

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

Newbold Carries On!

By N. H. KNIGHT

It is now common knowledge that Newbold Missionary College has removed from the fine wooded estate at Newbold Revel, near Rugby, to temporary premises known as Packwood Haugh, Hockley Heath. Hockley Heath is about ten miles south of Birmingham, on the main Stratford road, and Packwood Haugh is just over a mile from the main road. The location is delightful in many ways, the buildings being located on a hill in the midst of well-wooded country. The district is known locally as "The Dormitory of Birmingham" as all around the vicinity are modern and attractive houses, many of them occupied by Birmingham business men.

The village of Lapworth is near by and there are other attractive villages and hamlets within easy reach. The farming industry is well represented in the district.

The actual removal of the furniture and other effects from Newbold Revel to Packwood Haugh extended over three weeks—late in January and early February—during which time forty large loads were transported by road under most adverse conditions—most of the time through deep snow.

Packwood Haugh was formerly a preparatory school of very high repute, the pupils being prepared there to enter such public schools as Rugby, Clifton, etc. Some time before Packwood Haugh was made available to Newbold College, the preparatory school, at the time

under the headmastership of Mr. S. C. McFerran, removed to premises near Shrewsbury, where they are enjoying continued success.

In a recent letter, Mr. McFerran very kindly outlined at our request the history of the school at Packwood Haugh, informing us, by the way, that the word "Haugh" is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "Hedge." He writes:

"The School was founded by the late Mr. J. C. Bradshaw in 1892. From a very small beginning of only three or four boys, it has gradually risen to its present number of about sixty boys. In its early days a great feature of the school was the liberty allowed to the boys who were free to roam as they wished in the district on their half-holidays.

As the numbers increased, so additions were made to the buildings, the main block of the school buildings being completed about 1900. After being headmaster for thirty years, Mr. Bradshaw retired in 1922. He was a man of the widest interests, and none of his old boys will forget what they owe to him for the sound training he gave them in their young days.

"He was succeeded by Mr. Harcourt Clarke, who was headmaster for only six years. He was a great believer in the Classics and himself a very fine teacher, and it was during his time that the classical tradition of the school was forwarded, a tradition which is still maintained.

"Apart from their work, the boys took part in the usual school games. Cricket and tennis in the summer, and soccer, rugby, and boxing in the winter terms, and many exciting matches were played in the school ground against other preparatory schools.

"After forty-eight years it was sad for the school to have to leave Warwickshire, but it was felt by



Packwood Haugh—the new home of Newbold College.



The Dining Room at Packwood Haugh.

many that it was situated too near Birmingham and Coventry, and that the children might suffer as a result of air raids.

"There was always a happy and cheerful atmosphere at Packwood and may the writer say that he hopes you will be equally happy there in your exile."

We are grateful to Mr. McFerran for his kind wishes, and we believe that with the help of the Lord, our "exile" will present many privileges and opportunities for service. The residents in the neighbourhood are very friendly and we have already established a number of good contacts, both privately and in business.

As already stated, Packwood Haugh is situated on a hill, and it is the earnest desire of students and staff that Newbold College shall be as a city set on a hill, that cannot be hid, and that its light may shine brightly, bringing many blessings to all around, to the glory of God.

In spite of the cramped accommodation, the College is already functioning almost normally. Some of the teachers are still living at Newbold Revel, and this necessitates their staying in the College home except for weekends. One of our lady teachers has been "loaned" to the Stanborough Park Secondary School, but the classes are meeting regularly, and all are doing their best to "make up for lost time."

The erection of all the huts has not yet been completed, but those at present occupied by the young

men students, are reported to be quite satisfactory. All the young lady students are accommodated in the College building.

The Industries have once again been set in motion, and there are plenty of orders to be filled. The laundry is not yet able to cater

for all the demands made upon it, so temporary arrangements have been made with an outside laundry to do some of the work. Whereas the industries have been housed in what was formerly the school gymnasium, the laundry will be operated in the "Squash court."

The poultry and a number of milking cows have been transferred from Newbold Revel, which, with the kitchen gardens, will provide work for a number of students. Some students have already contracted to work for farmers in the district, and other openings will undoubtedly occur whereby the students will be able to assist themselves and, we believe, find ample opportunity of bearing a faithful witness for the truth.

Pray for the College, the staff, and the students, that God's purposes may be fully accomplished.

Notes from the Union President

OUR INSTITUTIONS

WE have just concluded an interesting series of annual legal meetings in connection with the work of our institutions and the British Advent Missions. It would not be possible in this brief compass to mention all the salient features of these departments of our work, but we are selecting a few that will encourage our membership.

Beginning with the publishing house, the treasurer in his report made this statement, "We have finished the year with the best book sales figure for which we have any record." This has come about partly through the increased sales of our regular colporteurs, partly through the forty-five whole or part scholarships gained by our students in the summer. The institution has also made the second largest net gain in its history.

We should bear in mind the fact that the paper shortage is now causing us acute difficulties and it is impossible to forecast what the future of our book work will be. For example, our licence to import literature from America has been cut to one half of our

normal imports. We therefore have to decide what periodicals and books are essential, and the remainder will not be allowed into the country. At the moment it looks as though our periodicals must take the precedence and that American books will be almost entirely ruled out. This will be a hardship, but perhaps these conditions will make us appreciate all the more our denominational papers like the *Review and Herald*, *Sabbath-School Worker*, *The Youth's Instructor*, etc.

Our periodical paper quota has now been reduced to nineteen per cent of our pre-war tonnage, and as a consequence the sale of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* has dropped considerably. We must, however, keep these messengers of truth in circulation at all costs.

It has been found that the reduced quantity of paper available serves the largest purpose in the form of medium and large subscription books, so that smaller literature is likely to become scarcer as the war proceeds.

Our Granose factory has also had a record year, and like the neighbouring institution has had phenomenal problems under war

conditions. Labour problems brought about a situation which meant the loss of twenty-nine employees by conscription and other causes, while thirty-two new workers were brought in to take their places. This, of course, is a rather vexatious problem and disturbs the work of a factory very considerably. Taxation has been exceedingly hard on this institution and, despite a record gross profit, the company nevertheless had to dig into its capital to the extent of many hundreds of pounds. Once again, however, we find the spirit of the Advent movement animating the workers in this, as in all other institutions, as evidenced by this brief statement in the manager's report, "The future is not at all clear . . . but the Lord has been with us all the way, and we shall continue to make progressive plans."

The Good Health Association held a somewhat abbreviated meeting in order to keep in existence the skeleton organization of our health work, and it seems quite evident that this branch of our work, while it may be temporarily slowed down, has by no means ceased. There is quite an Adventist atmosphere still in the health institution, and very valuable contacts are being made, which are bringing the Advent movement to the notice of very many people who would not otherwise have known anything about it.

At the British Advent Missions' legal meeting the secretary's report indicated that we now own throughout the Union thirty-two church properties, ten of which suffered some damage during last winter's raids. With one exception, however, these damaged churches are now back in use.

Altogether there is a great deal in the present situation of our institutions and field work for which to be thankful. Doubtless as the war proceeds other difficulties will increase, but God has abundant grace and we shall march forward still rejoicing in Him.

OUR MISSIONARIES

It is understood from the General Conference Committee that our missionaries in the Philippines, including Brother and Sister A. G. Rodgers and their little

son, were at first under custody, but are now at liberty under some form of internment. The president of the China Division, with quite a number of his associates, is in internment in Hong Kong.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

ENCOURAGING news comes from a number of evangelistic campaigns where, if the numbers are not large, the interest is nevertheless deep and earnest. Our mem-

bers should keep this most important phase of our work constantly before the Lord in prayer, for there are real problems confronting our preachers, Bible-workers, and colporteurs in the matter of soul-winning to-day. Men's minds are full of everything that leads them away from the Lord. Nevertheless His work is to finish with great spiritual power and a waiting, praying, working church is what the Lord most desires.

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PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

WHEN we become members of the body of Christ we accept certain obligations or privileges. As partners with Him, we offer ourselves in willing service in an endeavour to make a success of His kingdom on earth. I wonder if we always realize this?

May we suggest some ways by which we show a realization of this partnership:

a. By prayer—privately, the personal prayer-life; publicly, in the church prayer-service.

b. By the study of the Word—also privately and publicly, in the services of the church and particularly through the organized study of the Sabbath-school.

c. By active and willing service on behalf of others—helpers in the great soul-winning campaign given us by Christ.

d. By a faithful support of the Master's work, in the church, at home and overseas, through the appointed channels of the tithes and voluntary offerings.

We appeal to all our dear folk in the Welsh Mission to maintain these spiritual activities for Christ's sake as well as for our own. Let us make the most of our opportunities. We may not always have them and the Lord would have us enrich ourselves while we can.

Let us guard against a human weakness to slacken in any or all of these exercises of faith and love. Jesus understood when He

counselled: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

CONVENTIONS

WE write these notes on the eve of a convention for our South Wales members, to be held in Cardiff. Pastors Bartlett and Har-ker are joining us for the week-end and we look forward to times of refreshing.

In April, we plan to convene a similar meeting in Newport.

MOVEMENT OF WORKERS

MISS M. MASON has left the North Wales area for Llanelly, where she will be associated with Pastor F. S. Jackson in a second campaign in that town. This campaign opens shortly.

Miss Marjorie Brooks, graduate Bible-worker, has joined us in Cardiff. Miss Brooks thus returns to her native land as a worker. We give her a warm welcome into the ranks of the Welsh Advent fellowship.

CAMPAIGNS

At the moment only two campaigns are under way. In Barry, Brother John Lewis has opened in a well-appointed cinema—small and new. His first two meetings had to be afternoon ones and the opening attendance was rather smaller than expected. But as this meeting is transferred to the evening, we hope to hear of larger attendances and growing interest. Please pray for this campaign.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

In Cardiff, we have had to venture into week-day campaigns, as Sunday halls were not available except in the centre of the city. Two districts have been chosen. In one an afternoon meeting was staged in not too good a hall, but the only one to be had. We were encouraged with an attendance of between sixty and seventy the first afternoon and a few more the second meeting.

The other is to be in a High School hall on a Wednesday evening. The first will be this week.

Working the two districts will mean much labour and a busy period ahead. But if we can reach the people and win souls for the kingdom, we shall be amply repaid. We also need your prayers in a very definite way.

We hope to record the beginning of campaigns in Llanelly, Newport, and North Wales in the next issue.

THE COLPORTEUR WORK

THERE is much activity going on in the Welsh Mission. Sister Green has been having outstanding success this year, and her mother has now joined her in this great work.

Brother and Sister Arthur Howard are now settled in Newport and are in full swing with their task, the whole county of Monmouthshire having been assigned them.

And then, the "veteran" Brother C. L. W. Cooke, is doing better than ever in the Swansea area. Yes, the literature ministry is improving, as it should be. I know all will pray for these dear workers.

THE COLLEGE

PLEASE also remember the young people who are training for service in the College at Packwood Haugh. Here are the names of the young people from our own field:

Irene Williams, Rhyl
Maureen Williams, Rhyl
Eric Williams, Rhyl
John Freeman, Llandyssul
Megan Rees, Caerphilly
W. Smart, Pentyrch

Let us pray for them, that they make a successful completion of their training and later do "exploits" for God and the church.
S. G. HYDE.

BIGGS.—Sister H. A. Biggs of the Brighton and Hove church fell peacefully asleep on February 4, 1942. She accepted the message in 1924 and was baptized by Pastor J. McAvoy. Since then she led a truly missionary life. She was most unselfish, ever thinking of others, and was a most active worker with our tracts and books. Pastor G. R. Bell conducted the funeral service in the Brighton church. Two of her favourite hymns were sung, "Eternal Light" and "The Sands of Time are Sinking." She was then laid to rest in Hove cemetery to await the glorious resurrection morning. She will be missed much in the church as she was always so regular at all meetings until about three months ago. May we endure to the end and so greet her, whom we loved. M.E.S., Church Clerk.

FOWLES.—On January 29, 1942, as it dawned toward the Sabbath day, our beloved sister closed her tired eyes to sleep until Jesus comes. In 1926 Pastor L. Barras led her into a deeper understanding of Jesus' love. For three years she served the Holloway church as deaconess, but never did she cease to serve in her own inimitable way. She had just passed her seventy-second year, and her labour was with physical trial but in spiritual joy. The service was held in the Holloway church, and she was laid to rest in Finchley Cemetery where she awaits that grand reunion day. S. BULL.

TOWNSEND.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of both Brother and Sister Townsend. Just a month elapsed between the sad separation of husband and wife on January 10, 1942, and their being united again in death, February 11th. Our brother had borne bravely the trials of failing health, and then to him was added the sorrows of loneliness. Jesus, who knows and cares, took him, too, from life's hardships. Brother Townsend was deacon for many years in Holloway church, and we all miss his characteristic, brave smile and spirit of cheerful helpfulness. Side by side they rest together in Tottenham Cemetery awaiting that day when they will share together those mansions in our heavenly Father's house. S. BULL.

RICHARDS.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our dear Sister Richards of the Plymouth church, who passed away after a brief illness on March 2, 1942, at the age of seventy-one. Sister Richards had been a faithful member of the church since her baptism by Pastor Prescott in 1927. She passed through a terrible ordeal last year during the blitz. The houses either side of her were blazing and flames were leaping through the windows of the room where she was nursing her dying husband. Unaided, she removed him to another room and remained with him all night until aid came in the morning. She always carried out faithfully her duties at home and in the church, and we know she sleeps in Jesus awaiting the call of the Saviour whom she so desired to serve. Our sister was laid to rest in the glad hope of a soon-coming resurrection. Pastor A. K. Armstrong conducted the service. G. ANDREWS, Church Clerk.

CHESHAM.—It is with sorrow we record the death of Sister Mrs. Chesham on February 19, 1942, after a short illness. Our sister had been under the strain of a peculiar burden, but with her patient and placid nature she had borne her burden well. It was under the ministry of Pastor L. D. Vince that Sister Chesham accepted the message and went through the waters of baptism in Sep-

tember, 1936. She became one of the first members of the Enfield Wash church. The interment took place on February 25th in the Enfield Highway Cemetery. All the churchmembers extend their sympathy to her relatives in their sad loss. M. L. CHATFIELD, Church Clerk.

WHITE.—Mrs. Ada Elizabeth White fell asleep in Jesus on February 19, 1942, at the age of eighty-six years. She accepted the message through the labours of Pastor W. Maudsley twenty-nine years ago, during an evangelistic campaign in Bournemouth. Although afflicted with deafness for many years, our dear sister was always to the fore in Harvest Ingathering and other lines of work for those not of our faith. She was always in her place at the church services, too, until she became too ill to attend. Sister White was greatly beloved by the churchmembers, and by all with whom she came in touch. She leaves to mourn a daughter and a granddaughter who are members of the church, beside other children and grandchildren. As she trusted in her Saviour for full salvation, we know that one day, soon, she will see Him face to face. The funeral service was conducted by the writer on March 23rd.

F. A. SPEARING.

MILNE.—On Sabbath morning, January 31, 1942, Aberdeen lost one of its charter members by the death of Sister Margaret Milne at the age of sixty-three. She accepted the message under the labours of Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick in 1929 and loved it to the end. Our late sister suffered for many years patiently, and passed away peacefully trusting in the Lord. A short burial service took place in the home of our late sister, conducted by Brother H. T. Johnson, who laid her to rest in Trinity Cemetery in the sure and certain hope of the Life-giver on that glorious resurrection morning. Our sympathy goes out to her sorrowing daughter, Sister Emsley, and other relatives of the family. M. H. GRIEVE, Church Clerk.

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