



THE REVIVAL WE NEED

TIME surges on. Relentlessly, and with amazing speed the world is approaching its crisis hour. A second world war is providing the factors for the final clash. The great battle, now of long duration, between Michael and the dragon, is being intensified and will soon reach its climax. The "heathen" are awakened, the "mystery of iniquity" is revived. Christendom continues to stray from the path the Master trod, and the whole world, symbolically seen as "Babylon the great city" is hurrying to her judgment-day when she comes in "remembrance before God."

All of which affects sober reflection for those upon whom light has shined. For, if the great climax of history is on—coming like a flood, the witnessing of the people of God needs to be revived and intensified.

Never let it be forgotten that the dragon, who knows that "he hath but a short time" will use every means to deprive us of ultimate victory. War, economic crises, chaos, the "cares of this world" will all avail to preoccupy the saints of God in an endeavour to rob them of the power for witnessing.

Yet it will be by witnessing and the "word of our testimony" that our place in the family of God will be maintained. How is it with you, my brother, my sister, today? Is your zeal for God and your love for service as spontaneously and cheerfully given as in former days? Or, have you grown

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weary of the service in which you once rejoiced?

It is true that war has deprived us of some of the "tools" for witnessing. Paper shortage has robbed us of much literature. But before war came, it was evident that the one-time zeal for scattering the printed page was declining. In my boyhood days house-to-house literature work was undertaken by all, but before this means of witnessing was taken from us through war, this old-time activity had slackened. In those early days—and I speak as one of the babes of the humble beginnings of the Advent movement in Britain—the layman's soul-winning activity was prevalent, conspicuous, and greatly successful.

This must be seen again—even though our ranks have been increased. For have we not been "called out" so that we might help to swell the gospel chorus and "loud let it ring?" Does not the Saviour say to all of us "ye are My witnesses?" Has He not given to all talents for service "according to one's ability?" And is not His counsel still: "Go, work *to-day* in My vineyard?" Yes, in these perilous times, we must cast sloth away and seek revival and fresh power. Someone has said:

"The world is full of unsaved souls, of lonely hearts, of unfulfilled desires, and clamant needs.

Every village lane, every city street, is waiting for consecrated personality to come along and bring salvation, joy, and peace, to longing hearts. Off with your coat, roll up your sleeves, take hold of your tools, and set about the tasks already to your hand and God will help you to develop your gifts."

When that "flame of living fire" rests upon these souls of ours, even as on Pentecost, then the whole life will be offered in a glorious consecration. Then Sabbath-schools will be enlarged, prayer-meetings be attended by the busiest of people, and soul-winning will become a natural part of the weekly activity and the church will grow numerically and spiritually.

But this cannot be until we are ready to "spend and be spent;" until we are ready to live less selfishly and more selflessly for Christ; until the tinsel of our lives has been burned in the purifying fires of the Lord. Isaiah has told us that not until Zion is ready to "travail" will she "bring forth children." Are we ready for this "travail"? Are we ready to be reinspired with the thought that God has called us to be "labourers *together with Him*?"

What a joy finally to be able to say to our Saviour-King: "Behold I and the children which God hath given me!" We *must* share that joy. The word of our testimony *shall* be heard anew and with growing strength. The Word *will* be studied, homes *will*

be visited, friends and neighbours *will* be brought to hear the message, prayer-lists *will* be revived and our regular home missionary activities followed-up by prayer-

ful effort and encouraging fruitfulness and a "beautiful flock" prepared by humble men and women for the Good Shepherd soon to appear.

dead lay in the vicinity of Brother Ward's house when he returned at about noon. Not until after a hunt that continued until ten o'clock that evening did he find his children, unhurt."

Notes from the Union President

INGATHERING NEWS

EVERYTHING a day old is out of date in respect to our Ingathering campaign, so all we can say is that at the moment of going to press we have reached sixty-five per cent of our goal in forty-five per cent of our time, which is, as all may know, six weeks this year. Our Stanborough Park church reached its goal in fifteen days, which is the most outstanding achievement of the campaign. From almost every church comes the same story of more helpers earlier in the campaign, hence the magnificent reports. Our members have been truly heroic and we appreciate their efforts together with those of church and conference leaders. Let us now gird our armour a little tighter and finish our course without fail.

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

J. J. HYDE and wife have been asked to locate in Sierra Leone for the duration of the war and Brother Hyde will assume the temporary superintendency of the Sierra Leone and Liberia Missions.

The following is taken from a *Review and Herald* report of certain conditions in the Far East:

"One of the missionaries who are alone in China, separated from their families, is G. L. Wilkinson. Mrs. Wilkinson, now in Angwin, California, with her son, writes of her husband's recent experience:

"On his trip to Chungking someone stole his suitcase, leaving him with only the clothes on his back. His best suits and shoes, his shirts, razor, and socks disappeared. Brother Longway sold him a pair of shoes. This is really most inconvenient at a time when he cannot get any more. He'll have to wear Chinese clothing, I guess, but he is too large to get Chinese things to fit. Our hearts are torn for those in concentration camps, especially in Hong Kong."

"Such an item is perhaps not headline news at the present time, but it reminds us of the continual round of toil and hardship that many of our workers face every day. To be alone in a foreign land, far from his family, robbed of all his belongings and unable to replace them, and yet to persevere faithfully in the work to which he has dedicated his life, impelled only by the determination to finish his course with joy—this is not unusual, it may not be noteworthy, but it is the stuff of which the missionary's life is made."

When Rangoon was bombed by the Japanese, eleven hundred were killed and twice as many injured, many in a section where our members lived, yet none of our people were killed. The report contains this experience:

"Brother Ward's apartment home was partly wrecked. His three motherless children were at home alone while he was out tuning pianos. A neighbour took them along into a trench when the siren sounded. Hundreds of

SUMMER CANVASSING

OUR College students are finding the colporteur work none too easy in these difficult days, although in certain instances good success is reported. Owing to the paper shortage we have not been able to offer any student more than half scholarship prospects this year. This brings us to the subject of our Student Aid Fund which is usually taken up in the form of a large offering at our annual conference gatherings. As these annual sessions are not being held we are short of funds with which to help worthy and needy students. During the month of August we shall have an education programme and an offering in our churches, but if these lines meet the eye of members who are interested in helping worthy young people, we should be glad to hear from them and to receive donations to be used through the regular Student Aid Fund channels. We ought not to neglect this worthy project at a time when we should by all means maintain our educational work and the flow of workers for service with the cause in years to come.

H. W. LOWE.

SCOTTISH MISSION

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Superintendent's Notes

THE dedication of the Edinburgh church, formerly fixed for July 25th, has been postponed until August 29th. This is due to the fact that the Stanborough Press has made a very generous gift to finance the installation of a baptistry in the new church. The new church, thus equipped, newly decorated, and free from debt, will be ready for occupation by the end of August.

The special weekend of services will begin on Friday evening of August 28th, at 7 p.m.

Programmes will be sent out to the members in advance. We are expecting a strong contingent of visiting brethren, and you must be there. We are anxious that a good representation should come from every church and company, and we look for many of the isolated to join us for the weekend.

All workers and members desiring lodging accommodation, please communicate with Miss R. Gowlett, c/o Cooper, 5 Arden Street, Edinburgh, and don't forget to state your require-

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ments plainly and concisely.

HARVEST INGATHERING

AT this writing, the Ingathering campaign has brought in £460 of our goal. Already the two largest churches have reached and passed their goals. Dundee is stretching out after the prize, and Aberdeen, with customary granite grit, is labouring up the hill with the light of victory in its face. Stirling is bestirring itself and will be in at the kill. Kirkcaldy, labouring under difficulties, is making an effort to play its part nobly and well. Greenock, undaunted by the severity of its wounds, has achieved great things. A number of the isolated have reported large sums. Many of you are working away in solitude and in silence, but we wish to hear from you. We miss the encouragement of your reports. Please let us know what you are doing, and send your returns as soon as possible.

EVANGELISM

THREE of the efforts have now

settled down into the solid grind of bringing the interested into the fullness of the message. Already Sabbath-keepers are coming to light in Aberdeen, in Glasgow, and in Dundee. Pray that the workers may be sustained by grace and equipped with power as they battle for souls. Pray that decision may be given to men and women facing the test of God's Sabbath in a world racked by war, and wearied with continuous effort. The battle cry must be "Maranatha"—Our Lord is coming. (1 Cor. 16:22.)

STUDENT COLPORTEURS

ONCE again we are glad to welcome a group of student colporteurs to the Scottish Mission. We rejoice with you in your success and pray that the books sold and the calls made may result in souls turning toward the truth of God. We hope that when the time comes for you to return to Packwood, many other young men and women, whose hearts God has touched, will go with you.

J. A. McMILLAN.

North Conference

Accrington	Lancaster
Beeston	Leicester
Bromsgrove	Middlesbrough
Colsterworth	Stockton
Darlington	Wallasey
Denton	West Hartlepool
Grimsby	Wolverhampton
Handsworth	Worcester
Killamarsh	York

Wales

Dowlais	Rhyl
Milford	

Scotland

Dundee	Glasgow
Edinburgh	Greenock

Ireland

Belfast	Londonderry
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The Union total on July 8th was £7,245. This represents sixty-five per cent of the goal in forty-five per cent of the time. Our Ingathering Big Week which closes on the 12th, should bring us well on to the £10,000 mark. Then two full weeks remain. Every field is in advance of last year—some conspicuously so. The North Conference has averaged £750 per week thus far. This will, without question, be the North's biggest year. Greater Birmingham and the Tees districts are well beyond their targets.

We make our last appeal to those who have not yet made a beginning. We can promise you great blessing. A sister who has refrained from collecting for over twenty years has this year been persuaded to take a box. On her first day she collected over £2 and now doesn't want to stop. Let us work faithfully while the opportunity lasts.

J. HARKER.

Golden Wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scrivener of Wellingborough who celebrated their golden wedding on June 25, 1942.

Advertisements

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INGATHERING NEWS

Victory in Sight

HUNDREDS of Adventists in the British Isles are having a good experience in the present Missions Appeal. It is more than a passing thrill. Prayers are being answered in a wonderful manner. These experiences strengthen faith.

A busy church elder, consistently working the territory near to his home, tells how after being interrogated by the police, whom he was able to satisfy, went back to his task and in a few minutes had the joy of seeing five one-pound notes slipped into his box by a gentleman he had never seen before.

Another faithful Ingatherer writes: "Last Sunday I collected about three pounds in three hours. This included a ten-shilling note which a lady was prompted to give." He continues: "I have now collected twenty-five years, and am glad to tell you that this

year I did not have the usual fears before starting. What a victory!"

Another faithful brother who works certain territory each year rejoices in the weekly increases thus far. The figures are worth studying:

1942			1941		
June 14	£3	0 3	June 8	£2	7 1
June 21	3	7 4	June 15	2	8 0
June 28	4	12 7	June 22	3	8 1
July 5	4	1 9	June 29	2	13 6
	£15	1 11		£10	16 8

The following churches have attained their goal, and together register an overflow equal to the whole of Stanborough Park's collections—£700.

South Conference

Bedford	Sittingbourne
Cheltenham	Slough
Croydon	Stanborough Park
Edgware	St. Mabyn
Enfield	Taunton
Gloucester	Torquay
High Wycombe	Wembley
Norwich	Weston/Winscombe
Medstead	

DISCUSSION CORNER

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

No. 4.—Church Services

THERE are plentiful references in Scripture and in Christian literature to the duty to attend and the blessings derived from public worship. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching," (Hebrews 10:25) is an apt Scripture. A non-Adventist writer has said:

"I have never known a man, who habitually and on principle absented himself from the public worship of God, who did not sooner or later bring sorrow upon himself or his family."

Surely the duty to attend God's house regularly needs no arguing with God's people, particularly to-day when almost everything tends to lead away from the spirit of worship.

THE KIND OF SERVICE GOD REQUIRES

Evangelical. Obviously there is only one purpose in public worship, and that is to bring needy souls closer to God. The reconciliation between God and man is the greatest work in the world and every form of worship should inspire, and must lead us all nearer to Christ. It has been said that every service should have enough of Jesus in it to save a sinner. If only we would act and speak in God's house as though some sinner depended upon each particular service for salvation, how some services would be changed!

Lively and varied. To be unusually frank, some services kill saints, so it is no wonder they never save sinners. Many of our services are dull and lifeless. We sometimes explain this by saying rather unfairly, the local leader is a busy man, or the preacher is not this or that. But quite often there are other reasons, as this will show:

"The prevailing monotony of the religious round of service in our churches, needs to be disturbed. The leaven of activity needs to be introduced. . . . The Holy Spirit's power will move upon hearts when this dead, lifeless monotony is broken up, and many will begin to work in earnest who never before thought of being anything but idle spectators. A working church on earth is connected with a working church above."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 204.

Service for God (which is always a zeal for souls) is the only royal road to lively worship.

Brevity in prayer and discourse. Variety can be introduced not only by changes in the order of service, but by watching who prays and how we pray. Different persons should pray publicly, but prayers should not, according to Mrs. White, be longer than two minutes. (*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 581.) Write out a prayer which takes two minutes to read and you will see how short it should be. Some of us develop a habit of always saying the same things in the same phrases in prayer. It is, of course, the spirit that matters, but we are here suggesting how to bring life into this phase of worship. Some workers, elder, and deacons would do well to study this matter of praying in public.

Shorter meetings would be a life-giving variation in some instances. "But these seasons (meetings) even upon the Sabbath, should not be made tedious by their length and lack of interest."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 583.

The Place of Music.—Where possible the singing and music generally should be a means of brightening our worship. A good organist or pianist is of great service to God's house, and here we would suggest that (1) a well-chosen voluntary before the service, and (2) a good postlude as the people leave, add greatly to the enjoyment of worship and in-

duce a decrease in that fatal whispering habit. An organist should remain at or near the instrument during the whole service, and should not walk to and fro for each hymn. Awkward pauses and unexpected breaks in a service can be covered by a soft impromptu at the instrument.

Where choirs can be arranged they too can, if properly handled, be a power for God. On music generally, this from Mrs. White:

"Music can be a great power for good; yet we do not make the most of this branch of worship. . . . But it is sometimes more difficult to discipline the singers and keep them in working order, than to improve the habits of praying and exhorting. Many want to do things after their own style; they object to consultation, and are impatient under leadership."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 71.

Most great preachers have testified to two things about music. Properly controlled, it is an inspiration, or, mismanaged, it opens the door to things which should have no place in the church.

Children's Services.—E v e r y live church cares for its youth and children, and a church which does this always seems brighter and more inspiring than one which does not. Children's services should be held in every church and preferably at the same time as the adult meetings. Where separate services cannot always be held, children should be remembered in every sermon. (See *Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, page 113.)

H. W. LOWE.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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July 24th	10.02	10.13	10.14	10.36	10.40
July 31st	9.51	10.02	10.04	10.24	10.29

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