



An Autumn Council Message

SINCE renewed emphasis was given to the launching of a larger evangelism at the time of the Omaha Autumn Council in 1930, we have annually witnessed a marked advance in soul-winning throughout the world. Conference and mission fields everywhere have put forth most earnest efforts to spread the message, and these efforts have through the years brought an excellent fruitage. Moreover, the call for lay-evangelism has met with a whole-hearted response, many of our able lay-brethren having conducted well-organized efforts from year to year—efforts which have been signally blessed of God in souls won to Christ. Indeed, all these efforts have materially increased our membership, our tithes, and our offerings. For this cheering advance and for the unreserved co-operation given by our conference leaders, our ministry, and our lay-preachers, we wish to express our profound gratitude.

THE END IS NEAR

We believe with all our hearts, however, that we have now come into the perils of the very last days. These times of unwonted fearfulness constitute a complete fulfilment of many prophetic utterances of the ancient prophets concerning the time of the end. It is therefore evident to us that the coming of our Lord the second time in power and glory is just at hand.

Fifty-two years ago, during a period of comparative peace, the

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Lord's messenger bore to the church the solemn warning:

"The tempest is coming, and we must get ready for its fury by having repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Signs of the Times," April 21, 1890.

Again in 1902, the message was repeated:

"The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire and flood and earthquakes, with war and bloodshed. Something great and decisive will soon of necessity take place."—*"Life Sketches,"* page 413, (November 12, 1902).

Then two years later, in 1904, the following earnest appeal came to the church:

"Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations—trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes. As never before, we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people, and our strength lies in not forsaking Him. The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumours of war, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfilment."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Review and Herald," November 24, 1904.

To-day we see these fearful predictions fulfilling before our eyes, and we are made to realize, as never before, that truly "the end is near, probation is closing," and "we have no time to lose."

GOD'S WORK TO CLOSE IN POWER

It is at this time of awful world crisis that God has promised to perform His greatest work in the world. This work will be performed through His commandment-keeping church and under the power of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God's final message, and thousands are to be converted in a day.

"By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given."—*"The Great Controversy,"* page 612.

"The third angel of Revelation fourteen is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven, crying, 'Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world. They are holding in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There are no more to follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation!"—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 5, pages 206, 207.

A CALL TO EVANGELISM

The Lord has revealed to His people repeatedly that the most effective method of giving the bread of life to the famishing, dying world is that of public and personal evangelism. It is through the foolishness of preaching that it has pleased God to save men. As to how such a programme should be carried out, the messenger of the Lord has given the following instruction:

"The large halls in our cities should be secured, that the third angel's message may be proclaimed by human lips. Thousands will appreciate the message. . . . They know not what the faith of Seventh-Day Adventists is. . . . Why is there not now something being done in a larger measure than has been done? . . . The plea is, There will be a saving of money and labour. Let the saving be done in other lines. But when souls are to be laboured for, and the truth is to come before those who know it not, let us not talk of limiting on this line. A world is to be warned."—*"Special Testimonies,"* Series A, No. 7, page 63. (Italics ours.)

Therefore, in view of the solemn conviction that we have now reached the closing hours of probation and that what we do to save men must be undertaken at once, we would earnestly renew the call to our conference and mission organizations the world

over to lay definite and well-devised plans immediately for the greatest soul-winning effort ever undertaken by the church of God since the fall of man, by—

1. Organizing their entire ministerial forces for public evangelistic work in halls, tents, tabernacles, churches, and other meeting places.

2. Encouraging full co-operation on the part of our churches with the evangelists in their public efforts and in the national and local evangelistic radio programmes.

3. Organizing their entire membership for personal evangelistic work in their respective neighbourhoods.

4. Putting forth a special effort to reach the rich and cultured classes as well as the poor and unlearned.

5. Enlarging the programme for the development of lay preachers at home and abroad.

6. Conferences ever keeping in mind and recognizing the clear, solemn instruction which the Scriptures and the Spirit of

prophecy have given concerning the use of the tithe, one of its primary purposes being that of making possible strong evangelism at all times; and each field at home and abroad, in arranging the annual budgets, making ample provision for the carrying forward of this larger evangelism.

7. Young ministers and young Bible-workers, during their early experience, being associated wherever possible with efforts held by experienced evangelists, for further training and development.

A CALL TO PRAYER

We appeal to all our people throughout the world to join in continual intercessory prayer that the signal blessing of God may rest upon our renewed efforts to finish our task of world evangelization and that the latter rain, without measure, may fall upon us as we seek quickly to gather the whitened harvest for the heavenly Garner.

Let us work while it is called to-day, for "the night cometh, when no man can work."

Notes from the Union President

FIRST REPORTS FOR 1942

THE tithe and offering figures for the year have just come to hand, although our membership reports are not yet available.

We rejoice to report to our churches that as compared with the year 1941 there was a tithe increase of £6,100 during the year 1942. The increase for South England was £2,860, for North England £2,580, for Wales £560, and Ireland £157. There was a slight decrease of £137 in Scotland. All the fields showed a considerable increase above the estimated tithe income.

Offerings to missions also bring us a most encouraging report. There was an increase of £1,280 in our Sabbath-school gifts, an increase of £3,000 in our Ingathering, and of £500 in our Annual Offering.

Our Week of Sacrifice was up by £69. Missionary Volunteer societies gave £74 more for missions during the year, and our

Missions Extension campaign despite the lack of literature, was £33 above the previous year. Our total of regular mission offerings, therefore, showed an increase of £5,250. Beyond this there were other odd gifts of £640 not listed in our regular offerings.

We feel sure our people will join us in praising God for this splendid initial report for the year 1942. This will be augmented as soon as other information is available.

MORE PERSECUTION IN RUMANIA

ACCORDING to a news report recently received the property of the Baptists, the Adventists, and other sects in Rumania has been sequestered by the government, and it appears that by this time their work will have closed down publicly, unless the Lord has intervened. This is what the new order of things means, and it should bind us together in prayer for the church at large.

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Forward March

DURING the past year the providence of God has been made manifest in many marked ways in our work in the Yorks Central District. This comprises the three churches of Leeds, Wakefield, and Bradford. Our working force has been comprised of Pastor W. J. Cannon, Sister Elias and the writer.

Just a year ago our members in Leeds were meeting Sabbath by Sabbath in a small room in the centre of the city, but to-day they possess a fine church building as a testimony to His wonder-working power in these days.

Willing souls recall the state of the building only in February of last year and the labour required, plastering, decorating, repairs, cleaning, and what seemed humanly impossible, the installation of central heating, and the building of a baptistery. Where could a boiler be bought in these difficult times? or a geyser for the baptistery? and how could anyone be expected to obtain sufficient tiles to build a tank under the platform? Wonderful stories have yet to be told of the ways in which these difficulties were over-

come, and the beautiful building was opened with a programme of inspiring services, and a witness of eight souls burying their sins in the waters of baptism, on April 10th. Since then six more have followed them, making a total of fourteen added this year. All are praying that the church, since dedicated, will be a prayer centre of radiated divine love, and a place of true pentecostal power.

Its activities are many and varied. In addition to the usual Sabbath morning services there is a large and active Young People's society under the capable leadership of Brother Gordon Clee. On Sunday afternoons a school is conducted for the children of the neighbourhood by Brother Roe, and the success of this enterprise is shown by the popularity of our weeknight Junior Missionary Volunteer society, when there is an average attendance of fifty children.

At the present time our Bradford members are preparing to bid farewell to the upper room in which they have worshipped for so many years, but we hope to give more information regarding this project in the very near future. Sufficient is it to say that they will soon occupy one of the most beautiful churches in the British Union Conference.

Wakefield cannot yet report a building of its own, but what it lacks in bricks and mortar, it more than makes up for in a multiplying membership, con-

sumed with true mission zeal, and the love of Jesus.

For some time we have had resident colporteurs in both Wakefield and Leeds, Brethren Roe and Howard, and thousands of truth-filled books have been distributed. Five months ago one of Newbold's most successful colporteurs, our Swedish brother, Lennart Ohman, commenced the same work in our Bradford area, so that now the literature ministry is spreading over the whole of our district.

We have been sorry to lose the services of Sister Elias who has gone to Morecambe, but we warmly welcome Sister Gardner to help us in our tasks. Soon we plan to commence a new campaign in one of the unentered towns of the district.

Our fine body of lay-preachers has been drawn from all the three churches, and have just completed the special series of studies in the lay-preachers' handbook designed to make them more efficient in the work of the Lord.

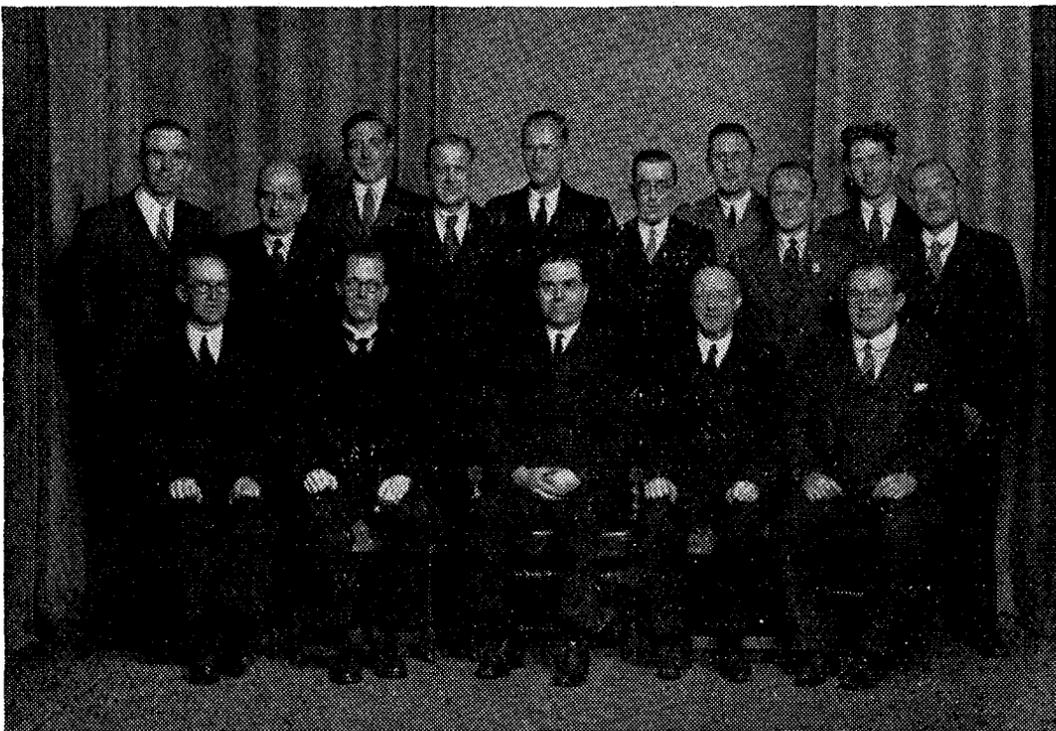
So the work goes forward. Surely all departments in this section of the Lord's vineyard testify to the wonder working power of God. The message of the soon return of Jesus must go on. Forward march is the slogan in our hearts, and all of us here in the Yorks Central District are determined that we shall have a place in that privileged work, be ready to meet our Saviour, and so be "ever with the Lord."

A. L. BLOMERLEY.

In the Queue

Miss Lees tells us that:

"While waiting in a queue for cakes on Friday I was called out by a lady. I thought she wanted me to get her a cake. When I spoke to her, she said, 'You know me, don't you? I didn't know where you lived but knew you came to get a cake on Fridays.' Then she said some friends called to see her and fell in love with the book, *The Bible Speaks*. 'They want one in the leather cover,' she said, 'and I have brought you the money.' I had a 'leather' in stock and soon was round at the house with it, and I left my address. Last night she called for two more books with the cash. Her husband wanted them for someone in the works. Thrilling, wasn't it?"



Ministerial and lay-workers of the Central Yorkshire District.

"We have had a lovely time."
"The happiest week I have ever spent."

"There has been such a friendly atmosphere which I have found so helpful."

"The earnest desire to win souls has greatly impressed me."

What are these people referring to? Their faces shine with smiles of happiness, and one would think that they did not have a care in the world.

Why, of course, it is the British Union Colporteurs' Conference, and all these happy men and women are the colporteurs gathered together from many parts of the British Isles.

Would you like to know something of the marvellous week they have had together? Would you like to know a little of the wonderful way in which God has blessed their work during the year 1942? Then make yourself comfortable in that chair by the fire, and you will soon forget about the cold wind outside as you listen to the story of the greatest year in the history of the colporteur work in this island home of ours.

All day long the trains were thundering into the little station of Knowle. From away up in the far North, from Cornwall in the South, from Wales and the West, and the counties in the East, they came. Even the Emerald Isle was represented as the trains brought in the colporteur family. Some had left their homes as early as 6 a.m.; some had travelled all night in order to be at Newbold College, Packwood, in time for the first meeting.

Through the day the chariots and student horsemen thereof, drove along the two and a half miles of country lanes loaded with colporteurs and their luggage. Even the horses seemed to be enjoying the privilege of carrying this victorious band of Gospel workers.

So, after many weeks of keen anticipation, the evening of December 28th saw the colporteurs seated in the College chapel, receiving a hearty welcome from the principal, Pastor W. G. Murdoch, the Field Missionary secretaries, Pastor J. M. Howard, and Brethren Belton and Cook, and Pastor W. L. Emmerson, editor of the Stanborough Press.

In this first service it was emphasized that the most remarkable fact about the year 1942 was the outstanding success that God had given to His servants, both in souls won and also in the sale of our truth-filled literature. In the fourth year of the war, with all its problems of national service and paper rationing, the colporteur ranks were still practically intact and the sales were the highest in the history of our work in this country. Surely this is an evidence of an overruling Providence leading us in a time of difficulty.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

The first meeting of the day was the devotional hour at 9 a.m., conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard, who based his Bible study on Genesis 18:19. Abraham was conscientious in his service toward God and was ready to give up his most precious possession because God asked for it. He was willing to leave his home and travel to a place he knew nothing about because he trusted God. He revealed his love and deep longing for the salvation of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and pleaded with God to spare them. With such evidences of a life of service toward his fellow-men, we do not wonder that God said of Abraham, "I know him." Paul tells us that God was in Christ reconciling the world, and that this work has been committed unto us. Therefore we, like Paul and Abraham, must plead with the people to be reconciled to God. So Pastor Howard sounded the keynote of the conference: "Evangelizing Britain."

Pastor W. L. Emmerson followed with a remarkable study under the title "Prophecy and the Prospect: The Shape of Things to Come." In the light of present-day events the prophecy of Revelation seventeen, dealing with the seven-headed scarlet beast with its harlot rider, seems to stand out in a clearer light than ever it has in the past. A vivid description was given of the rapid decline of the papal power of Rome at the close of the Dark Ages, and of its gradual rise out of the "abyss" of international chaos in our time. In 1928 the Pope was made a king again, and to-day as never before the nations are seeking his

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help to extricate them from chaos. The "New Order" of things so much talked of to-day is certainly shaping itself according to prophecy.

Classes were then formed to study the canvass for the three books to be used this year, *The Bible Speaks*, *Bible Certainties*, and *Christ Our Saviour*, and these occupied the rest of the morning.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Brother R. Redhouse led in singing choruses in praise to God, and after a brief talk by Brother A. Howard, prayer bands were formed when all hearts were raised in earnest petition for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the conference and the work of the Gospel in all the earth. These praise and prayer services were held each day, five-minute talks being given by Brethren A. Reeve, H. D. Howard, and H. Welch.

Following this service, Pastor W. G. Murdoch renewed our faith and courage by telling us of wonderful guidance by the Spirit of prophecy in the Advent movement. Many times, at critical periods in the history of the church, God has given guidance and instruction which has enabled this message to triumph until the Gospel has been proclaimed to nearly every tribe and nation.

An interesting paper, the first of our Round Table discussions, was read by H. D. Howard on "The Blessings of Tithe-Paying." All present raised their hands in a resolution of thankfulness to God for His wonderful goodness during the past year and determined to continue to render a faithful tithe throughout the coming year.

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TUESDAY EVENING

Papers were given by Brother J. Dean on "Wartime Territorial Problems;" by Brother A. W. Howard on "Co-operating for Success," and by Brother A. Lacey on "Meeting the Modern Mind." The discussion which followed was entered into wholeheartedly and proved of interest and benefit to all.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.

The morning devotional hour was keenly enjoyed as Pastor G. W. Baird led in the Bible study. "Take the staff of good hope and the lamp of good cheer with you through the gate of 1943," was one of the opening remarks made by the speaker. The study, based on 1 Corinthians 16:13, gave us some timely admonitions to "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." "We shall meet with difficulties, but we are to make them a source of growth." "Learn to ride the horse that throws you." These and other helpful thoughts will long be remembered by those present.

An hour of instruction followed, in which Field Missionary secretary A. W. Cook first of all led us to the Word of God for counsel on the colporteur work, and then gave us some helpful hints on "Points for Success" and "Making More Sales."

The morning activities concluded with another class period, and it was good to see the enthusiastic efforts to master the various canvasses.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Following the praise and prayer service we were privileged to have with us Dr. Huse of Birmingham, who gave a very helpful health talk, and answered many questions put to him by the colporteurs. Further time was given for private medical consultation, the help and advice received being greatly appreciated. Dr. Huse, by the way, was brought into the Advent truth by a colporteur, and expressed his pleasure in being able to visit us at this conference.

In the afternoon instruction period, Brother B. Belton discussed with us the object and value of the "Pre-Approach."

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening was devoted to the reading of three papers: "Words that Sell," by Brother H. Welch; "Self-Improvement," by Brother H. Stark; and "Finance," by Brother A. Phillips. In the discussion that followed, Pastor Baird spoke on the subject of "Self-Improvement" and stressed the value of home study by means of the College Correspondence Courses. In an enthusiastic response, forty-seven colporteurs gave in their names for one or more studies. These will be taken throughout the year and will undoubtedly be of great value to us.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST.

A hearty welcome was given, in the devotional hour, to Pastor G. D. King, president of the South England Conference, whose study on "The Assurance of Victory" was much appreciated. Thoughts were gathered from Isaiah 11:11, 12, 16. These scriptures give the Prophecy, the Project, and the Promise of a mighty movement in the last days that will accomplish God's purpose and finish the work of salvation in all the world.

"God will make a way when there is no way," said Pastor King, and in his closing remarks, he made this statement: "We look around for the miraculous and it is in our own experience as proved by the wonderful success God has wrought through us during the year 1942."

Two papers were read in the Round Table session by W. C.

McLeod. The first was entitled "Evangelizing Britain," and emphasized the need of co-operation between the colporteur and the minister. As this was discussed one could feel the deep desire of all to work in harmony one with the other for the salvation of souls. The second paper dealt with the subject of "Specialized Selling," and the hints from one who is a specialist himself were very helpful.

A class period followed, good headway being made with the canvasses.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Praise and prayer opened the afternoon's activities, after which Brother Belton led out in an instruction hour in which the main consideration was "How can we make our contact with the prospects have a more spiritual appeal."

"The Importance of Appearance" was the subject of a paper read by Brother M. Roe. This is certainly a matter which needs careful thought, for we are not merely selling books but are ambassadors from heaven.

Classes again occupied the closing period of the afternoon.

THURSDAY EVENING

During the two hours we were together, four papers were read, dealing with the many benefits granted by the Publishing House to colporteurs who work faithful hours and reach a fixed minimum of sales. The first was entitled, "Unharassed Holidays," by Brother J. Benefield. The next was given by Brother C. L. Kelly on "Educating Our Children." "Mental Recreation" was dealt with by Brother C. L. W. Cooke, and the fourth paper was on "Medical Aid and Sick Benefit" by Brother F. J. Kinman.

The colporteur who reaches the standard of hours and sales, keeps his account clear, and is faithful in tithe-paying, is granted ten day's holiday with pay each year. He is entitled also to a special grant of £10 per year for three years toward the College fees of his children, as well as Income Tax relief, sickness benefit, and medical aid. Last year the Reading Course plan was adopted and a splendid set of books was made

available to the colporteurs, on very attractive terms. It was announced that another set would be secured for all who would like them, and about forty sets were asked for, clearly indicating the appreciation of this helpful plan.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST.

We were pleased to have with us on Friday morning Pastor R. S. Joyce, the North England Conference president. "Trouble comes because men forget God," said the speaker, who went on to show that forgetfulness was the cause of failure in the lives of many Bible characters. Eve said that the serpent caused her to forget that God's word was true. Moses once forgot to give God the glory due to Him. Israel forgot. Peter forgot his vows to the Lord. The study closed with this thought: "We have nothing to fear, only as we forget the way God has led us." If we remember God's goodness and His promises, trusting Him to guide us, we shall be led to victory and triumph.

Brother A. Warren, manager of the Stanborough Press, gave us an interesting hour telling of the wonderful blessing of the Lord through the past year. In spite of paper control and depletion of Press workers, difficulties have been overcome by the providence of God. Press workers and colporteurs can go forward in faith knowing that God will bring us triumphantly through the year ahead.

Surely the Lord's hand can be seen in this great work of scattering the printed pages of truth which is lighting the earth with the glory of the Gospel message.

A free afternoon provided a welcome breathing space after a busy week.

FRIDAY EVENING

In the evening we assembled again in the College chapel for the opening Sabbath service. This was the Colporteurs' Symposium which is always appreciated. Eight colporteurs related stories of God's guidance and blessing through the year. We heard of souls being won for God and of one who was even saved from suicide by the timely visit of a colporteur. It was thrilling indeed to hear how God had used hum-

ble men and women to bring the precious message of salvation to souls who were longing for light. It gave us all fresh inspiration as we listened, and a new determination came into our hearts to let God use us even more during the coming year.

A beautiful quartette was rendered, unaccompanied, by four colporteurs.

SABBATH, JANUARY 2ND.

College members and colporteurs united in worship and study in the Sabbath-school hour. The review was taken by Brother A. Lacey. Brother A. J. Raitt conducted the lesson study, and in the short time left to him gave a most helpful outline of the first lesson of the new year.

We heard with regret at the opening of the service which followed, that Pastor H. W. Lowe, president of the British Union Conference, could not be present owing to illness, but we were glad that Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch was able to step in to the breach and give the morning's address. This was based on the text, John 1:12, which contains these words: "To them gave He power." "It is the power [dynamite] of God that will blast away the forces of evil," declared Pastor Murdoch. "We must wake up and let the power of God rule our lives." This forceful appeal touched every heart and the congregation rose to their feet in re-consecration to God while Pastor Murdoch prayed that we might put away all hindrances to full surrender, letting this power come in and fill every part of us, that we may have a new experience and a closer walk with God.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD.

How quickly the days had passed. The last day of the conference had come. All hearts were solemnized as we took part in the communion service, conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard. As Moses and Paul were willing to give their own lives in order to save their fellow-men, so we must have a burden on our hearts for the salvation of souls.

An interesting talk on "The Close of the Sale," by Brother A. W. Cook occupied the first part of the instruction hour, fol-

lowed by a brief but helpful study on "Human Nature" by Pastor Howard. The outstanding statement Pastor Howard made was this: "The shuttle of the world is driven by WANTS, therefore we must either give the people what they WANT or persuade them to want what we have got."

In the final class period it was good to see the excellent progress that had been made, and the eagerness with which the workers looked forward to taking their books out into their respective fields of labour.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

In the last of the praise and prayer services several special requests for prayer on behalf of sick colporteurs and their families came in and received particular mention as we asked God to bless us all.

Brother J. C. Craven of the Stanborough Press gave an impressive talk on "Character Building." A number of scriptures were cited to show that God desires each one of us to be stable in character, and to strive to become perfect through the power He is ready to impart.

It was stated that four per cent of the population act as guides to the other ninety-six per cent. How important it is, then, to make our message a matter of daily life, that Christ's character may be seen in us.

The last meeting was one long to be remembered. Pastor Howard urged us all to be "more prayerful, more faithful, more studious, more evangelical, and more consecrated in service during the year that lies ahead." "Jesus," he said, "has no other hands and no other voice than ours to win souls from the darkness and despair of sin. Then, led by Pastor Howard, many testified to the great goodness of God and expressed their desire to give themselves more fully in service to Christ who gave everything for us.

So, from the very first meeting to the last, the key-note was: "Evangelizing Britain," and as we march on by faith into another year, we eagerly look forward to the time when we shall come together again to relate even greater success in scattering the printed page and winning souls for the kingdom of God.

A popular feature of these colporteur gatherings is the Press Tea, and in spite of wartime conditions, a really splendid meal was provided. Needless to say, it was thoroughly enjoyed. After the repast Brother Warren rose to pay tribute to all those responsible for the hearty welcome the colporteurs had received from the College friends who had so freely given us the use of the College facilities, and cared for us so generously. We are certainly very much indebted to Pastor W. G. C. Murdoch (Principal), Brother E. Foster (preceptor), Miss Howard (preceptress), Mrs. Standen (matron), and all the others who contributed to making our stay such a happy one. We give you all a very big "Thank you."

Another item of interest after tea was the presentation of "Holidays with Pay" envelopes to fifteen colporteurs who by faithful work during the past six months had won this privilege. In addition Brother J. Benefield and A. Lacey were each presented with a wallet containing two five-pound notes, in appreciation of twenty-one years continuous service in the colporteur ministry.

FAREWELL

A concert and social evening, with Brother C. L. Kelly as M.C., provided a very enjoyable conclusion to a happy week. With it the pleasant associations of another colporteurs' conference came to a close, and as we said good-bye and wished each other God's blessing, we looked forward to the time when we shall meet again, if it is God's will, and also to the time when the work will be finished and we meet in heaven, bringing many sheaves with us as a result of scattering the printed pages of truth.

Wedding Bells

OVERY-HALFPENNY. — On Sunday, January 10, 1943, at the Baptist church, Hornchurch, Brother Leonard Edward Overy and Sister Hilda Marjory Halfpenny were united in marriage in the presence of a goodly number of relatives and friends. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor J. M. Howard.

A happy party afterward gathered at the bride's home to congratulate and speed the happy couple on their way.

JANUARY 29, 1943

Sister Halfpenny was an active member of the Romford church, and will be greatly missed, and Brother Overy was also well known to us.

The prayer of the members of

the Romford church is that they may have a busy, useful, and happy life together in the Master's service.

K. I. SARGANT,
Church Clerk.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

NICOL.—On December 23, 1942, our dear sister, Mrs. Helen Nicol, passed away at her home in Dundee at the age of seventy-one years, after a few weeks' suffering. Our sister accepted the truth through the labours of Brother G. Tapping, and was baptized on December 23, 1932. Sister Nicol was regular in her attendance at the services, and we shall miss her. She was very patient in her sufferings, and fell asleep fully trusting in Jesus. Pastor Morrison conducted the funeral service in the home and at the Eastern Cemetery, where she was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver.

CHURCH CLERK.

POCOCK.—Sister Mrs. Pocock passed away to her rest in Australia on September 8, 1940, after a long illness. Many will remember her as Miss Lizzie Stafford, one-time cook and student at the Stanborough Park College and will be pleased to know, quoting from a letter from her folks in that land to Miss H. Green, that "she died an easy death, just went off in her sleep. . . . She was a very patient sufferer, never a word of complaint all through her sickness and helplessness. . . . He giveth His beloved sleep." Miss Stafford accepted the truth in 1904, when the writer was holding meetings in Aberdare. After a real trial and much opposition from her fellow Salvation Army officers she came to our home for a while, then lived with Brother O. A. Olsen till they left for the United States, when she became a student at the College. After several years at College she went to Australia and was married. Her life was thoroughly Christian and those who knew her best will not sorrow without the Christian hope.

W. H. MEREDITH.

SIMMS.—Sister Mrs. Eleanor Simms fell asleep in Jesus at the good age of seventy-eight years at the home of her son Joseph in Northallerton, and was buried in Garston Cemetery, Watford, on Friday, January 8, 1943. The writer and Pastor G. D. King officiated at the services in Stanborough Park church and the graveside. For nearly forty years our sister remained a faithful member of the church, having, with her husband, accepted the truth in Manchester under the ministry of Pastors S. G. Haughey and J. McCord. After some years of faithful colporteur work, the family made their home at Watford. Their daughter, Mrs. Herrington, and son, Joseph, both graduated from the College. After the death of her husband Sister Simms made her home with members of her family and lately for some years with her son Joseph, who in her long illness very tenderly cared for his mother. In her sickness she revealed a patient and consistent life, never fearing to witness to those around her of her faith in the soon-returning Saviour. A faithful wife, a good loving mother, and a loyal churchmember now rests from her labours. Her life is hid with Christ in God and those left to mourn her loss may with confidence look forward to the coming of Jesus when the grand reunion of all God's faithful children will take place. Her life is safe in the keeping of Him she loved so well.

W. H. MEREDITH.

RUTHERFORD.—Brother J. Rutherford, elder of the Hereford church and for some years a member of the Welsh Advisory Committee, died on December 23, 1942, at the age of sixty-four years. Our brother had passed through a very trying time before the Lord saw fit to release him from the burdens of this life and allow him to go to his rest. Throughout this period of trial, Brother Rutherford suffered courageously, maintaining his confidence in God and submitting unreservedly to His will. Brother Rutherford was first introduced to the Advent message through Sister Howells, who came from Ulceby some thirty years ago. The seed thus sown came to fruition some twenty-seven years ago when Brethren Morgan, Nicholls, and Frank Powell conducted a campaign in Hereford. Through the days of sickness Mrs. Rutherford ministered lovingly and loyally. To her and to the family, churchmembers, and friends gathered in the home and at the graveside, the comfort of prayer and the Word was provided by Brother H. Humphries. We are grateful for the influence of Brother Rutherford and, encouraged by it, we press on in faithful service that we may see him again in the gathering day just ahead.

S. G. HYDE.

ROSE.—With sorrow we announce the death of Sister A. R. Rose of Norwich, who was called suddenly to her rest on December 27, 1942. Our sister was brought into the truth through the efforts of Brother H. Humphries. She was laid to rest in the Norwich Cemetery, and at the request of her relatives, the burial service was conducted by the Rev. Ellis of the Silver Road Anglican church. Our sympathy goes out to her sorrowing husband and children. We hope to meet our sister again when Jesus comes to redeem His own.

G. ELLIS, Church Clerk.

BULL.—It was with grief and surprise that the members of the Watford churches learned on Sabbath, January 9, 1943, that Sister H. E. Bull had passed away that morning at an early hour. Our sister had been in failing health for some time but the end was sudden. She embraced the truth in 1914 and was always loyal to the message and her Lord. Her life was an active one in which her main thought was others. As a nurse, matron, or deaconess she "served." She will be missed by many, especially by the members of the Watford Town church, which has been blessed by the ministry of herself and husband. We laid her to rest in the North Watford Cemetery on January 13th in the sure hope of the resurrection. Many relatives and members attended the services at the church and graveside, which were conducted jointly by the writer and Pastor S. Bull. The MESSENGER family extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

MR. H. BULL wishes to express his gratitude for the many letters of sympathy received in his recent bereavement, and also to thank all for their beautiful floral tributes.

Discovering North England

A Loyal Membership

"WHAT do you think of North England members?" someone was asked.

"Oh, they call a spade a spade—but they are very kind, warm-hearted, and loyal," was the reply.

I imagine that you could not easily find a more devoted and zealous body of Seventh-Day Adventists in any place, go where you will. Perhaps one who is a north-countryman should be sparing in eulogizing his familiars. Let me explain.

My first contact with the Advent people was in this North England Conference over a quarter of a century ago, just as the last Great War was about to break. Years of separation followed—the war itself, colporteur pioneering and leadership in other parts were also responsible—and not until more recent times have I really made close acquaintance with these hardy Northern Adventists. So I approach them almost as an outsider. And in doing so, one readily appreciates the answer given above.

There were only around 900 members in North England then. Gradually through the years the membership has grown until at the end of 1942, it stood at 1,960.

The Advent message obtained a foothold in this part of the country as far back as 1882 in Grimsby. Twenty years later, the believers were organized into a Conference, with Pastor E. E. Andross as president. It is a pleasure to meet one of those first families to embrace the truth. Brother Walter Short, now of the Leeds church, recalls the visit of Mrs. E. G. White to his father's home in Ulceby, with other pioneers of the Advent movement coming to his village to establish those who had stepped out to observe the Bible Sabbath. His own unshakable confidence in the message, which he has held for fifty-five years, is noticeable in many fellow-believers with whom our northern counties, from Tyneside to the Severn, and the Humber to Merseyside, are graced.

"I thank God for a hard life." One cannot forget such a testimony as that. It came some years ago from a churchmember, a widow, whose struggles against adversity and other fiery trials have persisted down to the present time. We first met her about 1921. And now, meeting to talk together once again after a recent Sabbath service, we found her still rejoicing in her heavenly Father's providences.

If you could visit our churches and isolated believers, as we are privileged to do, you would meet a people whose faith and confidence in God are a constant source of inspiration. Thanks be to God for their worthy example.

Typical of the spirituality of our faithful membership being reflected in their liberality, are last year's achievements. They were responsible for the following:

Tithe	£15,372
Offerings	3,377
Ingathering	6,084
Literature	14,159

Once again, the Ingathering goal was passed, a total of £6,084 having been collected for our world-wide Gospel work. This is by far the largest amount ever gathered in the conference and represents a per capita of £3. 5s.

In spite of a somewhat reduced colporteur force owing to war conditions, sales of Gospel literature have gone beyond anything previously accomplished, our goal of £12,000 for 1942 being reached before the end of November.

But 1,960 members! How few yet, after long years of effort by voice and pen and hard toil. How few among the twenty million population for whom we are responsible! The challenge to our devotion and loyalty is urgent and incessant. Every member must surely come up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

We feel confident that our warm-hearted and loyal people will respond, enabling God to add to His church such as shall be eternally saved. * B. BELTON.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

ALLEN.—Brother Allen of the Watford Town church, passed peacefully to his rest on Thursday evening, January 14, 1943, after a short illness, at the great age of eighty-one years, and was buried in Vicarage Road Cemetery, on Wednesday, January 20th. Our brother was baptized in September, 1916, and became a member of Watford Town church, remaining faithful till his death. With his wife, they endeared themselves to the hearts of all by their regular attendance and earnest service in the church and Sabbath-school. Our brother will be missed greatly. Brother and Sister Allen last year celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding and had spent all those years in faithful comradeship. Our hearts go out in sincere sympathy to our sister in the loss of her loved one. Services were held in Watford Town church in the presence of many friends and at the graveside by the writer. Again in our sorrow we rejoice in the blessed hope of the soon return of Jesus and the reunion of His saints.
W. H. MEREDITH.

ABBAY.—Mrs. Laura Abbey of Swansea fell asleep in Jesus on December 30, 1942, and was laid tenderly to rest in Bethel Cemetery, to await the call of the Life-giver. For some years her health had been failing, but her spirit was always strong, and notwithstanding all her physical disabilities her courage and fortitude in God were an inspiration to all who knew her. Sister Abbey heard the Advent message during the year 1915 in Swansea and was ever an active and loyal member of the church. When our handsome church building was acquired in Sketty she shared to the full the joy that filled all our hearts, and among the furnishings which Sister Abbey presented to the church was a beautiful pulpit overlay made by herself. The pastor, elder, church officers, and all the members of the Swansea Seventh-Day Adventist church extend united and sincere sympathy to each member of the Abbey family.
F. S. JACKSON.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

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Feb. 5th	5.56	5.55	6.08	5.53	6.09
Feb. 12th	6.08	6.09	6.21	6.08	6.23

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