard, B. Belton. BACK ROW—I. Himsworth, J. Handysides, E. A. Buck, G. H. Goodier, A. M. Beazley, B. Cleary, E. M. Stendall, J. Mitchell, E. G. Jackson, E. Adair, E. E. Pratt, H. M. Ford, A. F. Clarke.

The Licentiate's Council

THE licentiate ministers of the North England Conference met together for counsel in Nottingham, from November 18th to 20th, under the chairmanship of Pastor R. S. Joyce. Behind this bald statement lie more than two full days of concentrated consideration of the science of soul-winning as it applies to the young minister to-day.

Primarily, attention was given to his own spiritual needs. Continued outpouring of the Bread of life to others tends to leave the worker's own soul hungry. Here, he who ministers was ministered unto by the capable hands of Pastors W. E. Read and H. W. Lowe, who broke open the details of the Word of God and served them to us in soul-satisfying portions.

The mechanics of our calling were given full and careful thought. Pastors J. M. Howard and J. Harker from the Union, and the local brethren from the conference office, gave valuable help. Four talks given by the workers themselves, focused our minds successively on as many different angles of evangelization, and lively and profitable discussion followed each presentation.

Probably the most valuable thing gained from the meetings was the deeper realization of the tremendous needs of the field as a whole at this time. The situation demands utmost efficiency in organization and tech-

nique on the one hand, and total dependence on God for His Spirit on the other. Every city unentered by the heralds of the third angel's message, presents a challenge to-day with a force never known in this country before. It is a sobering thought: which will reach this virgin territory first, the quickening message of the Advent hope, or the "Blitzkrieg" from the skies?

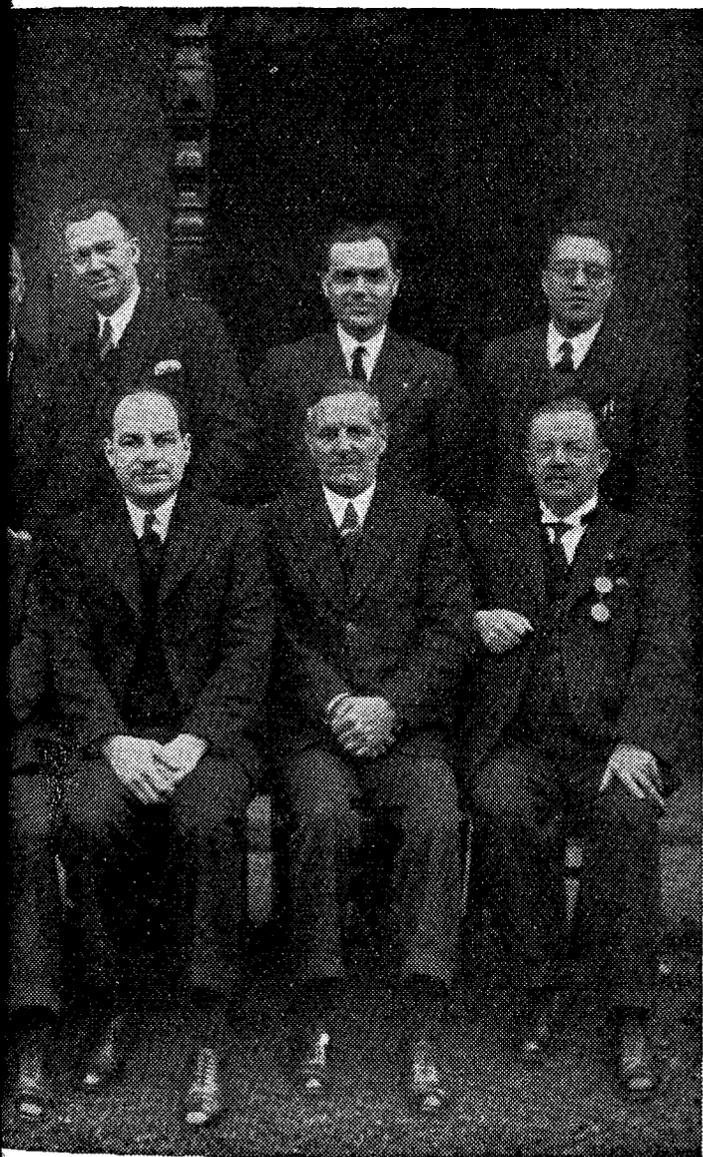
To the glorious task of proclaiming this Gospel in every county, town, and village in the North England Conference in this generation, each young man present re-dedicated his life for service. May we take this opportunity of inviting you, the great army of Adventist members throughout all Britain, to join wholeheartedly in this reconsecration and give the Gospel trumpet such a certain sound in 1941 as has never before been heard in these fair islands. Let us, then, "go to it" with faith and courage, and by His grace and power, success is ours already.

K. ELIAS.



The Bible-Workers' Council

IN the board room of our North England Conference headquarters there have been many secrets uttered, many scenes witnessed, painful and glad, but never a series of meetings as interesting as those of the Bible-Workers' Council, November 25th to 27th.



Licentiate's Council

Lowe, W. T. Bartlett, R. S. Joyce, B. Belton, Crow, A. F. Bird, L. Murdoch, W. R. A. Madgwick, W. M. Lennox.

The council began on Monday, the 27th, at 7 p.m., with a welcome by our president, Pastor R. S. Joyce, followed by a Bible study by Pastor H. W. Lowe.

The following morning at 9 a.m., Pastor W. T. Bartlett spoke, in his inimitable way, of the real meaning of abiding and abounding in Christ. These devotional periods were times of heart-searching and renewed consecration.

Opportunity was given to Brethren F. D. Buckle, B. Belton, and B. E. Sparrow to speak on the lines of work nearest their hearts. All were glad to hear of the progress made in the literature ministry and in the Sabbath-school. But what of the maxims, "Every member of the church a member of the Sabbath-school," "All our youth, in all our churches, for Christ"? There is much room for improvement here, and it was unanimously agreed that the Bible-workers could help considerably in the churches to this end. We were glad to receive help from Pastor J. M. Howard, who has had years of experience with Bible-workers in evangelistic work.

One of the high lights of the convention was the time, all too short, given to Pastor J. Harker, with whom we delved into the mysteries of organ, piano, and voice production. I venture to say that many a Bible-worker will be up betimes practising the simple exercises of voice and fingers that will lend colour and harmony to congregational singing.

Time was given, also, for those present to express themselves in suggestion and discussion. All joined in wholeheartedly, as we sought to find the best ways and means whereby men and women, and boys and girls, could be led to the Saviour.

Most of the work of the lady visitor is behind the scenes; and she is content. Men and women of North England, remember the Bible-workers as they go from home to home. Sustain them with your prayers and uphold their hands, that together we may triumph and present to the Lord those who shall be His in the day when He makes up His jewels.

The council ended on a note of allegiance to Jesus Christ. Each worker expressed herself ready to attack the strongholds of the enemy with new determination, and to

reach those for whom Christ died.

Much had been crowded into two days. We pray that the knowledge and inspiration gained in that time

may extend over the days of our ministry and develop into that perfect work which will satisfy the heart of our Saviour. B. CLEARY.

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE are now able to tell the full financial story of 1940. It is an inspiring one and reveals an increasing faithfulness on the part of the membership of the Welsh Mission. Incidentally, it reveals what the Lord can do through His people in times of stress and uncertainty. For when we were at the threshold of 1940, we looked forward just a little timidly and doubtfully. Would we be able to hold the lines evenly? Would we be able to equal the achievements of 1939? These were some of the questions which resolved themselves in our thinking and planning. As for exceeding 1939, that could hardly be expected under the stressful conditions of war.

But what actually happened? Why, instead of doing as well or nearly as well, we did better than ever. In fact, it was a record year in tithes and offerings.

Let the figures speak for themselves:

	1939	1940
Tithe	£1867	£2202
Sabbath-School	393	425
Young People	4	5
Annual Offering	33	45
Harvest Ingath.	1066	1160
Big Week	22	31
Week of Sacrifice	26	34

Isn't that encouraging? Increase all along the line and good substantial increases at that. Thank God for such a people who, under the blessing of God, are ready to give freely and so make possible a larger work in soul-saving. Freely we received, and freely we gave. To God be the glory.

You know, friends, that when we do rightly by God, our whole outlook changes. God can do so much more for a cheerful, liberal people. There is no place for meanness in the church of God. Liberality is the

order of Heaven—how thankful we are for it, too. And remember the words, "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Increased income means nothing, however, if it does not mean increased spirituality and increases in the soul-saving work of the kingdom of God in all the earth. Have you looked at the addition sum which Peter presents in his second epistle, chapter one? Let us keep our eye on this throughout the year 1941. Notice that this sum gives an erstwhile human nature "divine nature."

If increases are registered thus, then we need not be anxious about the other increases. We shall do better still this year. All the Lord wants is faithfulness. Let us all give it Him—not only eighty per cent of us but 100 per cent.

In past years Wales has lost quite a large number of members by transfer. Well, this year we had the tables turned for a change and sixteen came to us. Attention has been called to the unusual number of deaths for a small field—ten in 1938, and ten in 1939. But last year we lost a still larger number by death—fifteen—which just corresponds with the number of new members received by baptism and vote. We also transferred a few names and erased a few, so that the result was a gain of eight, making our membership 472.

At the present time we are endeavouring to make it possible to begin some new efforts. Wales is filled with evacuees and in most places it is almost impossible to secure a house or portion of one. This is presenting a difficulty to us. Then the authorities are commandeering the halls which we need for public services. All of which will mean new methods—or the resurrec-

tion of older ones. Pray the Lord of the harvest, brethren, that He will help His servants and people to win more souls this year, in spite of the handicaps, than for a long time past.

LAST year our colporteurs increased sales from £952 to £1,691. We pray that the truth-filled books and magazines will bring light to many.

APART from the monies already mentioned above, the following further items must be recorded. You will remember the special appeals for Finland and our own War Emergency Relief Fund. To those funds we contributed £30 and £40 respectively, also £14 for the Students' Aid Fund, and £6 for relief locally.

LET us remember the young men who have been called away on national service:

Kenneth Barradine—Cardiff.
David Phelps—Aberdare.
Jack Owen—Aberdare.
Tom Elliott—Cardiff.

These are some names which are known to us. There are others, and we shall be glad to have any other names mentioned later. These young men need our prayers—that they may return to us later, to render even greater service to the cause of God.

AFTER months and months of delay, Brother and Sister George Rodgers and their little son, Marcus, were able to secure passage and begin their long journey to Egypt where Brother Rodgers will serve the church in an administrative capacity. We are sorry to lose them from our association but glad that they can get to the field which calls for their services and the field to which we believe the Lord has called them. S. G. HYDE.

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Notes from the Superintendent

WE are happy to report the Lord's blessing on all the activities of the Scottish Mission during 1940. It has been a year of strange and eventful happenings, but the Lord has guided and prospered His church. It may encourage our members to read the following items of interest.

FINANCE

As has been reported already, the 1940 tithe was the highest ever reached in the mission. An advance of £229 over the previous year was a substantial gain. This was all the more remarkable when we remember that the war has introduced an uncertain element into human life. This, however, should increase our fidelity to God's cause. Whatever else crumbles, "He abideth." Therefore we must maintain our loyalty to Heaven despite all distracting influences.

The good increase in tithe is also noteworthy when we compare the average of the past three years with previous periods. The average tithe

for the ten years, 1928-1937 amounted to £1,080. But the average for the past three years was £1,499. We praise God for this evidence of His blessing. We also heartily thank all whose faithfulness has made this increase possible. We would take this opportunity of appealing to that small number who are not enjoying the blessings of tithe-paying. "Prove Me now *herewith*, saith the Lord of hosts." The Lord is waiting to pour out His blessing upon you. He invites your co-operation "*herewith*" by bringing "the whole tithe into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10, R.V. Shall we not respond to the Lord's appeal to return unto Him in our material things that He may return unto us in spiritual power and blessing. Then our tithe of £1,634, will be exceeded during 1941.

Our offerings to the needy fields overseas showed a commendable interest in the extension of the kingdom of God. The Home Office for Scotland delayed our start in the Ingathering campaign, but in spite of this we reached within a few shillings of

£600. Many of the churches and members reached and passed their goals in a short time. Our week of sacrifice offering yielded an increase of £15 beyond the year before. The Sabbath-school was also above the previous year by £13. In addition to the usual offerings, the mission subscribed £24 to Finnish relief as well as smaller sums to the victims of air raids at home. Our Scottish membership shows a practical sympathy for the plight of their less fortunate brethren elsewhere. They have imbibed the spirit of Nehemiah's charge: "Then said he unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Neh. 8:10.

COLPORTEUR SALES

WE regret to report that the sale of literature by our colporteurs was down by £153. Our small force of bookmen has suffered a few casualties during the past year. Scotland needs recruits to this self-sacrificing army. We pray that the Lord will lay the burden on the hearts of some capable souls. In spite of the large decrease in colporteur sales, the total business with the publishing house increased by £38. This shows that the church-members have increased their sales of our books and magazines during the year. Surely this £1,257 worth of vital reading matter will pave the way for many souls to find the kingdom of peace and righteousness.

NATIONAL SERVICE

DURING the past year many of our young men appeared before tribunals. We are thankful for the kind consideration they received and are glad to report that every one has been allocated to work of national importance, mostly in farming. Our youth appreciate the courtesy shown to them and they are determined, by their exemplary conduct, to show themselves worthy of the concessions extended to them. We thank God for the wise and large-hearted attitude adopted by our government to non-combatants in this time of grave national danger.

MEMBERSHIP

OUR small force of evangelists has been engaged in earnest soul-winning

efforts during the past year. The largest effort in the field has not yet yielded its baptism, but will do so shortly. From the other campaigns ten souls were baptized and five were added by vote. There were also five accessions by letter of transfer. On the other hand, we lost seven members by death and six by apostasy. Eight were transferred to other fields. Our membership at the end of 1940 stands at 303. We must address ourselves to the building up of this small constituency. That is our major task to-day.

The largest effort in the field did not yield its baptism in time to be included in last year's figures. This baptism has now taken place, and a separate report will follow shortly.

CAMPAIGNS

AGGRESSIVE campaigns are planned during the current year. In addition to looking after the interests of Glasgow, Brother Vince will launch a new campaign in the town of Hamilton. There are Adventists scattered around the district who will be cheered by this prospect. We look for the establishment of a new church as a result of this effort.

Brethren Morrison and Johnson are exchanging places. Brother Morrison will conduct an effort in Dundee and Brother Johnson will begin public meetings in Aberdeen. These moves will care for the churches there as well as ensuring fruitful evangelistic efforts.

Brother Butters moves to Stirling where we have a faithful group of believers and a small interest. He will begin public meetings soon and we look for encouraging results there. The writer will continue his public work in Edinburgh, having secured the use of a good hall for March.

We invite all our members to strengthen the hands of our workers by continual prayer for power and skill in soul-winning. We should pray that this will be the best year in our history for the increase of the membership. This can be so if "the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."

J. A. McMILLAN.

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHE —"

Questions on Christian Benevolence Answered

Question: "Is it recommended that one's capital should be tithed, or only the interest?"

THIS is one of the complications of modern life which has caused some to wonder what to do. Capital may be defined as follows:

1. Money which a Christian has already invested before he became convinced of tithe obligations, whether this came from his own earnings or from legacies, etc.

2. Investments made with money already tithed. Obviously this causes no problem and the Christian would naturally tithe his interest or dividends as he received them.

We are therefore left to consider (1). Admittedly, a person might be left with property, but with insufficient cash to pay tithe on the value of the property. In such case one would certainly tithe the cash income. Where money is available it is better to tithe one's assets during life, first because it brings a personal blessing, and also because it avoids complications in the execution of wills, etc. Where any private reason obtains against this practice, testamentary provision should be made for tithing one's realizable assets after decease.

Where people inherit legacies in realizable form, we have always felt it safer to tithe, for example, both principal and interest. Here are some reasons for that belief:

1. The fact that there has been some difference of opinion on this point suggests a doubt, and wherever that is the case in dealing with the Lord, it is always better to give Him the benefit.

2. Capital, no less than interest, investments no less than dividends, are part of "thine increase," and therefore included in the tithe law.

Conceivably a poor person might have to live on interest or dividends from small investments and thus be unable to find sufficient cash to tithe all assets. Such a case would be covered by tithing income during life.

If it be argued that tithe paid on profits from investments produces more tithe in the end, we must be careful to remember:

1. That the tithe laws were established to produce greater spiritual blessing for man and not necessarily more money for God.

2. That investments made with untithed money might produce more under divine blessing were the tithe paid on the whole amount in question.

3. That the argument that more tithe is produced in the long run by tithing only interest on dividends, might be a subtle human way of preferring larger dividends.

In money matters, the human instinct is no safe guide. In no other department of life are men so selfish. Even otherwise saintly people can be horribly mean with money. Where God is concerned we ought to "honour" Him with our substance, whatever the problem involved.

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Feb 28th	6.38	6.39	6.50	6.44	6.57

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