



One Thousand Souls for Christ During 1942

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THE supreme and only purpose of Christ through His incarnation, and now through His church, is the salvation of souls.

We are not here to enjoy ourselves. We do not exist for any other purpose than to lead souls to Jesus our Lord.

Judged by that standard we are a dismal failure, and unless the situation changes, one dreads to think what may happen. Our churches during the past thirty years can between them, with the help of evangelists and colporteurs, show an average annual gain of only 100 in membership.

It is a distressing record. It is a humiliation of challenging nature. It should give us no rest.

Lack of evangelistic success (and by that I mean soul-saving as it is the duty of every believer in Christ) afflicts the whole of Christendom. Some time ago Dr. Griffith Thomas said:

"The supreme need to-day is that of the evangelist and the prophet. If the evangelistic spirit were what it ought to be in our churches a very great change would soon be effected. The supreme purpose of discipleship in the New Testament is that of personal service for Christ, the work of winning men to Him and to His church, and this can only be done in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we contemplate the present condition of Christendom, we cannot help asking, 'Is

the Spirit of the Lord straitened? Are these His doings?' (Micah 2:7) and the answer is a decided negative. *It is the unfaithfulness of the church* to its supreme duty that is the cause of the present trouble. It is admitted by all that we are living in difficult and solemn days. The outlook depresses the earnest soul, for wherever he turns he is conscious of elements of evil and trouble, and of strange conditions in the church and in the world. Callousness becomes more defined; indifference more widespread; the love of many waxes cold; universal

Put This on Your Prayer List for Conversions During 1942

Field	Soul Winning 1942 Goal
North England	337
South England	494
Wales	72
Scotland	52
Ireland	32
Union	987

charity tends to tolerate many forms of false teaching, and as a result the clear witness of the church is hindered. There is only one way of changing all this and of bringing back a life in harmony with New Testament principles; it is by the declaration of the 'Old, Old Story,' by hearts that know, and lives that value it. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' Zech. 4:6."—*"The Holy Spirit of God," page 270.*

That explains what is wrong with us as a church.

Admitting that, how shall we proceed with the remedy?

The Spirit of God works through men who are willing to fit in with God's plans—and that always costs something. It means an acceptance of new ideas, a larger expenditure of well-directed and effective energy, a surrender of enjoyable leisure, a subjugation of every critical and selfish tendency, and a whole-hearted devotion to this objective of soul-winning.

When our evangelists were together recently, they unanimously agreed to work to a goal in conversions during 1942 that would increase our membership by ten per cent. That means that 987, or practically 1,000 souls, must be won for Christ during the coming year.

Not, let it be noted, by our evangelists only, but by the

church as a whole. Laymen, colporteurs, preachers, must seek God and labour with Him by any and every means till we accomplish this grand objective (see actual figures for each field in panel on preceding page).

Every preacher will take a specific goal in baptisms. Our churches should do the same, so that schools, colleges, Sabbath-schools, Home Missionary societies, Missionary Volunteer societies, and colporteurs all become productive sources of saved souls. Until this happens, the work of God can never be finished in the earth.

When this objective burns itself into our bones and becomes part of our very life, many things will happen in our churches. Late meetings, dirty places of worship (not even rented places need be dirty if some enthusiasts for God are to be found), absence of teachers' meetings, prayer and children's meetings, lifeless and unprepared services—all these things will go, as go they ought. No longer will men and women remain unmoved by appeals for service in the various campaigns

that seek to save souls for Christ. No longer shall we say much and do little.

Would it be too much to expect that wherever there is an isolated believer, this same spirit of evangelism should prevail? Then one believer would become two and 6,000 would become 12,000, and talk of 1,000 won for Christ in 1942 would become a small objective indeed.

"Those who are in Christ's stead beseeching souls to be reconciled to God, should by precept and example manifest an undying interest to save souls. Their earnestness, perseverance, self-denial, and spirit of sacrifice, should as far exceed the diligence and earnestness of those securing earthly gain, as the soul is more valuable than the trash of earth, and the subject more elevated than earthly enterprises. All worldly enterprises are of trifling importance compared with the work of saving souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 336.

Will you accept your share in this greatest objective ever set before us in this land?

possible. Even had it been possible the College could not have operated there, partly because there is little or no labour for the students at the old place, and partly because we could not find homes for all the teachers and staff. There is no doubt that the present arrangement with our Sanitarium and Annexe is the best that could possibly have happened under war conditions, and it is proving satisfactory, though, of course, there are always war-time conditions and minor difficulties that we expect to meet. Relationships are good and the buildings might have been used for purposes that would have caused us a great deal more perplexity. It is certain that it could not have continued its life as a private sanitarium.

When the authorities knew of the sacrifice we had made in giving over properties they agreed to help us in finding alternative accommodation, and we are, at the moment, beginning to move into one of two properties which we hope will serve for the duration of the war as alternative accommodation for our College activities. Both the buildings are in Warwickshire, twenty-five miles away from Newbold, about a mile from each other.

About eighty acres of land will be taken from us with the College building, but the farm, and possibly the garden, will remain with us. We shall therefore have a skeleton staff remaining at Newbold.

The new accommodation will, of course, be far below what we have had in our own premises, and both teachers and students will be called upon to sacrifice something in the way of convenience, but we hope that the essential requirements and comforts will be provided for everybody. There will be no facilities for entertaining friends, relatives, and workers at the new properties.

Christian education is a great ideal for which teachers, their families, and the student body are prepared to sacrifice, and we have every confidence that the temporary inconvenience will be borne with true Christian spirit. In the near future some difficulties will disappear as we find our

Notes from the Union President

TRIBUTE TO ADVENTIST'S CONVICTIONS

OUR members will have read in the press of the sad experience of a young man who was gored to death by a bull while working on a farm in Scotland. This young man, Brother A. H. White, appeared before a tribunal of which the Lord Provost was a member. After the young man's death the Lord Provost wrote to our minister and in his letter used this sentence, "I well recall how he impressed us as a young man strong in the service of his church and anxious to do the Lord's work. His life and purpose are ill spared to tragedy in these days."

One never knows what impression is being made on men by standing loyally for God-given convictions. We are glad for this generous tribute, and for the fact that there are still godly men in the land who appreciate freedom of conscience in serving the Lord.

THE STORY OF NEWBOLD

WE are now so near the end of our College difficulties that we can provide our members with a summary of events.

Some months ago, when this matter first was brought to our attention, we did all in our power to continue the work of Christian education in the building upon which we had spent much money, time, and labour. We did this because it is the one College we operate and because Christian education is a vital part of our religion. Every possible argument was used for the retention of the place without avail.

Naturally, we pointed out that we had already given over two large buildings for government use, and a third would represent a very heavy sacrifice, leaving us only two other such buildings. Our members may wonder why we could not have returned to the old College property. That plan was tried, but it was not found

way into the new situation. Just why some of these things are permitted it is difficult to understand, but, of course, we must not fall into the error of thinking that wars leave the Lord's movement and the Lord's people untouched. We have been greatly blessed hitherto and we must show calm

Christian fortitude and courage now that we have entered a most serious phase of the war that will call for sacrifice from everybody.

Our College will be closed for a prolonged Christmas recess and a skeleton staff will be retained for the transfer during this period.

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time none was available. It was then that loyal churchmembers came to the rescue and helped in the visiting until an assistant could be found.

On June 11th reinforcements came in two ways. Miss A. Russell became Mrs. Kinman, and Miss J. Mitchell came to Newcastle as Bible-worker.

We announced our first Sabbath afternoon meeting, and although our Sunday meetings were still well attended only one non-member came to that first meeting. We worked on in faith, knowing that results belong to God as He giveth the increase. The next week saw three non-members and each week on Sabbath afternoons others came and gradually took their stand for the truth of God. Finally the day for the baptism came and sixteen souls were added to the Newcastle church.

I would like to mention them all by name and tell you something about each, but suffice it to say that they all now belong to the great company of commandment-keepers and one day will be in the kingdom where they will themselves tell the story, "saved by grace."

In closing I would mention that the results were made possible by the hard and faithful work of our Bible-worker and the loyal co-operation of the hard-working churchmembers.

As we make plans to continue our work here in 1942, we would solicit your prayers, first of all for those who have been added to the MESSENGER family, and secondly that many others here in Tyneside may answer the call of Jesus.

BERNARD KINMAN.

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A New Light Lit in the Humber District

OUR plans to conduct a large campaign in Grimsby during 1941 had to be abandoned because the boat services across the Humber were suspended for obvious reasons just as we were about to begin. We got together as workers and determined that there could be no standing still, so we decided to launch a smaller effort in Driffie'd, East Yorkshire, some twenty-five miles from Hull.

While we cannot expect such large results in a small country place, yet we know this message must go to every town and village. It has been a great joy to see faithful souls respond to the preaching of the message.

On Sabbath, December 13th, Pastor R. S. Joyce, the president of the conference, was with us for our baptismal service. It was planned for Pastor B. E. Sparrow to be with us the week following to organize the Driffie'd Sabbath-school officially, which has been functioning for the past quarter, but he was unavoidably detained.

On Sabbath, December 20th, we appointed the officers for the coming year, and we were glad to have a leader, treasurer, Sabbath-school secretary, and a Home Missionary secretary. The newly-baptized members are already labouring to bring this message before their relations and friends, and we believe under the capable leadership of Brother D. Conroy, that this light will become larger in the near future. Remember this company of new believers in your prayers, that the Lord will bless them, and cause His face to shine upon them. L. MURDOCH.

Coals to Newcastle

EARLY in 1941 the conference committee committed to my care the work in the Tyneside District, with the recommendation that a new evangelistic campaign be started in the town of Newcastle.

As I remembered all the illustrious preachers who had conducted campaigns before me in that city I felt that my going would only be to give again to the Novocastrians what they already had, in other words, I would be carrying coals to Newcastle.

However, on the opening night of our campaign in the News Theatre Lecture Hall we were convinced that there were still a large number of people in this town who were eager to hear the message that only God's Word can give.

As our meetings continued the interest grew and the number of persons needing literature and visits became too many for one worker to handle. A call was made for further help but at that

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Taunton and Bristol

ON Sabbath, December 13th, the friends from Taunton united with those at Bristol for their baptismal service. Unfortunately Pastor Hardinge was unable to come, but we were glad that it was possible for Mrs. Hardinge

and the associate workers, Mr. Maffey and Miss Davies, to be present.

Soon after Sabbath-school began we could sense that this was to be no ordinary Sabbath, for already members were coming into our church from many of the

outlying companies. We were glad also to see some isolated members there to enjoy fellowship with us. As we worshipped God on this the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, we could feel His Spirit drawing us all together in a wonderful unity, and preparing our hearts for the solemn service to come.

When the time came for the service to begin, the church was filled to capacity with members and friends. We were happy to have Pastor G. D. King with us. In his address he spoke of the meaning of baptism, and those about to be baptized, together with those of us who had been longer on the way, determined that henceforth our lives would be a dying to self, and a living for Christ.

There were six baptized from Taunton, and four from Bristol. This number included some of our own young people, which made us particularly rejoice. From Bristol there was also one sister received in by vote, having previously been baptized. After the baptism there was a season of testimony in song, and truly those inspired hymns echoed our feelings of rejoicing on that afternoon.

When the candidates returned to the church, those from Bristol, and one sister from Taunton,

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Jan. 9th	5.10	5.07	5.23	5.00	5.18
Jan. 16th	5.21	5.18	5.34	5.12	5.30

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were received into church fellowship. We do thank the Lord for this reward of consecrated labour, and we are confident that by His working, the many who are now receiving studies, will be ready to join with us in another baptism early in the spring.

M. P. GRAVES.

Investiture Service at Slough

LET me introduce you to the Slough J.M.V. society. Six months ago such a society was unthought of, but to-day cheery young faces greet us Sabbath by Sabbath.

Not having a church of our own as yet, one of the members kindly opened her home to the children, and two or three older girls began to come at first; they told their friends and brought the younger members of their families along, and so the flame once kindled has grown and grown until to-day we gladly welcome sixteen boys and girls into our weekly service.

Imagine how thrilled they all were to greet Pastor Warland last Sabbath! It was his first visit to them—a special one, too.

You see, the older girls had not been idle during the past few weeks. They will not forget the times they have tied themselves up in knots though straightening out in their minds various short passages of Scripture and storing knowledge culled from the Reading Course books.

The great day had come and their joy was complete as Pastor Warland accepted their work and invested five of them as Friends.

Miss Winnie Crutchfield from High Wycombe was with us to be invested as Comrade, and in a five minute talk she gave an appreciation of the good reading material in this year's books.

We have no intention of standing still but—remembering, we hope, the things which are behind, we press on to new attainments and greater achievements.

We shall be encouraged to realize that you now are acquainted with us as a society and would humbly ask to be included in your daily prayers.

G. M. POWELL.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

MALLERY.—On Friday, November 28, 1941, the Walthamstow church suffered a great loss in the death, at thirty-five years of age, of Miss Winnie Mallery, after a very brief illness. Our sister embraced the truth eleven years ago, being baptized at Walthamstow in September, 1930. Beloved by all who knew her, she will be particularly missed by the young people who found in her a consecrated Christian and understanding counsellor. Both in the home and church Sister Mallery was a cheerful and unselfish burden-bearer, whose example will long remain an inspiration to others. Believing she was fully prepared to meet her Lord on the resurrection day, we laid her peacefully to rest in Chingford Mount Cemetery on December 4th. Many beautiful floral tributes expressed the high esteem in which she was regarded. Sincere sympathy is expressed to her mother and sister, also members of our Walthamstow church, as well as to her aged invalid father and sister-in-law.

E. R. WARLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallery and Amy wish to thank all the kind friends who expressed sympathy in their great sorrow.

JAMESON.—The Dublin church has sustained the loss of another dear sister, Mrs. Isabella Jameson, who "went to sleep" on Wednesday, November 19, 1941. She accepted the truth in South Africa and was baptized by Pastor Staples in 1931. In 1932 she and her husband came to Ireland, settling eventually in Drumgora, Virginia, County Cavan. She "witnessed the good confession" for God and His truth in this country spot. She leaves a husband, son, and two daughters to mourn their loss, and to whom she was a devoted wife and an exemplary mother. Our sympathy and prayers remain with the bereaved family and all relatives as we look forward to the soon-coming dawning of the resurrection day of reunion.

L. A. WATSON.

HOLMES.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death on November 29, 1941, of Mrs. E. Holmes at the age of eighty-five. She was baptized on June 18, 1928, and was a faithful member and worker of the Seventh-Day Adventist church at Lincoln. She endeared herself to all by her beautiful Christian character. Brother B. E. Sparrow conducted a short service at Portland Place chapel, and a favourite hymn of our dear sister's was sung, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Another of her favourites was sung at the graveside, "What a Friend we have in Jesus." A large assembly of mourners including members of the Seventh-Day Adventist church at Lincoln followed her to her last resting-place. We left our dear sister with the sleeping saints in a sure hope of seeing her again on the resurrection morn. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her sorrowing sons and daughters who are left to mourn their loss.

(Mrs.) T. PAIN, Church Clerk.

PROUDLEY.—Sister Gwen Proudley passed away peacefully on October 31, 1941, at the age of thirty, after a prolonged and painful illness. She learned to know the truth in the home of Brother A. W. Vine twelve years ago and was baptized in September, 1929. Of recent years she had become an active church worker and had held the sacred office of a deaconess. She leaves a husband and little boy to mourn for her, but they look forward to the grand reunion. The interment took place at North Cemetery, Bournemouth, on November 2nd, the writer conducting the service.

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