

# BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

## GOD'S COMMANDOS

By J. M. HOWARD

"Go for a light to another man's fire, not to tarry but to kindle a torch of your own." These words of Plutarch, the great Grecian biographer, are descriptive of our British colporteur-evangelists in these momentous times. They have gathered light from the Source of all light and to-day they are blazing a trail for God throughout these islands.

Eventually this epithet of Plutarch was epitomized into: "Let him that hath the light—pass it on!"

How fitting this motto is for our colporteurs. Personally I think of the whole fifty-five of them as running a race for God; bearing His torch of truth; passing on the light!

In the autumn of 1939, on that fateful Sunday morning we heard the Prime Minister's solemn statement that war had been declared. Just what the future held for the literature work in Britain we did not know. We visualized the possible closing of the Press and the failure of supplies to our colporteurs: but always that heartening statement of Sister White was remembered: "As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work." — *"The Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 99:

Then were showered upon us

*These are the colporteurs who are selling "The Bible Speaks."*

the calling up notices for our young men. A score or more of our colporteurs were involved in those early days and had to appear before tribunals. We are grateful to God for His help on those occasions. With one exception all the colporteurs who were with us at the opening of the war have been given permission to continue their work. We have had many trying experiences, but, personally, we found that those in charge of affairs have been most kind and considerate. Somehow we felt that the angels of God were directing their minds as decisions were made on behalf of our colporteurs.

Our literature sales during the

past four years have been phenomenal.

Sales	
Year ending Sept. 1939,	£20,222
" " " 1940,	23,057
" " " 1941,	23,999
" " " 1942,	28,433

The students' sales mounted to unprecedented heights during the summers of 1940 and 1941. Owing to the rationing of paper, however, their sales were restricted severely during the summer of 1942.

Brother Benefield, who for some considerable time has been feeling the burden of his sixty-two years, writes that he is constantly passing bomb craters from twenty to forty feet wide in the south coast town where he is working. Many houses are demolished, others are wrecked beyond repair. "In spite of all, the book, *The Bible Speaks*, has an



amazing reception. A house with only a large tarpaulin to shelter it from the skies, with every ceiling down, every window gone, most of the crockery smashed, yet the dog snug safely in its kennel and the people unscratched in their dugout, thankful for deliverance. These people are ready to purchase as never before. This is true of dozens of calls I make around this city's suburbs."

This old veteran had his highest week recently when the Lord gave him £98 worth of orders and £100 worth of deliveries.

Brother A. Phillips from Newcastle writes:

"I had almost finished work on Friday when I felt impressed to make one more call. I canvassed husband and wife together, readily receiving their order for *Bible Certainties*. They showed great interest and we exchanged views on many points of Bible truth. However, when visiting our home later, they disclosed the fact that on the very day of my call the wife was to carry out her threat of separating from her husband, taking the baby girl with her. God's message of love contained in the book, and my timely visit, so deeply impressed them that a reconciliation was effected which has continued to the present time."

#### WHAT ONE PAPER ACCOMPLISHED

Brother William Jones, one of our oldest residential colporteurs, thought one evening to dispose of a few copies of *Present Truth* he had by him. At a certain home he introduced the paper with *Good Health* to the lady who immediately bought three copies. This encouraged Brother Jones to introduce *The Bible Speaks*. The lady paid ten shillings deposit for a leather-bound copy. Following this call our brother received three "leather" orders for *The Bible Speaks* and one order for *Christ Our Saviour*. In addition to this a gift of thirty-four shillings to the Harvest Ingathering Fund—the total money received being nine pounds, five shillings—the result of calling with one copy of *Present Truth*.

Colporteur C. L. W. Cooke writes as follows:

"Opportunities for helping people in trouble have never been so many. One kind of missionary activity I have found to be very much appreciated is visiting people

whose sons have been lost, killed, or are in prison camps.

Brother F. J. Kinman, who for many years has been working the military camps of England with great success, states:

"I have been battling for some years with a lady who has been carrying a certain doctrine to the doors of the people. She has taken a copy of every one of our big books—as far as I can remember them—and I have wondered time and again why I had no direct evidence of a change in her spiritual ideas, when at last she handed over a treasury note and asked for some of our literature in the shape of tracts. She said: 'I am going to deliver these in the homes of the people, for I have discovered that I have long been following error.' I have now handed this good soul over to the care of one of our ministers. 'The mills of God grind slowly but they grind exceeding small!'"

#### "MY BEST EXPERIENCE"

Brother H. D. Howard of Wakefield says his best experience this year is "one in which the angels of heaven have rejoiced three times in succession. Three precious souls have been won to the message and were baptized in May. Praise God for His wonderful co-operation to make this possible."

Brother C. L. Kelly writes concerning his work for the year 1941:

"There has been much to hinder the colporteurs during the year in question—difficulty in transport, various war-time duties. In my case, as an air raid warden and

billeting officer, some time has had to be devoted to these essential public services; and while there has been an increase in wages in most trades and professions, the people among whom I have laboured have derived little benefit from these times, being mostly coal miners who receive the lowest wages of any branch of the working community. Yet in spite of this, the Lord blessed me with the biggest actual delivery sales of any year since I have been connected with the colporteur ministry—£1,200 worth of literature was placed in the homes of these people to sow seed that must surely bear fruit one day.

"So, looking back over all the years, I feel that 1941 has been my best experience in the field, and to me a constant evidence of God's leading in this important branch of His work."

Colporteur E. J. Whiting, who has for many years been carrying the message in the printed page to the people of Cornwall, has already been blessed by seeing six souls baptized during the past three years.

As we look back over the providences of the past years it seems to me that the promise of the King's New Year message to the nation has been specifically fulfilled to us as colporteurs. You remember the beautiful words:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.'"

## Student Colporteurs' Successes

It was found this year, much to the regret of all, that we would have to ration supplies to our students in view of the paper situation. The Publishing House has always been keenly interested in the educational branch of our work, and it was with great reluctance that we decided we could not allow a student to sell more than £70 retail value of bound books, plus a special allowance of £3 retail per week to cover expenses.

This provision applied to all with the exception of three who

decided to co-operate with us in moving some copies of the American edition of *Bible Readings* and *Welsh Our Day*. Brethren A. H. Cowley and C. Knowlson took the American *Bible Readings* and Brother E. E. Hulbert, *Welsh Our Day*. The Lord wonderfully blessed these young men as is revealed by their sales' figures which are as follows:

A. H. Cowley	£147	5	6	retail
C. Knowlson	135	0	0	"
E. E. Hulbert	118	4	3	"

The total sales' figure for the students this summer was £2,355. 12s. We have been cut in the case of our book paper to thirty-seven-and-a-half per cent of our total consumption during the twelve months prior to the outbreak of hostilities. It is interesting, therefore, to make a comparison with our student scholarship sales in 1939, a year when we could obtain all the paper we desired.

The total student scholarship sales in 1939 were £1,954. 1s. 8d. Our figure, therefore, for the third summer of the war, despite our very meagre supplies of paper, shows a gain of £401. 10s. 4d., or just over twenty per cent.

A comparison on the basis of the number of scholarships is also very interesting, and is as follows:

Scholarships	1939	1942	Gain
Full	5	5	
Two-thirds	2	12	10
Half	8	9	1
<i>Unclaimed:</i>			
Two-thirds	1	1	
Half	1		-1
	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>10</u>

Surely this brief survey of the summer's work reveals that God is indeed blessing our literature and educational work, and should encourage us as we face the future with all its problems.

#### THE "PRESS" TEA

The climax of the summer's achievement was reached when we sat down together to partake of the very excellent war-time tea prepared by the College authorities. Brother A. Dibble proposed the vote of thanks and referred to the blessing the summer's experience had been to himself and to all. Miss E. Baird very ably seconded the vote of thanks.

Then followed a speech by the manager of the Publishing House referring to the way that God had helped us to supply the needs of the literature work during the summer.

The treasurer was called upon to speak on the financial phases of the scholarship results, after which Brethren J. M. Howard, B. Belton, and A. W. Cook distributed the bonuses.

Pastor J. M. Howard spoke

with reference to the field end of the work and referred to the excellent help that Mrs. Phillips had given to the young lady students. The principal of the College, Pastor W. G. Murdoch, emphasized in a very witty speech the value of the College to the Publishing House which, of course, was loudly cheered by all.

Prayer by Pastor G. Baird brought a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion to a close.

#### LITERATURE MINISTRY AND EDUCATION

Those of us who had to return to Watford left with the very happy conviction that God had indeed been good to us. The scholarship scheme has, I am certain, the approval of Heaven, and those early pioneers who initiated it were indeed guided by the Lord. Two great purposes

are fulfilled, and these are as follows:

1. The wide circulation of literature which bears fruit and souls are thus won for His kingdom.

2. Advanced education is made available to those who would not otherwise receive its benefit, and a larger number of workers as a result enter denominational employ with the object of being soul-winners.

The final goal of these two great objectives is, therefore, the winning of souls. Let us pray that those who have benefited from the scheme this summer may develop into stalwart workers in the cause of God, and that the literature that has found its way into the homes of the people may be the means of bringing glad tidings to many a weary heart.

J. C. CRAVEN.

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## Blessings on North England Bookmen

A VERY interesting feature of the literature ministry in North England is the recent work of Brother W. McLeod, of Stockport. Probably catching the inspiration of his wife's successful magazine distribution in public-houses, he has tried out the possibility of placing the latest "message" book, *The Bible Speaks*, among these "unlikely" prospects.

It soon became evident that here is a field for large book evangelism hitherto hardly touched. The results have been surprising. At the time of writing Brother McLeod has actually delivered copies of his book to about four hundred of these proprietors. A large proportion of the orders taken are for the leather style.

Colporteur A. Phillips, handling the same book with remarkable success in the Tyneside district, tells of an important development in his work up there. Some of his customers and neighbours are so desirous of learning more about the Scriptures that they are gathering regularly in his home for study. Converts to the message are confidently expected from these cottage meetings, now being conducted by Brother B. F. Kinman.

### SALES AND SOULS

Nearly every colporteur is making higher sales of literature than a year ago. In fact some have done more in the nine months period—January to September—than during the whole of 1941. Notice a few examples:

		Jan.-Dec. 1941	Jan.-Sep. 1942
Colporteur	A	£485	£754
"	B	331	741
"	C	279	380
"	D (lady)	222	287

One readily recognizes God's good hand over this literature ministry. The continued health and safety of the colporteurs, their faithfulness and increasing efficiency through these years of war strain, are but a few evidences. These and many other blessings were responsible for last year's sales achievement of £11,-

670—the highest ever recorded in any one year in this conference. So for 1942 we felt bold enough to fix our sales goal at £12,000, and in spite of the rationing necessarily imposed on the student-colporteurs this summer, the amount reached by the end of September was £9,224.

"If only more people would accept the message through the work of our colporteurs," we often hear. Yes, that is admittedly a problem.

We are pleased to report the baptism, during the summer, of three persons with whom a colporteur had for some time been holding Bible studies.

It surely must be that the new "drive" in public evangelism will

gather out from the twenty millions within our conference boundaries many a soul whose first convictions came from the ministry of the printed page.

The constant incentive to our literature evangelists is the hope of a final harvest of souls from their numerous readers.

While some persons unite themselves with the Advent people almost as soon as they appreciate the message of the printed page, "the results . . . are not to be judged by what now appears. . . . When the earth is lighted with the glory of the Lord, in the closing work, many souls will take their position on the commandments of God as a result of this agency."—*E. G. White, Manuscript 31, 1890.*

We believe that this greatest blessing will crown the faithful work of our North England bookmen.  
B. BELTON.

## The Literature Ministry in South England

THE colporteur family in the South England Conference comprises nineteen full-time and nine part-time workers. Some of the men and women who joined us during the past three or four years have been advised to do other work for the time being.

We are greatly encouraged with the spirit of earnestness and consecration to the task that has been seen in our colporteur ranks. All are doing better and more efficient soul-winning work than ever before. Souls are continually being baptized who first made their contact with the message by a visit from the colporteur.

### BOMBED OUT BUT NOT BEATEN

Throughout the twenty-two counties and in all our cities, towns, and villages, the colporteurs are at work. Some of them have been bombed out but are still carrying on. In some cases where the home has been gathered together during the years of their literature ministry it has all been lost overnight.

But God has preserved the lives of His servants. Recently, after a narrow escape, one of the

colporteurs wrote in, saying, "I pray I may still continue in the most precious of all work again soon." These workers have stood the test with fortitude. To carry on in spite of death and destruction all around demonstrates something of the joy which comes to those who go forth ministering to the needs of humanity.

The new book *The Bible Speaks* has filled a long-felt need in the field and amazing success has attended the efforts of those who have worked with it.

### ONWARD AND UPWARD

Although we are not in a position to encourage recruits for full-time colporteur work, yet dur-



*The British*

ing these present war years our supplies have been forthcoming thus far, and the following figures represent the financial achievement of our literature workers in South England for the past three years.

LITERATURE SALES	
1939	£10,927
1940	12,073
1941	13,765
1942 (First nine months)	10,632

The most outstanding feature of the literature ministry has been the many evidences of souls being won through reading the literature.

In the Bristol area, as a result of the combined efforts of colporteurs, Bible-workers, and ministers, several souls have been added to the membership. In historic Bath and in many other ancient cities interested people are being found. Our publications are exerting their influence and many are being led to make the great decision.

#### BOOKS WIN SOULS

From one end of the conference to the other personal contacts are being made with interested souls. The following experience is one of many sent in by our colporteurs.

"During conversation at a home one day, a young lady told me that she and her mother were reading the Bible, especially the books of Daniel and Revelation which seemed to have special significance in these days; they did wish they

could get an explanation of the various days and times mentioned. I was glad to be able to call back with our publication *Daniel and Revelation*, and lend this to them. I now understand that this young lady is going to visit one of our churches not too far away."

Each colporteur in the conference has set a goal of winning at least one soul during 1942. Some

have already achieved their objective. Others are holding Bible studies here and there. May we be inspired to act our part with them. The way of the King is being prepared. Let us arise as a united family and help to finish the work in this our day and hour of opportunity.

A. W. COOK.

## Special Benefits to Colporteurs

IN the past few years some special benefits have been received by the colporteurs of the British Union Conference, and much inspiration has come as a result to these missionary workers who go from door to door with the Gospel message.

Some special benefits come to all classes of the colporteurs, but the greater advantages are due to the full-time workers—those who give an average of forty hours a week or sell ten pounds' worth of literature weekly, reporting and settling accounts promptly. These are known as class A and B colporteurs.

The principal benefits referred to are Sickness Benefit, Holidays with Pay, Free Scholarships, and Sustentation.

#### SICKNESS BENEFIT

The Sickness Benefit Plan is divided into two parts. In sickness, one-fifth of the colporteur's usual weekly earnings are paid to

him on the "Sales" part of the plan. Another payment is made on his average weekly "Hours."

To illustrate: A sick colporteur who usually earns £5 weekly receives £1 on his "Sales" and £1 on his "Hours" if he works forty hours weekly—total £2. If he usually earned £4 weekly and worked forty-six hours, he would receive 16/- on his "Sales" and 23/- on his "Hours."

In addition, the A colporteur has paid in sums of one shilling weekly, the accumulation of which he is entitled to draw out in these times of sickness.

#### HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

The A or B colporteur is entitled to one week's holiday with pay in the summer and three days at Christmas. The amount then paid to him is the average earnings of a week (or three days).

#### SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

The children of colporteurs in class A or B are eligible for three annual scholarships value £10 each at Stanborough Secondary School or Newbold College.

#### SUSTENTATION

In the event of old age or incapacity, colporteurs are included in the benefits of the Sustentation Plan.

#### TRAINING

Beside the preliminary training given by the field missionary secretary, a course of one week or ten days' instruction is given to workers every year. This "Colporteurs' Institute" or Training Course is held either at the College or at Stanborough Park. The experienced colporteurs help in giving the instruction at these gatherings and they become a season of real refreshing to all.

A. WARREN.



Colporteur group at the beginning of the present record year.

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### Notes from the President

DURING the past four months, sixty-three new members have been added by baptism and vote in South England. Baptisms have been held at Torquay, Exeter, Stanborough Park, Southend, Colchester, Chiswick, Plymouth, Bournemouth, and Bristol. By the time these notes appear, further baptisms will have taken place at Edmonton and Gloucester, and before the close of the year good additions are expected in several other places throughout the conference. You are asked to remember the ministers and Bible-workers in your prayers that the spirit of conviction will lead many interested souls to make a right decision.

#### EVANGELISM

STRONG plans are being made for carrying forward a progressive programme of evangelism this autumn and spring. Already Pastor A. J. Mustard has commenced a Sunday afternoon campaign at Paignton. An encouraging first meeting was held on Sunday, October 25th, and thirty names were received for literature. Pastor W. G. Nicholson begins new work in Tottenham on November 14th, having just baptized the first-fruits of his work in South England. Brother P. O. Cumings is expecting to commence a suburban campaign in Southampton. You are asked to pray that these forward moves in evangelism will be greatly blessed of God. Halls and housing perplexities seem to be multiplying as the war continues, but we believe that the Lord does and will overrule as we move forward in His work.

#### A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

THE final figure for South England's 1942 Ingathering is £7,415, being £2,115 overflow on

our official goal. This, of course, is the highest figure ever reached in the conference, and is a further evidence of God's leading in these days of turmoil. To all those who have made this achievement possible we send a big "Thank you."

In keeping with the spirit of liberality on the part of the public our membership is responding with larger gifts to missions and increasing tithe returns. There is every indication that in both tithes and offerings 1942 will be a record year.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS

OUR round of district meetings for the year was completed with a good attendance at Norwich on Sabbath, October 24th. The services were held in the well-appointed Stuart Hall by reason of the fact that our own Norwich church had sustained severe dam-

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#### AMERICAN PERIODICALS

IN a previous issue of the MESSENGER it was announced that no new subscriptions for American periodicals could be accepted. This is now changed. New yearly subscriptions for the *Review*, *Instructor*, *Sabbath-School Worker*, etc., will be received as before through The Stanborough Press.

The change comes about through interviews which our brethren in America have had with the Government officials who have decided that the new regulations are not to apply as stringently as was first supposed. A.W.

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age by enemy action. This is a hard trial for our Norwich members, but a spirit of courage and confidence prevails in the district. In some parts of our territory the membership is being continually harassed by enemy action and both workers and members stand in need of our continual thought and prayers.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL

ON November 14th the special offering for Missions Extension is to be taken. This year our own secondary school at Stanborough Park figures as one of the projects to benefit from this General Conference fund. While perhaps this should not lead us to be more

liberal in our gifts, it should at least encourage us with the thought that progressive work at home as well as overseas is benefiting by our sacrificial giving. The enrolment at the Park School is now approaching 200 and good missionary work, as well as educational work, is being done among both Adventist as well as non-Adventist boys and girls. Remember this as you make your plans for a good offering on November 14th. G. D. KING.

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### Baptism at Bournemouth

IT was good to see the Bournemouth church building filled almost to overflowing on Sabbath afternoon, October 10th. On this happy occasion four dear ones were buried with their Lord in baptism, and later, with one other, received into church fellowship. Thus the forces in this southern town are strengthened in their fight against sin and Satan. Candidates and their friends all felt the presence of our Lord and Master; while those not of our faith who helped to swell the congregation were deeply impressed by what they saw and heard. We believe that some of the latter will one day soon, feel led also to follow Jesus all the way.

Our heartfelt thanks are due to Brother A. Vine, our church elder and to the other church officers and members, for the kindly way in which they have helped and encouraged these new believers over a period of many months, and for their valued assistance during the service itself. Above all we thank God for His many mercies, and for His kind favour in using us to win souls for Him. F. A. SPEARING.

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### Change of Address

UNTIL further notice the Sabbath services in Norwich will be held in the Stuart Hall, St. Andrew's Street.

Sabbath - school, 10 a.m.; preaching service, 11 a.m.; afternoon service, 3 p.m.; young people's service, 4 p.m.

G. ELLIS,  
Church Clerk.

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### Notes from the President

WE frequently receive requests for special prayer during our office worship. You will be glad to know that we also receive reports showing that God is answering our united petitions. If you have a special need, please write and let us know. Our worship is held every morning at nine o'clock. We are sure to remember your request, and would suggest that you join with us at the time mentioned.

#### AN EVENTFUL DATE

IT was on September 15, 1874 — sixty-eight years ago — that Pastor J. N. Andrews, as the first worker to leave the shores of America, left Boston on the S.S. Atlas to go out as the first representative of this Message to the European Continent. What have we done in the sixty-eight years?

"We cannot be accepted or honoured of God in rendering the same service or doing the same works that our fathers [the pioneers] did. In order to be accepted and blessed of God as they were, we must imitate their faithfulness and zeal."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, page 262.

At our recent Workers' Meeting, and our last executive committee, the need for greater things was obvious to everyone present. You will be glad to know that it has been decided, after prayerful consideration, to invite the most experienced evangelists to open the work in the unentered areas, and to invite others who have the gift of evangelism to enter the towns in which the message has never been preached, which are within easy distance of the districts in which churches and companies are already organized.

In this programme of evangelism, every member has his part. Our lay preachers will be asked to give more of their time and talents to caring for the churches

and companies. Our membership will give great help and encouragement by faithful church attendance and personal work. "If in 1860, when the name 'Seventh-Day Adventist' was adopted, there had been only one person in the world who knew the truth, and he, during the next year, had communicated the truth to a friend, and those two had continued to pass on the knowledge of the truth each year to another, and every man so informed about the truth had passed it on to yet another every year, every person in the world would have had the truth brought before him by 1894." Let it not be said of any of us that we did TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.

#### LITERATURE

YOU will be encouraged to know that, in spite of paper shortage and many restrictions, the North England Conference shows a gain of £405 on the weekly tabular, and a gain of £800 for the first nine months of the year. Woodrow Wilson said: "To my mind, the colporteurs—the men who are travelling by every sort of conveyance, carrying with them books containing the Word of God—seem like shuttles in a great loom that is weaving the spirits of men together. In proportion as men yield themselves to the kindly light of the Gospel, they are bound together in the bonds of mutual understanding and assured peace." We know that our colporteurs are preaching of the "assured peace" in a better land, which makes the work of these "shuttles in the great loom" even more important.

#### FINANCE

ALL the offerings are showing good increases and the tithes show an increase of £1,720. We thank and praise God for the increasing faithfulness of His willing people. As workers, we are conscious of the responsibility resting upon us in using the Lord's tithe and your gifts. You can rest assured that the ministry will do its best to bring many souls to Christ, to finish the work, as it uses the tools you supply by returning to God His portion.

#### A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EVERY READER

AN old and faithful servant of the Lord has sent this message:

"I am persuaded that the world is everywhere sweeping in upon the church of God like a mighty tidal wave. As I came down the Amazon, I learned something about the high water that is found there. Twice every year, the Amazon overflows its banks, and creeps back silently, by day and night, filling every little creek, creeping up on the roots of the trees, filling every ravine, spreading out and out and out until it attains a width of approximately a hundred miles in many places. I thought of how the world creeps silently, and many times almost unperceived. The spirit of the world is seeking a place in the hearts of God's people."

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R. S. JOYCE.

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### SUNSET CALENDAR

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Nov. 13th 5.15 5.13 5.28 5.10 5.27  
Nov. 20th 5.05 5.03 5.18 4.58 5.16

# Notes from the Union President

## ABYSSINIA

THE following is taken from a Geneva international Christian news service bulletin:

"Reports from Swedish missionaries in Abyssinia show that there is now a new missionary opportunity in that country. Missionary schools have been started in Asmara, in Adua, and in numerous villages in Eritrea. There is a considerable demand for religious literature. And, as a missionary puts it, 'Never in the mission's history has there been such a great opportunity for the distribution of Scriptures.'"

Our own Dr. Madgwick, as already announced, answered a call to go to Abyssinia, even though it meant relinquishing charge of a new hospital in Nigeria. A medical leader for the latter project is now being sought from this country.

## MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECTS

NOVEMBER 14th is the time for a special offering for missions under our war-time restricted Missions Extension Campaign. The shortage of literature hampers us, but we seek to adhere to the plan of giving a day's earnings to this worthy cause, and the following projects are to benefit:

Nigeria—Hospital equipment  
Liberia—School equipment  
North Cameroons—School equipment  
Sierra Leone—School equipment  
Gold Coast, Agona—School building  
Watford—Secondary School equipment

## EVANGELISTIC CALL

GLANCING through a well-known English religious journal this week, I came across a displayed advertisement by a large evangelistic organization. It was headed: "Evangelize Now," and went on to speak of unique opportunities now present for evangelism.

The reason for this is obviously not because no problems obtrude themselves, but because of the great need of the indifferent masses. Problems never were an excuse for the absence of a soul-winning urge in the church

—otherwise the most inspiring pages of the history of Christ's church would never have been written.

To-day the work of God is closing. Fast comes the end, and furious fall the destructive blows of the Enemy upon all that revelation has taught men to hold dear. But a glorious work of saving men is to precede the end, problems notwithstanding. Preachers are needed where the Advent message is needed. That is not where our churches are, but out in new areas where we have long delayed to go. Plans to this end are now completed in each conference. At home, abroad, men with God's message are still the pioneers of salvation.

Despite all difficulties, our preachers are demonstrating the possibility of gathering good lists of interested people, and, if worked for intensively and prayerfully till they are added to the church, they are worth all the money and effort that are summed up in the word evangelism.

## FINAL INGATHERING FIGURES

OUR College recently spent a day in this campaign—all we could do this year—and raised £160, which was excellent. This brings the Union total to £16,000, which is far beyond anything in past years. Surely we shall all thank God for this excellent work.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEES

BEFORE the Week of Prayer (December 5th to 12th) it would be a wise plan to have completed the work of our church nominating committees. Church boards in counsel with the elder or pastor should submit the names to the church, and prayer should be offered for God's blessing on their work. The committee should then proceed on its work bearing the following points in mind:

1. All committee discussions are private, and it is an unworthy breach of confidence to repeat anything mentioned in these meetings.

2. This committee does not

appoint; it only suggests names for the church's final action.

3. Impartiality, carefulness of speech, a complete absence of "wire pulling" or unworthy political approach, a prayerful desire to choose the best person for each office—these qualities in the nominating committee will assuredly bring the Spirit's presence and blessing.

4. When the chairman has presented the nominating committee's report to the church the presiding elder or pastor should then ask for each name to be read separately again and the congregation should call "question" after each. Then a vote should be taken on the whole report. Any disagreement should not be discussed or any other name substituted in public, but the whole report should be referred back for another nominating committee meeting.

A word to officers and members at this time may help:

1. Remember no one has any right to continue in office, and the love of position ruins many a man and woman. "To adorn or to relinquish gracefully" is a good adage for us all.

2. The fact that someone is appointed to office does not carry any comparisons with previous office-holders. Changes benefit a church and we must all love the truth, the church, and God's people more than we love our own importance.

## CHRISTMAS, 1942

WHAT a unique opportunity comes this year to discard a costly habit and to contribute its cash value to God's cause.

Paper shortage . . . Christmas cards!

The annual Thank Offering is taken up in all our churches December 12th this year. Need we say more?

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