



Student Colporteurs in Training

By A. W. HOWARD

WHILE many students may welcome as a pleasing diversion any break in the routine of college life, others regard it distrustfully as conflicting with matters of greater importance. There are a few events, however, in which a willing interest is shown by nearly all. One of these is the annual Student Colporteur's Institute.

Few grudge the prominent place given each year to this important training, for there is no better preparation for front-line fighting in the cause of truth. Whether prospective summer canvassers or "home-front" workers, all may share equally the experience and fresh ideas brought by

men continually in touch with our advanced positions in the colporteur field.

April 1st saw the arrival of Pastor J. M. Howard and Brethren B. Belton and A. W. Cook, the Union and local conference Field Missionary leaders, for the stay of six days. Their coming gave us assurance that the need would be met for this critical year. We were not to be disappointed.

A spirit of enthusiasm was kindled at the opening chapel exercises as

Brother Howard recalled the great achievements of the past summer when, under God's blessing, a record number of homes was entered with the message. At that time no fewer than thirty-five students secured scholarship benefits. This year there was to be no retrenching. The time demanded a further advance, and God's arm was, as ever, strong to help:

In his talk the following morning, Brother Howard made no attempt to minimize the difficulties, but sought to toughen our spiritual sinews by drawing examples from the experiences of Paul and Jeremiah. Hardships must be expected, but a soul-



The fine group of students at Newbold College who are planning to enter the colporteur field during the summer.

winning ideal will render them negligible.

Later in the week we were joined by Brethren Warren and Craven from the Publishing House. The part these additional visitors played was an outstanding feature of the week, creating a lively interest. After Brother Craven's illuminating talk on the painstaking work of preparing our books, some who listened may have queried whether, after all, the selling of them was the more difficult task!

A moving film of the Press, shown by Brother Warren the same evening, enabled us to see for ourselves the various phases of this work. We may be justly proud of our literature. No one will easily forget Brother Warren's striking parable likening our volumes and magazines to "square drinking cups," filled with water from the "Ancient River," God's Holy Word, the source of true life and health.

A special word of appreciation is due to Brethren Belton and Cook for all their arduous labours in connection with the class-work and instruction. With skill born of years of practical experience they strove to equip us with the principles of true Gospel salesmanship. Great stress was rightly laid upon the need for presenting the books in such a manner that they will be read eagerly by every purchaser.

Sabbath opened with an item of special interest in the week's programme, the colporteur symposium, comprising testimonies from nine students as to the Lord's leading during their last summer's work. These were enjoyable and stimulating. There will be others of equal worth in the future. An unusual and particularly happy occasion was the morning service, the final meeting of the institute, which was combined with the ordinance service. Brother Howard spoke emphatically of the value of Christ's legacy of peace to us as our garrison in this trying time, and it entered more fully into our hearts as we obeyed the Lord's instructions in the "upper room." God make us channels through which His peace may flow to others in the months ahead!

No such week would be complete without some opportunity for proving the practical value of the lessons

learned. Accordingly our Missions Extension Rally day was fixed for Sunday, April 6th. A goal of £100 was set, and on Saturday night we organized and prayed. Some eighty students and faculty members took part, God wonderfully answering our prayer in respect of weather and results. Copies of *Good News* to the value of over £103 were sold, a record total—4,120 "square drinking

cups" full of life-giving water! We feel this success is an earnest of greater things to come, and look forward with calm assurance to the summer months. Remember dear friends to pray for the sixty young men and women who have been recruited and trained for this important service, that they may achieve financial, but above all else, spiritual success.

Divine Counsel to the Churches

By W. T. Bartlett

IN the first chapters of the Revelation we have a series of messages addressed to the church on earth by its great Head. These are priceless documents, commended to the attention of the people of God in all generations: "He that hath an ear, let him hear." We recognize in this expression a familiar saying of the Saviour's when He was on earth. (Matt. 11: 15.)

In the first chapter we see the Lord walking in the midst of the seven candlesticks which symbolized the seven churches. What is He doing among the candlesticks? His eye is upon each, noting its condition, and He stands ready to trim the lamps that their brightness may shine forth with the fullest lustre. Under that divine control there is no need for a candlestick ever to become extinguished, or even to give forth a dimmer light.

Look at the figure of the Son of man in the first chapter of Revelation. He is flaming with divine zeal. His marvellous voice could awake the dead. In His mouth the words are sharp two-edged swords. In His mighty hand He holds up the seven stars which are the angels of the seven churches. John is overcome by the glory of the vision and falls at the feet of Christ as dead, but the mighty hand raises him up and the wonderful voice utters familiar words: "Fear not."

Here is our glorified Redeemer, strong in His own great victory over sin and death, possessing the keys to the grave, standing in our midst in order to strengthen and sustain us, as we engage in His own long conflict with the forces of evil. The church should never lose sight of that glorious figure, but allow the touch of that mighty hand to empower it to con-

tinue His own ministry on earth, and make it fully equal as a body of light for its conflict with the forces of darkness.

Who could ever become discouraged looking on the glorious figure that the revelator saw on Patmos? The messages expressly state that they come to the churches from the very Lord who revealed Himself to John. "These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand." Rev. 2:1.

What is it that He notes most keenly in His churches? Their works, their loyalty, their labour, and their love to Him.

What is it that He praises most warmly? Their faithfulness even unto death, their loyal stand against false witnesses, their holding fast to the Word they have received from Him.

To five of the churches he sends a call to repent. If any church is indifferent to this appeal the candlestick must be removed out of its place. To Laodicea He says with special emphasis: "be zealous and repent." On Jezebel He pronounces stern judgment because "she willeth not to repent."

Burning words are spoken concerning the things which the Saviour hates. Among these are the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes which professes to be a rendering of His own pure Gospel but in reality encourages men to continue in sin. That is an utter abomination to Him. Whoso hates this perversion is His friend. He hates also the hollow pretensions of Sardis who has a name as though it were alive while in reality it is dead. His divine zeal flames hotly against such lifeless formalism. Laodicea also arouses the strongest indignation. Lukewarmness is above

all things nauseating to Christ. Laodicea flatters itself on its merits but in Christ's keen sight she is wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

What a terrible experience will come to the hypocrites who stand at last before the judgment seat of Christ, and hear from His lips the exact and bitter truth concerning themselves and their hypocrisies. How thankful we should be that now we have ears to hear and can learn from the Saviour's lips what He approves and what He despises. Yet, stern as seems His message to Laodicea, the same voice assures us that the chastening is evidence of His faithful love. If we will only listen to His voice and open our hearts so that the wonderful Presence may abide in us, the glory that John saw may yet shine out of our eyes and make our own words vibrate with spiritual life and power.

Jesus sees the end from the beginning and the closing experience of the true church is predicted in a saved, restored Laodicea, rejoicing in the most intimate fellowship with her Lord, and getting ready for the time when she shall sit with Him on His throne, an overcomer by virtue of His illimitable grace.

Listen to the significant message to Philadelphia from this Lord who holds all power in heaven and on earth: "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Is that door still open? We say sometimes that the doors are closing in many lands. They may even seem to be partly closing in our own country. But a vision of our great Head will fully persuade us that He alone has power to close the doors. Every key hangs at His girdle. As long as He says, "I have set before thee an open door," we may go forward with unwavering confidence that no man has power to shut even one door so as effectively to hinder the entrance of the message. The Saviour's favourite phrase should still sound in our ears: "If any man hath an ear to hear, let him hear."

All are to hear the message that Christ has entrusted to His servants. Him alone we regard in this business. We may enter in at some doors to seize our opportunities at the peril of our lives, but the Master who was crucified for us expects us to be

faithful even unto death. While His mighty hand holds up the seven stars, no power of darkness can prevent their shining into every land and reaching every tribe and people and

tongue. Under the leadership of such a Lord as John saw on Patmos, the church will yet light up the whole earth with the glory that John saw in the face of Jesus Christ.

IRISH MISSION

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In Eire's Capital

THE city of Dublin with its unusual distinction of possessing two cathedrals and two universities has, alas, only one Seventh-Day Adventist church of just over thirty members! The population of this city is about 470,000. There are thousands of church-goers continually going into the manifold churches or chapels, but so many of these souls worship One whom they do not really know! Rome has its hold on them. Dear, difficult Dublin!

In the midst of these surroundings are to be found our Dublin members, who are a loyal people both spiritually and financially. Also there is an excellent little church building in the heart of the city, where these members meet week after week. Such "times of refreshing" as are experienced there mean so much to us all in these particularly trying days. Every service is well attended by young and old. In the Sabbath-school it is gratifying to note the high percentage who engage in daily study of the Word. Also, the offerings to missions come in regularly and well, showing the determination to attain to the goal of £52 for the year.

The home missionary department's activities are somewhat curtailed owing to customs and war-emergency restrictions. Nevertheless some good, regular work is being done for others with *Signs of the Times*, *Present Truth*, etc.

The Missionary Volunteer society comprises a loyal band of young people and associate members. Tract distribution has been a recent feature of their work. A little result was seen from this but how much, not seen as yet, is being accomplished by the Spirit of God? Throughout the recent Missionary Volunteer week we had very inspiring meetings when we

all felt the Lord very near, speaking to us as we talked with Him.

Some members kindly "leased and lent" their homes as "bases" for the "aid to the injured" campaign (first-aid classes—another feature of the society) and for the much enjoyed happy social times spent together. These have been much appreciated by the young people and the older members too, who take them to their hearts as well as to the Lord continually in prayer.

Coming to the evangelistic side of the Dublin church, the average attendance of non-members at the Sunday night meetings for the past six months has been twelve. Two Sundays last November brought twenty-three and twenty-six non-members present respectively.

The encouraging part of this is the fact that these souls have come into our own church building in response to a one-inch advertisement in one local newspaper. God promises the Word of Truth "shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish" that purpose for which it pleases and is sent by Him. We expect to "accomplish" a good, though possibly, not a large fruitage but as it pleases Him in this strongly Catholic mission field of the British Union Conference.

We have just had a happy return visit of Pastor and Sister W. G. Nicholson along with six months-old Rosemarie. They were given a real Dublin welcome. Brother Nicholson's ministry of the Word on the subjects of "The Bank of Heaven," "The Table Cruet," "The Father's Imitators," "The Present-Day Fulfilment of Scripture" on the Wednesday, Friday and Sabbath morning and afternoon respectively, was a means of inspiration and uplift to one and all.

All here have great cause for thankfulness to our heavenly Father for

His shielding care and providential guidance which surround us. We have been and are praying especially for our much-tried brethren and sisters in England and on the continent. We would request of you a special interest in your prayers for

us and those still outside the ark of truth in this part of the world. As we "pray one for another" we all are strengthened, encouraged, and built up in the faith until God's "New Order" is established.

L. A. WATSON.

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Baptism at Stanborough Park

ON the Sabbath afternoon of April 5th, Stanborough Park church was comfortably attended to witness the baptism and acceptance into fellowship of nine souls. The fruitage was the result of the united labours of the writer and his associate-worker, Miss Mahon, in the Wembley and Watford areas.

Pastor G. D. King addressed the gathering and concisely outlined the terms of discipleship—

"I heard the call, 'Come Follow,'
 That was all.
 My gold grew dim
 My soul went after Him,

I rose, left all and followed,
 That was all.
 Who would not follow
 If they heard Him call?"

We all sensed the presence and power of the Lord during the hallowed moments as the candidates publicly confessed Christ as their Saviour, were immersed, and received the right hand of fellowship.

The joy which the service brought to our hearts was echoed in the re-dedication of our lives to God as we prayerfully sang:

"Take my life and let it be,
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."
 JOHN H. BAYLISS.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

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Another Baptism in Birmingham

WE are happy to report a further accession to our numbers in the greater Birmingham district.

On Sunday, March 30th, seven candidates presented themselves for membership, six by baptism, and one by vote on former baptism. About sixty persons assembled to take part in the service, in which Brother B. E. Sparrow was associated with the writer.

As we listened to the ready responses of the candidates in the examination which preceded the service, we could not help feeling that good work had been done by our Bible-worker, Miss H. M. Ford.

The baptismal address emphasized the obligations and privileges of the

sacred ordinance of baptism, after which the immersion took place.

Certificates of membership, and copies of *Steps to Christ* were then presented to the candidates, who were afterwards voted into the membership of the churches, as follows: four to Handsworth, and one each to South Birmingham, Worcester, and Bromsgrove. This brings the membership at Handsworth to seventy. It is now some years since it stood at that figure.

We are also happy to report that the Birmingham churches are doing very well financially. In one case the report for the past year showed an increase in tithes and offerings of £153 as compared with 1939.

There are still more than a dozen Sabbath-keepers who, we hope,

will go forward at a later baptism.

For all these evidences of God's blessing, we take courage. To all our dear people we would say, remember Birmingham, a city of 1,100,000 population, in your prayers. Surely, God must "have much people in this city."

HAROLD W. McCROW.

Bible Study

Do not skim it, but study it, every word of it; study the whole Bible, Old Testament and New; not your favourite chapters merely, but the complete Word of God from beginning to end. . . . Let the Bible be to you the one Book in all the world, whose every word is truth, and whose every verse is wisdom. In studying it, be sure to take it for what it really is—the revelation of the thoughts of God, given to us in the words of God.—*Horatius Bonar*.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

In An Air Raid Shelter

It was approaching mid-day when an air raid warning sounded, and I thought it best to take cover, as people had gone into their shelters and those who were at home did not feel inclined to answer the door.

I turned down a side road to a brick shelter to which I had been directed. On nearing the shelter I saw a woman standing at the entrance, and she beckoned to me to come in. I entered, and we were soon talking about the seriousness of the times, and when I mentioned our work, and God's message to the people for these days, she became very interested and desired a copy of our paper which I had introduced to her. She had a young companion with her whose interest was aroused by the lovely picture of Jesus on the cover of the magazine, so she bought a copy for herself and one for the little friend.

Judging from the brief chat I had with her, I found that the very truth she was seeking was contained in our mission paper. Before parting we thanked God for bringing about the meeting and for His protection and prayed that we should meet again on the glorious day of His appearing.

R. S. ROPER.

At Rest

EARLE.—Sister Earle passed peacefully away on February 25, 1941, aged ninety years, after faithfully serving the Master for thirty-nine years. Our sister was one of the oldest members in the Leeds church. Owing to age and infirmity she was denied the privilege of church fellowship, but in her home she bore testimony to the saving power of Christ, and followed with a lively interest the activities of the church. Sister Earle was laid to rest in Woodhouse Cemetery on March 1st by Brother J. C. French in the presence of churchmembers.

CHURCH CLERK.

JOHNSTON.—The long and faithful life of Brother H. H. D. Johnston of the Stanborough Park church came to a peaceful end in the early morning of April 15, 1941. For forty-two years our brother was loyal to the Advent message, having learned the truth in India under the ministry of Elder D. L. Robinson. Often he would speak of his early associations with Elders J. L. Shaw and W. A. Spicer in India. During the past twenty years he, with his wife and daughter, have been members of the Park church. For Sister Johnston it is a sad parting after fifty-two years of united service, but the parting will not be for long. The funeral service held in the Park church on Thursday, April 17th, was conducted by the writer in association with Brother J. H. Bayliss. Our brother was laid to rest in the Watford New Cemetery awaiting the call of the Life-giver. To sorrowing loved ones and friends our sympathy is extended.

G. D. KING.

BARLOW.—On February 9, 1941, Mrs. Constance A. Barlow fell asleep in Jesus

and was laid to rest on February 13th in the Southern Cemetery, Manchester. Sister Barlow was a devout and well-beloved member of the Stockport church; we miss her greatly. She accepted the Advent message many years ago. Her association with us in Manchester commenced in 1924 when her membership was transferred from the Leeds church. Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick, assisted by Brother S. H. Parkin, officiated at the service in the home and at the interment. To our sister's loved ones we extend heartfelt sympathy and share with them the joy of a blessed hope in Christ Jesus.

G. DONLEY, Church Clerk.

WARNOCK.—By the death of Sister E. Warnock at the ripe age of eighty years, the Liverpool church has lost one of its charter members. When the message for these last days was brought to her forty-three years ago by Captain G. F. Jones and his wife (afterward missionaries to the South Sea Islands) she had a large family to support, yet she promptly decided to obey God by closing her shop on His day. The Lord honoured her faith, and for nearly thirty years until she retired from business, her shop was closed every Sabbath. We laid her to rest three days before the blitz of March 12th. She was truly "taken away from the evil to come." Words of comfort were spoken to the sorrowing relatives by the writer. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

J. E. BELL.

HAWKEN.—It is with regret that we an-

nounce the death of Brother W. H. Hawken. In the year 1912, our brother accepted the light of the third angel's message through the labours of Pastor S. G. Haughey, and was baptized at Plymouth. He gave up the naval service after serving a period of eighteen years, to take his stand for the truth which he kept faithfully to the time of his death. He was sixty-five years of age, and suffered greatly through asthma, which he bore with great patience. He will indeed be greatly missed. He was laid to rest in the peaceful churchyard of Morval, Cornwall, to await the call of the Life-giver. He leaves his wife and three children to mourn their loss, but with the hope of soon meeting again.

A. K. ARMSTRONG.

BOWERS.—We regret to announce the death of Sister Elizabeth Bowers, age seventy-two, of Leicester, who passed away on January 14, 1941. The last four years of her life she was unable to meet with God's people owing to illness. Our sister accepted the truth under the labours of Brother Rodd and Sister Saunders of Rushden. She was laid to rest by Pastor S. G. Joyce at Leicester Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends. She sleeps awaiting the resurrection morn.

L. F. READ, Church Clerk.

Vacancies at The Stanboroughs Hospital

MAIDS are urgently required at The Stanboroughs Hospital. Will all those who are interested please apply by letter to the Administrator, Mr. A. H. Thompson.

Newbold—the Summer Retreat

As inquiries are already being received concerning accommodation for visitors at Newbold College during the summer vacation, this notice is to inform our people generally that plans are being made for the college building and delightful grounds once more to be available as a summer holiday resort.

Last summer the venture proved quite successful and the college management received many unsolicited testimonials both written and verbal from visitors expressing their complete satisfaction and stating their desire to spend another holiday at the college this coming summer.

It is not possible to throw open all the college to visitors, as certain rooms must be retained in connection with the preparation necessary to receiving the students as they return in September, but early in June a number of the most pleasant bedrooms will be made available for guests. Those who anticipate spending a holiday on

the college estate are strongly recommended to communicate as soon as possible with

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who will be pleased to supply you with further details in regard to terms and accommodation.

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



Limiting the Holy One of Israel

By W. E. Read

LIMITING the Holy One of Israel was one of the weaknesses of God's chosen people of ancient days. David, the psalmist, mentions that: "They turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel." Psa. 78:41.

In the previous verse the sweet singer of Israel refers to the fact that they provoked God and grieved Him. Then, the record continues, they turned their backs upon Him even to the point of presumption and tempting the God of their fathers. Then follows the expression as mentioned above.

They limited God. But what does this mean? The thought of the original word is "to circumscribe," "to set a limit." What a tragedy! Here are God's children who had seen such marvellous divine dealings in their experience; they had seen the waters of the Red Sea parted; they had seen the walls of Jericho fall down, they had seen God deliver them in the days of Jehoshaphat, they had seen miracles in the days of Asa, and yet here we find them limiting His power and thinking that things were too hard or too difficult for God to handle. They limited His word, they limited His power by their own unfaithfulness. They made it impossible for God to fulfil His promises and to do on their behalf all that He had indicated in the divine Word.

The writer of the Hebrews in later days emphasized the same thought when he mentioned the difficulties in the experience of Israel: "The word preached did not profit them; not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Heb. 4:2. They lacked faith; they lacked it in their lives, they lacked it in their work for God. God said, "I will prepare a table in the wilderness." They failed to grasp this wonderful promise. God said, "There is nothing too hard for Me," They spake and acted as if God could not and would not manifest Himself in their behalf. God said, "All power is given unto Me." They thought God like one of themselves, compassed with infirmity and limited in action.

What a wonderful blessing it is to believe the Scriptures of truth, to

take God at His word, to believe that when He speaks He means just what He says, and to believe this at face value! Is there danger that we limit the Holy One of Israel to-day? Let us beware of expressions of unbelief, of uttering anything that would in any way show distrust of the Most High God.

Can God care for His children in these difficult days? Does God guide and direct in our affairs, perplexing as they may be at times, in our work, in our families, and in our churches? Can God provide for men with families when they accept the truth? Can God provide the wherewithal we need as ministers and workers for the mighty task of evangelism in our cities? These are questions that all must face from time to time. We face them as churchmembers, as ministers, as conference workers.

Brethren and sisters, let us remember that there is a God in heaven whose word and whose promises are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. He has given many precious promises to His people and these are for us in this time of peril. Let us lay hold of them and make them our own. The situation before us may look almost impossible, but remember Abraham when faced with that which looked impossible of fulfilment.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform." Rom. 4:20, 21.

Remember also the words of God to Jeremiah of old, "There is nothing too hard for Me." Jer. 32:27. Remember again the words of our blessed Saviour, "All power is given unto Me." Do we believe these promises of the Lord? If so, let us declare with the saints of old, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." Dan. 3:17. "There is nothing too hard for Thee." Jer. 32:17.

Oh, for a simple and abiding trust in the Lord, for a faith that will rest upon His promise and rest so completely that we will be untroubled about to-day or to-mor-

row. Let us recognize that all things are in His hands and that as His people we, too, are in the hands of the Lord. Thus may we safely leave everything in His overruling providence.

"Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty and woe.

"That will not murmur or complain
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God."

STOP PRESS

WORD has just come to hand that Pastors W. E. Read and H. W. Lowe have arrived safely in the United States on their way to the General Conference. Ed.

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JOHN RIGBY, General Manager.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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