



The Need of Ingathering as Great as Ever

By W. T. Bartlett

ADVENTISTS are taking heed, as Peter charged us. As never before the light is shining in what would otherwise be a very dark place. The Day-star is arising in our hearts. Our people are thrilled, wherever one meets them, with a strong conviction that the end of human misrule is at hand, and with a heightened confidence that the everlasting kingdom of our Saviour will be the outcome of the present distress of nations. We shall throw ourselves, as never before, into the impending Ingathering campaign.

True, unexpected things are happening and will happen in our mission fields. If we observe the dark clouds, they may suggest many doubts about the possibility of carrying on missionary operations. But to the eye of faith God is visible through the clouds, making bare a mighty arm to finish His work. To an Adventist the missionary prospects are far brighter than they ever were. God solves the problems: we furnish the working agencies by which He does it.

All the money we can raise in the campaign is needed for urgently-demanded developments. Steps that ought to have been taken in the past must no longer be delayed. Arrears in the mission programme must be made up in entered fields. Waiting fields must also be entered. If we bring in £15,000, every penny of it can be used. God is not slack. His

servants are not to be lukewarm. We at home set the pace for the missionaries.

This terrible war has been permitted, not to destroy the work of God, but to speed it up and to deepen the appeal of the Gospel. Troubles in China have given the missionaries a new standing there. The *China Critic*, often hostile to missions, now writes:

"After two years of hostilities, the Christian missions in China have built themselves a record of which they may be justly proud. They have preached the Gospel not with words but by a practical demonstration of the love of God and the brotherhood of man. They

have definitely found their place in the life of the nation, fulfilling great human needs in its hour of travail."—*International Review of Missions*, October, 1941, page 474.

If this surprising war should end unexpectedly we must be prepared strongly to enter every open door and do a rapid work. If the war should drag on, God will make paths for faith to walk in. Our part is to do with our might whatever our hands find to do, God furnishing us thoroughly for every good work to which He calls us.

More and more we are coming to recognize that the Harvest Ingathering is a great opportunity to impress the truth of Matthew 24:14 on the minds of the people. This year, when we are asked why we appeal for missions in such a time, when so many countries are falling under the power of aggressive heathenism, we must make it plain that that very fact is the chief reason for our appeal. The final struggle is on, the last call of mercy to a lost world is being given. Let us prepare ourselves by prayer and a deeply spiritual consecration to do the strongest possible work in the campaign, that the end of the campaign may see a multitude of awakened souls studying the Advent message. We can render material aid toward the soul-winning goal for 1942 by the way we relate ourselves to the Ingathering campaign.

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1942 INGATHERING

LAST year's great record (£13,166) beckons us on to higher achievements. Be ready for

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th.

Your local agent has supplies for YOU. The period is shortened. The collection closes

JULY 31st:

Work zealously. Do your own share well, and a bit over for those who are robbed of the liberty of working.

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Forty Years Ingathering

HARVEST Ingathering as Adventists know it, is in its fortieth year. The first effort could hardly be designated a campaign, though it had about it in embryo all the fervour, planning, and organization that are so vital to success in our public collections to-day.

During that first effort, the work was begun and carried through by one man. He simply gave away copies of one of our papers, talked about our mission work, and solicited gifts. The method has not changed during the past four decades.

Jasper Wayne, for he it was who started Adventist Ingathering, is said to have been a man with a great burden for missions. The money was not coming in fast enough. The Sabbath-schools had begun to give their offerings to the Mission Board. Other offerings helped to swell the funds, but these were not enough. Jasper Wayne longed to see greater financial resources for the work abroad. He wanted his own church to do more. The record says: "He was burdened for the Annual Offering of the little company of believers of which he was a member." That was in 1902. It took five or six years to get the plan going as a regular feature of our church programme. In 1908 the first Missions Special of the *Review and Herald* was printed. Some 692,000 copies were circulated and about £3,000 came in as gifts. Now, each year sees upward of £200,000 turned into the missions exchequer.

Here, in the British Union, the plan of supplementing our own gifts by an annual appeal to the public has been well supported. For several years £10,000 has been our goal. For seven successive years the figure has been exceeded. Last year there was an overflow of more than £3,000, and the work was done in shorter time.

Now comes a further opportunity. What will be the result of our efforts this year? The goal is set at £11,000. There are seven weeks and a day provided to get the money—June 14th to July 31st. The period includes seven Sundays. We appeal to every member to think of what God

expects of each of us at a time such as this. Here are some suggestions:

1. Think of Jasper Wayne's burden for the work in foreign fields and the plan which he was inspired to adopt in order that his own gifts might be supplemented.

2. Think of the wonderful success that has crowned the efforts of God's people during past years. Over three-and-a-quarter million pounds is recorded as the grand total for the world field.

3. After thinking over what has

been, pray for guidance and decision to do your best. See your local agent, get supplies before Sunday the 14th, and swing into the effort enthusiastically with the rest of the Ingatherers.

You will need an official badge which must be worn when you collect, also a certificate of authority, both of which must bear your own signature. These, with a collecting box bearing a 1942 label, and some literature, will provide all the equipment you need. Let us pray for favourable conditions. God is with His people. He will give us favour with the world until His work is done.

J. HARKER.

Why Should I Collect?

BECAUSE it is the Christian's "privilege and duty while cherishing right principles to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in the world."

BECAUSE as we have been counselled, "it is the very essence of all right faith, to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master Worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished."

The "indications of His provi-

dence" in our 1942 Appeal are clear to us all. We are free to collect anywhere in Great Britain under government protection. Money is plentiful. The collection is timed for the best period of the year. We must do "the right thing at the right time."

BECAUSE in Harvest Ingathering more than in any other church campaign, the public are afforded an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the character of our work. In some cases the collector's visit may lead to a full acceptance of the message. In others it may be the only contact made with Advent teaching. To all, it brings the opportunity to give to a worthy cause.

BECAUSE without the money raised in the Harvest Ingathering, our total offerings to missions would drop by over fifty per cent. A total of £13,166 came in last year.

BECAUSE there is joy and satisfaction in co-operating with God through His spirit and with fellow-believers in united effort of this kind.

BECAUSE "as long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favours as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause,"—*Christian Service*, page 168.



Jasper Wayne, the originator of the Ingathering Campaign for Missions.

Notes from the Union President

COLLEGE GRADUATION

COLLEGE graduation takes place during the weekend May 29th to 31st, but we regret that this year, owing to restricted accommodation and other limitations imposed upon us by the exigencies of war, we are unable to extend a general invitation to this ceremony. Accommodation is so strictly limited that we cannot undertake to find room for any others than the immediate relatives of graduating students, etc. This, of course, is a disappointment to us, but we should be very grateful that we can graduate a large class of students and keep the supply of workers flowing along fairly evenly under war conditions, and we feel sure our people will understand the situation and cooperate with us.

ADVENTISTS IN AIR RAIDS

OUR prayerful thoughts have been with our people in Bath, Exeter, Norwich, and other places during recent air attacks. It was my privilege to meet with the believers in the Norwich area recently, and I greatly enjoyed my visit. In one place buildings in ruins were still smouldering and we spent a typical air-raid night in East Anglia. On the Sabbath I was much impressed to find that our meetings went ahead as usual, and that people living in the atmosphere of regular raids with noisy nights could not only continue their own worship but pray feelingly for fellow-believers in all the countries of Europe and the world. I honour the believers in these districts who have stood up so nobly to raid conditions and have kept the work of the church moving forward encouragingly.

WAR PROBLEMS IN AMERICA

DR. P. T. MAGAN, president of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, in a talk before a constituency meeting recently, indicated that compulsory military service is now beginning to create problems for Adventist medical circles over there. In answer to the question whether Adventist doctors could accept commissions

without sailing under false pretences regarding Sabbath observance, etc., the doctor quotes a letter from the Surgeon General of the United States army. It says that the problem is more theoretical than actual and requests that if any specific instances are known "in which members of your faith are having any trouble due to the observation of their Sabbath, I would appreciate your letting me know." Dr. Magan

COLLEGE GRADUATION SERVICES

THE Graduation service will be held at the new College at Packwood on Sunday, May 31st, at 3 p.m.

For the past ten years Graduation Day has been looked forward to by hundreds of our churchmembers. It has been a day of re-union when friends and patrons of the school have come from all over the British Isles to honour the Graduating Class. With our large Gymnasium at Newbold we were always pleased to welcome such a large gathering.

Unfortunately this year we are not able to extend an invitation to any but the relatives of the graduates. We have no hall that is suitable to accommodate more than 150 people and that is about the number of our present church membership. We would not want our many friends to come and be disappointed, so we are sure that you will understand the reason for this announcement and know that, while you are not able to be with us, your thoughts and prayers will turn to our College and especially to the Graduating Class.

W. G. MURDOCH.

also refers to other high army authorities who have shown a friendly and appreciative spirit toward the work of our men, "even though they do not fight and do not carry guns, and do not do military work in the ordinary sense of the word."

This will be of interest to our members in view of the possibility of criticism from certain sources regarding the value of the work which Adventists can do in a time of war and the possibility of their remaining true to their faith:

WITH COLOURS HIGH

ONE of our young men in the army was recently transferred to the Royal Army Pay Corps, where he might quite easily have lost his identity as a Seventh-Day Adventist. He immediately wrote out his case as a non-combatant Sabbath-keeper, and the officer commanding immediately and gladly accepted a man who could be available for Sunday work. The young man writes:

"I am thankful for the consideration I have received from the army and the experience of the past year will certainly be a great blessing in the future. I certainly feel that God has worked in my behalf." He then says: "Would you express the appreciation of us lads in the forces, for the kindness shown us by our churchmembers. Some have been exceedingly good to us, and I have many happy hours to remember spent in their homes."

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Birmingham Campaign

OUR members throughout the Union will remember the good conference which was held in Birmingham Town Hall in 1928. The Sunday evening public service which Evangelist C. B. Haynes conducted at that time was greatly appreciated, and was never forgotten by the younger evangelists in the British field. Some of us wondered if the day would ever come when we should see this famous town hall as well-filled during an evangelistic campaign with men and women eager to listen to the Advent message.

You will rejoice with us when we tell you that we had this experience at the two opening meetings of our campaign. Unfortunately we could not have the hall on the third Sunday, and the break caused a little drop in the attendance at our third meeting. Our offerings have been good, in three weeks we have received the sum of fifty-five

pounds in collections from the public, and over two hundred names and addresses for literature.

As the city is large, and we have only one helper, apart from our loyal churchmembers, we did not dare to make any special appeal for names, simply announcing that if the people would like a report of the lecture, they were to make the request in writing from one of the stewards. In this way we felt we should only obtain the names of those who were actively interested. The city organist, Mr. G. D. Cunningham, who broadcasts over the wireless frequently has given three organ recitals. He also played the famous organ for the Newbold College Choir while it rendered greatly appreciated selections.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. B. Reece and Mr. L. Meredith for their expert help with the music.

A successful evangelistic meeting is very infectious and within two weeks of our opening night, four other large organizations had started campaigns in the city.

It took a good deal of faith to launch out in a hall seating almost two thousand people at this time, as our evangelistic attendances have been somewhat decreased since the beginning of the war; but the faith of our membership in the two Birmingham churches was strong, and was manifested not only by good work, but also by setting aside Sabbath, April 18th for fasting and prayer, in preparation for our opening night, Sunday, April 19th.

We ask you to unite your prayers with theirs, that this great city of over one million people may have the opportunity of hearing the only message of hope and comfort for a distracted world.

L. MURDOCH.

Change of Address

WILL visitors to Ipswich please note the church's change of address. It is now: Coytes Hall, Coytes Gardens, (opp. Messrs. Fraser's) Princes Street. Sabbath, 10 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 3 p.m. Sunday (after May 24th), 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.

ERNEST COX.

DISCUSSION CORNER

Devoted to the discussion of helpful topics, denominational plans, policies, practices, and to answering profitable questions.

No. 1. Educational Policies

It seems to be assumed by many that acceptance of a student in a denominational school or college implies a guarantee of employment. Is that correct?

It is not correct, but in practice it does happen that in the British Union practically all graduates do find denominational employment.

No college could guarantee employment to every student for the reasons: (1) That a student is always an unknown quantity. He may be able to study, or he may not; he may experience a genuine conversion to God, or he may not. There may be other causes of unsuitability for denominational employment, some of which are not the slightest reflection on the good character of the student. Some appear early, others late in the student's school career. (2) That economic conditions cannot be foreseen years ahead, and these sometimes involve reducing our working forces, though it has almost always been the reverse in this country.

We do not often refuse students admission to our colleges because Christian education is something our youth should have quite apart from denominational employment. Our aim should be to offer a type of education which improves our youth and fits them for all the issues of life. It should be looked on as character-forming and not merely employment-finding. Thus a young man might graduate and not enter our work, but he will be a better man and a better Adventist because of his Christian education. The best workers in this cause, generally speaking, are trained in our own schools.

Our type of education builds young people into the structure of the church. Hence even students taking up professions involving some outside education, should take certain studies in our college before or after attending

worldly institutions (preferably before). In our country with its small Adventist constituency, we do not profess to have a system of education complete from kindergarten to senior college, but it is growing and practically all our youth could be helped (and in most cases saved to the cause) by training in our own schools at some stage in their lives.

The number of young persons who in this country do not find denominational employment through our College is extremely small, and the number who go to our own school and do not make good is so small as to be practically negligible. In other countries, so far as employment is concerned, it is sometimes otherwise, because, as in America, the number of our educational institutions and their enrolments are so large.

We feel that Christian education is not a sacrifice we make for our children and youth, but a privilege and responsibility we owe them. It is something that brings its own high reward both in more efficient and happy lives and in souls redeemed by God's love.

[Parents facing educational problems should read *Education, Fundamentals of Christian Education*, and consult responsible workers].

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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June 5th	10.10	10.23	10.23	10.50	10.53

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