



DISCOURAGEMENT

By E. E. CRAVEN

AS long as we remain in this human tabernacle we shall always be prone to become discouraged. It is a contagious disease which spreads very rapidly. It attacks young and old. We need in these days to keep in touch with the Author of all supplies. The devil is a very busy bishop in this diocese, very anxious to torpedo every soul sailing alone on the high seas of life. Ships reach their destination to-day by means of the convoy system. The time has come for the brethren and sisters in our churches to keep close together. The more we have of the love of Christ in our hearts, the nearer we shall draw together.

When I was a young man I remember being thrilled by a simple story related by one of our older ministers. The worker concerned stated that the devil had decided to give up "business." I wish he had—don't you? Well, the devil decided to sell up. The sale was advertised. Everybody came to see what he had for sale. On a large table his tools were displayed—envy, jealousy, hatred, back-biting, and quite a host of others. All, strange to say, were marked 3d. each. At the back was one marked 6d. Someone asked the devil why this one called "discouragement" was marked 6d., twice the price of the others. "Why," the devil said, "that is my most valuable tool. I win more souls with that than with any other."

I believe it. Men and women, including workers, get discouraged and they begin to look at some things from a different angle.

Brethren and sisters, including workers, let us be on our guard. The devil knows his job well. A discouraged man is a defeated man. He is in the wrong camp. In Isaiah 42:4 we read that Christ was never discouraged. He had moments when His faith was severely tested. He never gave way to discouragement. He knew His Father. He knew He was on the winning side. Churchmembers and workers, especially our evangelists are, in these days, very prone to become discouraged. It never was harder to work for the Lord than the present. The young men and women are away from home, serving their king and country. The older men are working hard, coming home late and at different hours. The women folk feel they must be in to welcome them. Many others are indifferent. The sun which thaws the snow, hardens the clay. This is a situation which confronts us all. The servant of the Lord states:

"Never allow yourself to talk in a hopeless, discouraged way. If you do, you will lose much. By looking at appearances, and complaining when difficulties and pressure come, you give evidence of a sickly, enfeebled faith. Talk and act as if your faith was invincible. The Lord is rich in resources; He owns the world." —*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 147.

"God calls for cheerful co-

workers who refuse to become discouraged and disheartened by opposing agencies. The Lord is leading." — *Gospel Workers*, page 266.

What can we do to win souls for the Master? It may be that we shall have to re-adopt apostolic methods—the house-to-house method. Paul went from house to house. Literature is scarce. Halls are no longer available. Thank God we still have an open Bible and Gospel liberty. Ireland is a land of problems, but we are not discouraged. We are working away quietly. Recently I have received three letters which have encouraged me. During the years we have sent out large quantities of literature. Here is an extract from letter No. 1 from outside Armagh.

"I have been keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, Saturday, for forty years and rejoice in this Sabbath truth."

An extract from letter No. 2: "Thanks very much for the very welcome Sabbath literature. I am seventy-five years of age and am glad to tell you that I have been keeping the seventh day, Saturday, Sabbath for thirty-five years." This comes from outside Dunganon.

Letter No. 3 comes from Scotland. In 1927 I was binding off my work in Leeds. A young man helped us with the handbills. This young man never felt the urge to obey. Recently, however, from far away in Egypt I received a letter dated June 4th, in which he tells me that he was baptized

in 1940 and to use his own words, "after fourteen years of hesitation." It surely is a long time to wait from 1927 to 1942.

Some years ago I was a little downcast, and a lady placed in my hands a Gospel tract written by a Methodist minister's wife. I read it. It helped me. I stuck it in my Bible. It has been there ever since. Strange to say, it commenced with a quotation from *Ministry of Healing*:

"In the darkest days, when ap-

pearances seem most forbidding, have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well on behalf of His people. If we are heaven-bound how can we go as a band of mourners, groaning and complaining all along the way to our Father's house."

Let us all be of good courage. Emulate our Saviour. Let us go on sowing the seed. The Lord has promised it will not return unto Him void. In due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Notes from the Union President

EVANGELISM

PLANS are now being adopted by local committees for an advance in evangelistic planning. Probably thirty-five to forty campaigns of various sizes will be operated throughout the Union during the 1942-3 season. These campaigns, both large and small, represent a distinct enlargement compared with recent years. This advance is running throughout the Adventist church wherever war conditions permit, and is in harmony with Spirit of prophecy comments on a burden for the world:

"The apostles carried a weight of responsibility to enlarge their sphere of labour. . . . From their example we learn that . . . His servants are constantly to enlarge the circle of their efforts. Constantly they are to do more, never less."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, page 15.

"A great work is to be accomplished; broader plans must be laid; a voice must go forth to arouse the nations."—*Id.*, Vol. 5, page 187.

"I deeply feel the necessity of our making more thorough and earnest efforts to bring the truth before the world." — *Life Sketches*, page 211.

Some evangelists are to hold forth the message in new, and some in admittedly difficult, places, which again, is according to this advice:

"The solemn, sacred message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and in the most sinful cities, in every place where the light of the great three-fold message has not yet dawned." — *Gospel Workers*, page 27.

All of these campaigns will claim a deep interest in our prayers. The men and women

conducting them will be facing difficulties, even under the best possible conditions. It makes all the difference if they know that behind them is a united, praying, working church.

Praying, working, thinking big for God's glory—that is what this late hour calls for.

The first of the larger campaigns to get under way should be Edinburgh. We have just purchased a fine church in this unique city, but we have only a small membership there. A large hall became available, money was forthcoming, everybody seemed ready for a grand venture for God. May it succeed splendidly.

While these notes were being written some good news came from America. On hearing of our plans for larger evangelism the General Conference committee cabled a sum of money which will cover several large campaigns. We are grateful for this practical support of a plan that is running throughout the denomination. There is no greater need and no better investment for our funds in this closing work than soul-saving evangelism in our own neglected homeland. When vigorous evangelism is afoot the church is victorious and workers and laity are alive and happy.

The one thing lacking in our evangelistic planning in this field is that everything is on too small a scale. It ought to be bigger, but we tread where the Lord indicates that His people and facilities are ready. When His people are still more prepared, the great awakening throughout the land will come.

Till then—Onward where He leads!

OUR MISSIONARIES

WHILE no news has been received from A. G. Rodgers and family, last heard of in Manila, the following cablegram from an American Red Cross official is of interest: "According to the message received by the State Department there are no known missionary casualties in Manila."

OUR WORK IN SWEDEN

IN a letter to W. T. Bartlett, G. A. Lindsay reports that our work is progressing encouragingly in Sweden. Times are, of course, perplexing for them, but good meetings are being held, our colporteurs are having greater success than ever before, and strong plans are being laid for the winter's evangelistic work. In these awful times we remember our brethren in the Scandinavian countries particularly.

H. W. LOWE.

"Worth Its Weight in Gold"

THE splendid articles on William Miller, James White, J. N. Loughborough, and others, which appeared in the *Progressive Volunteer* have been reprinted as an illustrated booklet which every Missionary Volunteer should possess. One of our young people describes it as "a lovely little book and worth its weight in gold." Yet the price is only sixpence!

The edition is very limited and copies can only be obtained from the local Missionary Volunteer leader, or the Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. (Please do not write to the Stanborough Press.)

E. R. WARLAND.

A LEADING newspaper in the Philippines made the following statements during this year's Ingathering work. "Seventh-Day Adventists tell us they solicit help from their friends once a year. We are glad to help them this year, and to find our names on their list. They are a most remarkable sect. They number about 20,000 in the Philippine Islands but accomplish prodigies in carrying on schools, and hospitals, and itinerant nursing."

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NEWBOLD COLLEGE

The College Opening

ON September 8th, in ideal weather, Newbold College began another year of work at Packwood Haugh. The main building looked fresh and attractive, as a result of the labour and paint bestowed upon it during the vacation; the three dormitory huts for the men had a comfortable aspect; and the new chapel was a delight to the eyes. It was a pleasant surprise that, notwithstanding the large exodus of graduates, the enrolment was up again, with a prospect that it would go beyond the figures of the previous year. Some twenty-five young people are entering the College for the first time.

The chapel was almost filled for the opening service. Pastor R. S. Joyce was the only visitor, and after some words of welcome from the principal, the president of the North England Conference addressed the student body. He divided human beings into three classes: persons, personages, personalities. It was, of course, the hope of everyone to attain to the third category, and Pastor Joyce dealt in detail with seven ingredients of personality. The address was an inspiring one for such an audience.

In the evening there was a social gathering of teachers and students, and a number of items, prepared at brief notice, indicated that the school was by no means lacking in vocal and instrumental talent. We look forward to pleasant re-unions in the College home.

It was a source of general regret that Brother Schuil was not able for the present to take up his teaching work, owing to ill health. His classes are being divided among other teachers who have a busy term in front of them.

The school body rejoices in the good report from the junior educational institution at Watford, which was opening with a large enrolment the same day. Greetings were exchanged between the two schools.

We start out for another year, confident that the divine blessing which has been over us in the past will continue to attend our efforts to prepare workers for the cause of truth. Surely as a school we have great reason for gratitude and rejoicing.

In spite of restricted supplies, five full scholarships, twelve two-thirds scholarships, and nine half-scholarships were earned.

W. T. BARTLETT.

Pastor Stanley Bull of London preached the sermon and administered the ordinance. Mrs. Rosier, at the organ, led the congregation in the songs of praise.

The evangelist wishes to thank Miss E. Donaldson for her valued assistance at the busy commencement of the campaign, and also the many others who have loyally helped.

May God bless these new believers in the glorious Advent hope and cause others here who know the truth to follow soon.

MRS. TAYLOR,
Church Clerk.

Luton Harvest Festival

WHAT means that stream of people, all with flowers, evergreens, and baskets full of good things, wending their way through the hub and bustle of Luton's busy thoroughfare to Alma Street passage?

See, they are entering a neat little building, tucked behind the town's largest cinema. Once a furniture depository, it has been transformed by the diligent labour of Brother Vince and the members, and here week by week Luton's Advent members meet to worship God, justly proud of their meeting place.

It means just this, that a Harvest Festival service has been announced for Sabbath, September 12th, and here, with expectant hearts, we wait for the response. We are not disappointed. What a transformation takes place inside that bright and cheery little chapel, as basket after basket is unpacked and bunch after bunch of beautiful flowers tastefully arranged in numerous vases. Many willing hands helped to make the picture pleasing and tasteful to the eye.

From hedgerow, field, and garden came tokens of God's love and care as Provider of all our needs.

Surely in the memory of Luton's members and workers will long be cherished that happy Sabbath day, when, with grateful hearts, we sang praises to Him who giveth all things.

MAYME CLEMENTS.

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Firemen Help the Baptism

REWARD came to the Colchester-Clacton area on Sabbath afternoon, September 19th. Three sisters and one brother were baptised into the faith of Jesus. They had heard the message through the ministry of Evangelist O. H. Rosier. Most of our members had enjoyed a part in the work of the effort, and so we all shared the prize of souls won to God and His truth as we witnessed the baptism.

Our chapel does not possess a baptistery and so we had to install a temporary one. This was accomplished with the splendid help of the Fire Service. The evangelist had made the acquaintance of a chief officer who kindly loaned us a canvass pool. This served the purpose admirably. We decorated the front of the "baptistery" with palms and flowers. All who attended the crowded meeting declared that it had been a most inspiring gathering.

Our Conference Library

THE MESSENGER family may be interested in a brief report of our South England Conference Missionary Volunteer free library.

We are glad to say that, so far this year, we have sent out over 150 books to our isolated friends and Missionary Volunteer societies. Our library consists of over 200 books on various subjects, such as, Biography, Travel, Devotion, as well as most of the Reading Courses for the past ten years. We believe that many more of our young people and others would be greatly helped by reading some of these excellent books. Realizing that many apostasies among our youth are caused through wrong reading, it behoves us to do all we can to help them to get the right outlook on life, and surely one of the ways is by reading good books!

We are anxious to add to our library, so should any of you have any good books on your shelves which you can spare, kindly send them to us. We are especially in need of our denominational books, particularly the writings of Sister White.

Why not write to-day to the Librarian, 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, for an up-to-date list of our books? NORA LE VIERGE,
Librarian.

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Baptism at Morecambe

WE are happy to announce that on Sabbath afternoon, September 26th we conducted our first baptism. In all there were sixteen adult candidates—the first fruits of our pioneer work in Morecambe. The Pastor and deacons of the Sion Baptist church very kindly lent us their church for the occasion. About eighty people were present to witness the service.

Pastor R. S. Joyce, our conference president was present and

addressed the congregation, giving good spiritual advice and many suitable illustrations. The Spirit of God was present in a marked degree during and after the bap-



Evelyn Sparrow

ON Wednesday, August 26th, the North England Conference suffered a great loss in the very sudden death of Evelyn Sparrow. She graduated from Stanborough College in 1926, and, in spite of poor health, spent ten years as a Bible-worker in South England, where she proved her calling by leading large numbers to take their stand on the Lord's side. "We cannot now speak particularly" of much that could be said of her work, except to say that the churches, Sabbath-schools, young people's societies, and children's departments in which she worked were strengthened by her part in them.

In April, 1936, she married Pastor B. E. Sparrow, who was called to the North England Conference two years later. She ably assisted her husband in whatever he was called to do. The hearts of all who knew them were deeply moved when their short married life ended so suddenly on August 26th. Pastor J. Harker laid her to rest in the Redhill Cemetery, Nottingham, on August 31st. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her husband and her mother, Mrs. Stone, of Bournemouth, but they, with us can look back on the short pilgrimage and truly say with David that the steps of the good are established by the Lord, and that she rests from her labours and her works do follow her.

R. S. JOYCE.

tismal ceremony and the testimonies that followed showed remarkable spiritual enthusiasm.

The pipe organ was placed at our disposal and Mrs. Maudsley played many suitable hymns, thus adding to the spirit of worship.

Our effort commenced in November in the Plaza Cinema and continued for twenty-two weeks, after which we held the services in a local hall in the centre of the town. All these meetings have been well attended from the beginning. We had the assistance of Miss Handysides from the start until about the end of May when she entered the hospital to undergo a serious operation and has not returned to work. Mr. K. Lacey a graduate from Newbold College gave efficient service in leading the singing at all the meetings, carrying a heavy visiting list and conducting cottage meetings. In January Miss L. L. Mason, another Newbold graduate, joined our staff and did valiant work in visiting a large list of names. We have thus opened up a new town and planted the Advent message where it was unknown before. We solicit the prayers of our people for these new believers and for those who will surely follow.

W. MAUDSLEY.

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